

Chairman`s Report Dec 2017

At our meeting in October 2016 , we formally formed our History group to be known as the `Kirkheaton History Group.` This was followed by forming a constitution on the lines of the Kirkburton History Group followed by the election of Officers. It was suggested that we hold talks on various subjects of interest once every month; this would support the community centre and add funds to our group.

During the past 12 months, members have helped the local community researching their family history with good results. We have also be able to start an `Oral History` programme where we visit local residents in their home and record their memories of growing up in the village and what life was like in bygone times. This has been a success so far as we have had a steady number of locals willing to take part. The results will be made available on request for researching purposes, and we may in the future offer them to the West Yorkshire Archives.

Our Talks program has been well attended in general with subjects ranging from the Battle of the Roses, WW1. to local talks on Kirkheaton.

Christmas 2016 saw the group entering the Christmas Tree Festival in St John`s church, and our theme was `A Victorian Christmas`. Although we didn`t have the most votes for the best tree, we were pleased with the comments.

Concluding my report, we have had a good past 12 months with members continuing to research their family trees by way of the library computers, which helps keep our library afloat, and also we continue discuss local topics of interest.

Roger Armitage

chairman