



HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The Society was founded in the Autumn of 1963 when the Rev. G. Cooke (Curate at Hagley), J. E. Hyde-Linaker (first Chairman), Miss Bate (first Secretary & Treasurer) and Mr. Martin Lister called a meeting and formed a committee. Lord Cobham agreed to the request to be President in 1965.

The idea was, that in addition to regular talks on historical subjects and relevant rambles in the locality, we should promote the study of history by undertaking projects and producing books and pamphlets of local interest.

Members have always undertaken visits to places of historical interest and enjoyed getting to know each other better at social events. Profit making is not our aim. We pay for the binding together of the library copies of the Village News and also buy history books for the use of local residents. They are kept in the library.

In the Autumn of 1990 Mr. Tom Pagett, with the encouragement of the Council for British Archaeology and the Worcestershire Archaeological Service, set up a "Team" of those members willing to take on a more active role. In addition to research leading to the book on Water Mill sites in North Worcestershire and producing "Local Walks" leaflets we have undertaken research of our own and projects for our County Archaeological Service. The latest project is to meet and interview those who have lived longest in the village and to record their memories.

To celebrate the millennium each month a speaker will talk on some aspect of each century in turn, starting in January with a talk on "The Last Conquest" by Mr. E. Greenwood. All with an interest in history are welcome to attend meetings of our friendly society.

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