

"At the first meeting of the History Group the following decisions were made:  
The group will meet in the Goods Shed railway carriage on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am. Next meeting will be on 2 October. The basic fee will be £2 per month (mainly to be spent on room hire)

The initial major topic for the group will be "The Impact of the Second World War on Tetbury and the Cotswolds." This will allow everybody to follow their own preferred interests - military, local, social, industrial. Some possible areas of research are detailed below:

**Military:**

Regulars and Territorials  
Home Guard/LDV  
US Forces  
Conscription  
Camps and Barracks  
Obstacles and Defence Works  
Airfields

**Home Front/Social:**

Women at war  
Evacuation  
Requisitioning  
Security Measures  
Food and Rationing  
Manners and Morals  
Hospitals and Surgeries  
Dealing with Casualties and Deaths  
Local Politics  
Schools

**Commerce and Industry:**

War industry  
Transport  
Agriculture  
Retail business/shops

If anyone wishes to study other topics this should still be possible and the rest of the group will support you where possible.

The general way of working will be that people will research their topics and present their findings at meetings where others will be able to discuss it, offer further material and suggestions. The hope is to draw all the strands of research into a comprehensive survey of life and events in Tetbury during the war with a possible report to be lodged somewhere for posterity.

For the next meeting I should like everyone to come with their ideas of what they would like to do and preferably how they intend to go about it. Please take the opportunity to read as much as you can and possibly order some books from the library or elsewhere."