



Wardle and Smallbridge History Group

Issue No. 1, October 2015

Welcome to the first edition of our occasional newsletter about the History Group.

Display of models

We're always happy to co-operate with other organisations and on 31st August some of our model buildings were on show at **Whibley's Dolls House Fair and Exhibition** in **Shawclough**. We were able to transport only a few of our smaller items, like the one shown below, but an accompanying *PowerPoint* display showed the rest of our amazing models of local buildings, assembled by the late Arnold Wade.

*Clegg Hall
And
Weavers'
Cottages*



New on the web site

Recent additions in the *archive* section of our web site include:

From Peter Cryer : D-day articles from the Manchester edition of the *Daily Dispatch*

From Ann Butterworth : a new photograph of Captain Henry Butterworth, Smallbridge veteran of the Napoleonic Wars

From David Wild : maps of Watergrove

From Peter Thwaite : colour photographs from the Bible of St James's Church, Wardle (an example opposite).



From our archive



David Hallows Roger Bottomley David Lord Jack Mason Rodney Stott Colin Crossley
George Haley Geoffrey Grimes Peter Lord Nick Patterson Michael Harding

The ball shows: *Spring Mill Walk School(?) Football Club 1952-53*

New displays

We've recently renovated three of our display cabinets, which now feature local mills. Do any of these names strike a chord with you – *Rydings, Crossfield, Knowl Syke, Greengate, Lodge, Wasp, Hazlehurst, Lee, Whittakers, Alder Bank, Buckley, Rock, Riverside, New, Dobwheel?*

We have photographs and further information for all these mills, with a map to show where they were located. Some artefacts from the mills are included.

We also have a new display featuring the Sandknockers of Smallbridge. If you thought that this was just the name of a no-longer-existent pub, you have a lot still to learn about the history of Smallbridge!

Call in!

Remember that we're *almost* always at the History Group centre (address below) on Wednesdays, from 10am until 12 (pass along the corridor, then up the stairs). Call in to chat and to see our exhibits!

Contact us!

Our web site : www.washg.co.uk

By e-mail : wardlehistorygroup@mail.com

By post : **Wardle and Smallbridge History Group**
110 Wardle Road
ROCHDALE
OL12 9ER

You can download this newsletter from our web site