

Board Games Group 13th March by Hazel McCallum

As a change of venue, we met in the Breakfast Room at the Old Well Inn, which was a lovely bright room, ideal for playing board games. The game of the session was Totopoly, a horse racing game first sold in 1938. We were delighted to learn that we were playing on a very early edition of the game, with all original board pieces, cards and horses.

The game comprised several stages. The first being the horse auction, with Sue doing the auctioneer duties with some gusto. The first board involved training your horses by progressing around a track trying to gain advantage cards by earning favourable trainer's reports and paying large amounts to the Forage Merchant (Alan) and Vet (Jean). The second board was revealed by turning the 'pages' of the board. This was the race track, with fairly complex rules on scoring and positioning your horses. Fortunately, we had Judith to keep us right (it was her game, after all). Although Hazel's horse took an early lead which was maintained almost throughout the race, her horse was overtaken at the finishing post by Jean's in first, Jane's in second and Judith's in third.

This game was great fun, with a lot of laughter from our group which reached all rooms in the pub (we are told!). It has yet to be established whether we will be able to continue using The Old Well as a venue!!

