

The Wherwell History Group

Newsletter for February 2011 (part 1)

Dear Members & Friends,

The Film Crew came to Wherwell OK, OK, so it was only one bloke with a camera. First, a brief bit of background about the Living Links project.

Living Links is a three year community archives project largely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which through the Hampshire and Isle of Wight county council record offices aims to help community groups collect and embrace their local heritage. The project is now in its last few months as it comes to an end in March 2011.

During the last three years Living Links has had contact to various degrees with nearly two hundred groups across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. These include a wide variety of groups from the more traditional local history societies to yacht clubs and steam railways. One of the central parts of the project is the Archive Ambassadors training which includes preservation techniques and cataloguing guidelines amongst other things. Through this training community group members can learn the skills required to build their own archive.

Wherwell History Group was 'founded' about the same time as Living Links started. We have received excellent encouragement and assistance from the staff at HRO, including an enjoyable 'Behind the Scenes' tour last August. On Wednesday last (2nd Feb) we staged an exhibition of our archives and activities since the group was started. This exhibition was filmed for HRO to include in a video about the Living Links project.



At the next Wherwell Coffee Morning ... TOMORROW 5th February ... we will give our exhibition a second showing. So, if you are free, please come along to the Village Hall between 10.30 am and 12 noon, browse our display, have a coffee and a chat.

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