

Ainsworth History Society www.ainsworthhistorysociety.org

We meet on the Second Tuesday of each month from 8:00pm at the Old White Horse on Church Street – next meeting 8th November. All welcome

Archive:

We have set up an archive and photos are now on our website. If you have any photos relating to the village, please contact Polly at the Vicarage (01204 398567) to make arrangements for them to be scanned.

September Meeting

We again started the meeting by looking at some new photos we had been given – of Dearden Fold Farm and some of villagers.

Steve then gave a talk about the history of the 1715 Unitarian Chapel, which included his interpretations of what the chapel looked like prior to the extension in 1773 and the later alterations in 1845. It seems the chapel originally had 2 separate galleries running along the east and west walls, each with its own staircase in the corners of the north wall. During the later alterations the interior was “turned”, a central bridging gallery was constructed and the present single staircase



was installed. The two original entrance doors in the east wall were “bricked up” and a new central doorway and porch were added. He showed photographs of the evidence he had gathered to support this. This was a prelude to the History Society’s visit to the chapel towards the end of September.