

Otley Local History Group

This is a group of people from in and around Otley, all with an interest in the history of the village. We don't have regular talks or speakers, but meet four times a year to co-ordinate research and projects which record village history in various ways.

The group meets at the White Hart, Otley, at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in February, May, August and November.

Members of the Group have now completed five projects relating to the history of Otley. The first two books both contain photographs and transcriptions of all the memorials at the Parish Church and Baptist Chapel:



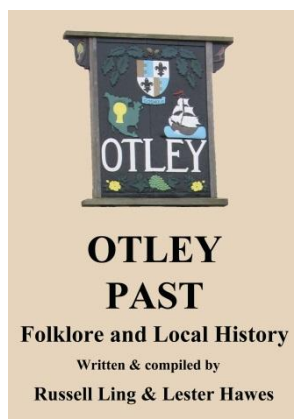
“Memorial inscriptions at St Mary’s Parish Church, Otley”



“Memorial inscriptions at Otley Baptist Chapel, Otley”

Russell Ling and Lester Hawes launched their new book in September 2012, at an exhibition by the Otley Local History Group.

“Otley Past: Folklore and Local History”



This book contains many stories, photographs and memories of life in the village over the past hundred years. The Otley Local History Exhibition was along the same lines, including photographs and other items kindly lent by local people.

The book and exhibition coincided with Otley Hall's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the building of the Great Hall and parlour. Profits from sales of the book will be donated to the Village Hall.

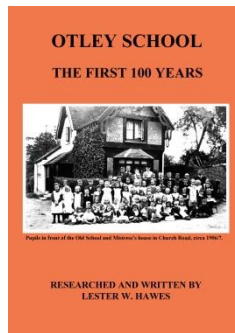
A fourth publication is also now available:

“Families of those men from WW1 named on the Otley Village war memorial”

This booklet gives background information on the families of over 30 men from Otley who died during the First World War. If you have information about Otley men who served and survived, the Group would love to hear from you.



**Families of those men from WW1
named on the Otley village war memorial**



Our most recent publication was written by Lester Hawes:

“Otley School: the first 100 years”

This covers the period 1839-1939 and was published in March 2013, to coincide with the Centenary of the present school building.

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