Our September talk was a re-visit of Steve’s Unitarian lecture. It was the first with the new room partition, thanks to John Barker, which made a great improvement to the meeting.

Steve’s enthusiasm for the Unitarian building was more than evident and the depth of investigation and commitment he had put in to the talk was superb.  Over a period of time he had found out the original plan of the building; changes that had occurred and the most likely dates for these changes. He used other chapels at Egerton and in Cheshire to show similarities in design and to illustrate how he had worked out the subtle changes in the building in Ainsworth’s development.

(a detailed history can be found on the Unitarian website:  <http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/ainsworth/history.html> )

This was followed by numerous old photos of the village and its inhabitants. There was a good response to the photos from those present with some people recognising themselves and relatives in some of the school related photos.

The talk and photos were very well received by all who attended and the improvements to the room were well worth the effort.

Thanks to Steve, and special thanks to John for the improvements to the room.