



Friday 25th October 2013

Thixendale Village Hall

Book launch and signing of the latest publication of the High Wolds Heritage Group

This book is part of the HWHG's oral history project.

Since 2009, Lesley Sharpe has been recording people's memories of living and working in villages and on farms of the High Wolds area. At first the interviews were recorded aurally but more recently, since the group purchased a video camera, they have been videoed to provide a visual record.

In their own words, people describe everyday life during the twentieth century. These conversations, illuminated by photographs, show vividly the lives of ordinary people and give a unique insight into their experiences in the home, at work and in school. Two WWII evacuees speak fondly of their early

childhood years on farms in the Wolds. A **free** DVD of two conversations is included with the book; Chris Whitfield relates amusing tales of Wetwang and Billy Boyes tells us about his long life in Fridaythorpe.

Dr Stefan Ramsden, of the University of Hull, introduced the event and was most complimentary about the oral history investigative techniques that Lesley had used to encourage people to talk freely about their lives.



Lesley spoke briefly about the book.



Billy Boyes

Luckily all but one of the contributors to the book were able to attend the event and enjoyed the evening.



Everyone enjoyed the chance to chat with friends and relatives over a glass of wine and nibbles.





The two evacuees, George Alcock and John Langley, met - at last!

Brian Eden, Chris Whitfield and John Megginson



Bernard Jefferson and Paul [*Paulus*] Smith



Ivy Eden (nee Jefferson), Madge Jefferson and Enid Gospel enjoyed watching the DVD

For a copy of the book [£8.95 + £2.50 p&p] please contact the HWHG via the website – www.highwolds.org.uk
Alternatively, visit the Old Post Office shop in Thixendale.