

## **July Meeting**

A well-attended meeting heard Nigel tell us about Deaden Fold Farm, Dearden Fold Farm is an early form of Hall House ( a grade II\* listed building ), it's original three trusses, two associated with the hall and one with a cross-wing, survive. Dendrochronological analysis of the oak timbers indicate that it was built in 1488. This was during the reign of Henry V11 and it is probably the oldest building in



Ainsworth. Some of the timbers still retain their bark. He showed us photos of these timbers and of the stone earthen bank to the south and east of the building which could indicate a medieval manorial site (in keeping with other sites around the country). *(Nigel's presentation is included in the article section of the website)*

We also looked at some of the recent additions to our photo archive – including a school photo from about 1948 and two of our members were able to provide most of the names of the class! There were more photos of life inside the school – a group of girls who looked as if they were about to do country dancing and a classroom scene showing the old desks and seats, which many of those present remembered well!