

April Meeting:

After looking at some new photos of Whit Walks in 1967, we completed our topic of “Education in Ainsworth” by looking at the history of our village school, which opened in 1838 for children up to 12 years old. We have been fortunate to view the enrolment register from 1874 and the school log 1910, which was completed weekly and focused mainly on the attendance for the week – which dropped significantly on the day of the races and when the children went pace-egging. Other events, such as visits and outbreaks of Scarlet Fever and the opening of the New Room in 1929, were noted.

The list of headmasters was interesting as two of the streets on the estate – Sumner and Thompson – were named after these men. Memories of life at the school – from Hilda, John and Edward and from those present at the meeting, were shared. We then looked at photos of staff and pupils from the school.



After this, we briefly looked at some of the main themes we wish to focus upon in our update of Ken Bullock’s book on the history of Cockey Moor. This was followed by several more clips from the DVD “Ainsworth Village – its people – its countryside” by George Parker.