

## **Alveley Historical Society**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Present:** Bill Scriven, Stuart Hunt, Carol & John Wall, Barbara Spragg, Margaret Clayton, Richard Crowe, Andrea Edwards, Pam & Keith Stanton

**Apologies** - none

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

An amendment to the minutes of the last meeting:

Stuart Hunt's father donated some pictures towards Tim's book of the chapel. This is why Stuart had a separate inscription in his book. It was not because his father worked down the mine.

### **Matters Arising**

Richard Crowe has priced up having all the maps copied in the same format in PDF, that is 18 x A1 and 6 x A3. The cost will be £113. Paper copies will be cheaper but electronic copies can be manipulated to suit whatever use we need.

He also said he can digitise Margaret & Barbara's scroll of the village.

Keith proposed that we get one map done and see how it turns out. The members agreed.

### **The Web-Site**

There have been enquiries to the web site which Chris Noble has e-mailed to the members for someone to reply. Bill has tried to sort these out but the first enquiry was very confused.

The second one seems to be looking for the Cleckars. Bill has sent replies.

One family possibly in question went to Australia, but there were 2 lots of Jones on the same ship. One descendent returned to Alveley. Gareth Link was related to these Joneses. This descendent bought a lot of land out in Australia and sold it before returning. He came back with a lot of money and bought a lot of land around Alveley, much of which is now owned by Pits. This information only links tenuously to the question posed on the web site.

Further discussion ensued on how to answer these questions.

Bill mentioned about the Frith collections of photographs of the Midlands. This could be a source of useful information. Keith mentioned about the postcard of the Squirrel pub which is on e-bay. It was decided not to pursue this as we have many old photos of the Squirrel.

### **Finance**

Stuart thanked Bill for the superb job he has done on making the cupboards for the Society in the Village Hall. The members agreed and voiced their thanks.

He said that the total cost of these was £333.83. We had been given a grant from the Howard Thompson Bequest towards the cost of these.

He also mentioned that the renewal for the web-site is due on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at a cost of £46.00. We need to make a decision soon whether to renew or not.

### **Projects**

The format sheet produced by Richard was handed round and members agreed that it would work well as to give guiding points to those who are interviewing elderly villagers.

### **Any Other Business**

Keith showed the meeting a letter which the Society has purchased. The members had seen a photocopy of this before agreeing for it to be purchased. It is a letter written in 1725 by Thomas Bunce, Curate of Alveley, to the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield offering the services of a Samuel Moffs to the priesthood.

John questioned if anyone knew the meanings of the initials BP on the chimneys at Butts farm. A date of 1672 can be seen on one of the other chimneys. Nobody knew the answer. It was suggested that it was the owner's initials or the builders.

Andrea was asked how her Mining heritage Project was going and we were told it was "ok."

Keith has suggested asking Margaret Sheridan if we could amalgamate our Facebook Page with hers as she has a far greater following than we have and gets sent far more photos. The members agreed that Bill should ask Margaret

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting : 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at the Old Chapel