



REPORT ON LIBRARY CLUB ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2004 - JULY 2005

The Library Club meeting on 1st September 2004 started with the Annual General Meeting. The Committee members were elected and the accounts of the Club and the Project were reviewed.

Membership remains constant with Over 25 members and a regular attendance of 20+ throughout the year. Regular Committee meetings are held.

Funding for Remembering the Past Resourcing the Future Project has been secured for a further two years. Meg Stephenson and Joyce Haley represent the Library Club on the project Steering Group.

During the year Kevin Dresser of the Library Service passed over his role of Library Liaison to Anne Sharp. A presentation was made to Kevin at the Christmas Party to thank him for all his efforts on the Club's behalf.

North Shields Library is now open on a Wednesday and this has had both advantages and disadvantages for the Library Club, particularly when trying to find a suitable space to hold slide shows.

Highlights of the Year included the following:

Alex Magin from Discovery Museum brought Memory Boxes for members to look at and talk about - there was lots of discussion following her presentation.

In October members were again involved in Age Takes Centre Stage events, especially the Launch at Longbenton. The variety of activities at this event is much enjoyed. Also in October members joined in a book launch at North Shields Library, at which there were readings. Meg Stephenson was involved in this.

In November members enjoyed the first visit of Commander Brian Rayner, who spoke about Goss China. This was very enjoyable and members requested that he was invited again to speak on another subject.

In December a very successful Christmas Party was held. Although we didn't have music there were games, quizzes and carol singing, which was much enjoyed.

February's meeting included a very interesting slide show, given by Bill Stephenson, on Winslow Homer, who painted local scenes around Cullercoats in the 1870s. In March Ian Clark gave a slide show explaining the detail of the Bayeaux Tapestry.

In April Alex Hastie came back to the Club to talk about his childhood, a talk which was very much enjoyed by members. Shortly after this Club members took advantage of an offer of hospitality from Sunderland Winter Gardens and Museum and had another interesting afternoon out.

In June Commander Bryan Rayner returned and gave a fascinating talk about Mauretania. The year drew to a close with the annual trip. This year we went to Alnwick and, for the first time that anyone could remember for a Library Club trip, it poured with rain all day. Some members went into the Gardens, others the Castle and others into the town. We finished off the day with an enjoyable cup of tea in Heighley Gate Garden Centre. Even though the weather was awful members enjoyed the day out.