

About

Fleetville Diaries was formed in April 2010 and is run by a group of enthusiastic local residents to....

- provide a forum for everyone interested in the history of Fleetville.
- create an archive of local oral histories, documents and memorabilia.
- build a network of people who can contribute to a variety of local history projects.
- support schools in their local history projects.
- encourage seniors, ethnic groups, the disabled and families to participate in local history projects.
- share information about local history projects with the public.
- participate in district, regional and national initiatives.
- further its members' knowledge and skills through attendance at relevant conferences and courses.

Fleetville Diaries grew from a project put together in 2010 for the then Fleetville Festival. Before the event, senior residents of Fleetville had been interviewed about their wartime experiences. The subsequent display at the Festival attracted much attention..... and so Fleetville Diaries was born. The group meets every month at Fleetville Community Centre. Most meetings feature a local guest and we exchange information about aspects of the area such as the air-raid shelters under the recreation ground. We are continuing to build on our programme of guided walks and excursions for the summer season. An ongoing archive of oral histories is being captured and transcribed. We are also gathering an archive of Fleetville photographs and interesting publications such as summer fete programmes, plans and maps. In recent years we have run focussed research projects on past local industries, street histories and working lives.

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings and walks ... and you do not have to be a member! Membership (£12) runs from January to January and it allows certain concessions: free entry to meetings and guided walks. So if you come along regularly, membership is useful!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS bring their expertise and amazing energy to the group. They plan and run events throughout the year, head up research projects and manage exhibitions and information technology. New committee members are recruited at the AGM in November; we always welcome new ideas!