

The Children's Hospital, 1918-1928

Project Objective:

To collect, collate and analyse information about the Children's Hospital in Gringley on the Hill, with particular reference to the decade following the Great War, and then to present and publish the resultant story as part of the Nottingham Heritage Forum's initiative "Fighting for Our Inheritance".

Project Timescale:

To start in March 2017 and be complete by July 2018, but different strands of Nottinghamshire Heritage Project are being collated from January 2018.

Projected Outcomes:

1. The History Club will have learned and expanded its knowledge of the hospital and its former role and made that information freely accessible.
2. Appreciation and awareness among local residents about the Hospital in the relevant years of this century, and our village's heritage overall, will have been raised.
3. Skills of History Club members in co-operating with an outside project will have been improved, coupled with the process having been enjoyed.

Measurement of Outcomes:

Social media feedback and traffic

Records of traffic (shares on social media)
Records of input from people in the village
Focus group - pub meeting
Written questionnaire smileys not text
Survey Monkey

Project Budget and Resources:

All members of Gringley on the Hill History Club may participate, and we are to record their expenditure of time, and pre-authorized budget expenses, in a predetermined manner (see Appendix).

The project will be led by Michael and Sharon Keeble with Alan Hickman

The project will be funded in part by a grant of £2000 from Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum and executed by the Gringley History Club using its existing or additional resources.

Lorraine Horsley is helping Clubs running their projects and Sam Glasswell of Bassetlaw Museum is specifically allocated to Gringley History Club as Mentor.

Project Outputs or Deliverables:

A printed monograph booklet (16-32 pages - maybe more) with text, diagrams, pictures and references.

Exhibition display at local library, museum or hospital, GP surgery or all of these.

Featured component of proposed History Club Open Day in community Centre and church 10th June 2018

Possibly a small mobile museum / trailer.

Possibly a short DVD presentation movie based on the above - similar to A Stroll through

Gringley.

Activity packs for participation of current school children.

Others that might occur to us as we progress.

Local radio?

Project Scope and Considerations:

Aftermath of the Great War, economic and social, specifically in Gringley on the Hill.
Political, social, medical imperatives in the treatment of TB at that time - in progress (Sharon)

Origins and history of the original hospital building (The Laurels, Convalescent Home).
Involvement of the Laycock family from Wiseton Hall in redevelopment and financial support.

Change of use in the 1920s to a TB Hospital.

Financial resources required to run it as a TB Hospital.

Social background of patients and their families.

Education while at the hospital (link to local school?).

Treatment of TB in children at that time, stigma?

Fundraising activities in the 1920s (and competition from other good causes e.g. School, Church Rooms, War invalids).

Subsequent evolution of the Hospital in the 1930s up to the creation of the NHS and the building's return to a private home (Gringley Hall).

Potential Internal Sources:

Existing History Club Databank - in progress (Alan).

includes *Lemon Curd and Grandfathers' Whiskers* by John Clubley - slightly outside our time-scale but still highly relevant.

Includes British Newspaper Archive, but this excludes Retford & Gainsborough Times (microfilm?).

Previous (Threlfall) and present (Dobson) owners of Gringley Hall itself - in progress (Joan).
School Records and Minute Books if available.

Potential External Sources:

Parish Council records - if available - believed to be in Nottinghamshire Archives

Retford Library (specifically Retford Times etc.)

Nottinghamshire Archives (web search of index first)

Health Board - predated NHS from 1920 (web search first)

Sylvia Clubley (John's Widow) - in progress (Michael)

Laycock family survivors

Wiseton Hall successor owners - in progress (Pamela)

Welbeck Estates (Duchess of Portland's support)

TB research (web initially) - medical expertise - in progress (Paddy will review but not research)

Short-term Action Plan:

Draft monograph prepared employing and arranging all existing data - with gaps visible and highlighted - by end November - Alan

Specific smaller research projects chunked up from this and potentially delegated to Club members - Alan & Michael

Detailed discussion at Bassetlaw Museum - by end of October - Alan

Detailed discussion with Lorraine Horsley - by end October - Michael & Sharon

Visit to Sylvia Clubley - now arranged - Michael & Sharon

Attendance at Training course on 5th October - Alan

This Particular Document's History:

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