

Alveley Historical Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2015

Present: Tim White, Stuart Hunt, Bill Scriven, Brian Armstrong, Andrea Edwards, Margaret Clayton, Barbara Spragg, Bill Picton, Keith & Pam Stanton

Apologies no apologies received.

Tim opened the meeting by offering the Society's condolences to Keith on the loss of his father.

Mining Project

Andrea gave an account of the progress she is making with this project. See her report attached.

She told the meeting that SVCP would be happy to host a Miner's Reunion possibly in the Spring time. The meeting was not sure whether there are enough miners left now for a 'Miner's' reunion but a reunion of the families of Colliery workers in general might create more interest.

Finance

Stuart had applied for a grant to help with the publication of Tim's book on the Chapel to the Howard Thompson Bequest. Pam said she had seen Andrea Hirons, the treasurer of the trust and had been told that we had been granted £450. This news was received as very good news by the society. There was some discussion on how many books we should have printed initially. It is important that we can show that the £450 grant is used for the purpose it has been given. Tim will get a price when the book is ready.

Memories

Barbara and Margaret have been busy making a plan of the village and writing down who lived where when they were girls in the village. They intend to continue this project and expand it.

Andrea has telephoned some people who are willing to share their memories – see her notes on her report.

The Chapel Garden

It was mentioned on how pleasant this had looked throughout the summer. Pam thanked Andrea for watering on a Tuesday and mentioned that the ladies from the coffee shop had also watered the garden during the dry spells. The garden needs to be sorted out before the winter and Pam said she would do that.

The web-site and Book Launch

Tim gave Brian some more photos to be put on the web site. Stuart suggested that we have the event to launch the web site and Tim's book about the Chapel at the Old Chapel . He suggested that we choose just 2 topics to make a display for example the Nautical William and the Colliery. It was thought that perhaps it should be held so that it extends through the afternoon into the evening to allow different people to visit. Meeting agreed that it was a good idea, especially if we display artefacts as well as photographs. Bill Scriven said that he still has the bell from the Nautical William which he would bring. There was some discussion about display boards and Tim wondered if we could purchase some of our own. Stuart pointed out that we do not have enough money to cover such an expense. Display boards could be borrowed from Shropshire Council as last time. There was a discussion about creating a logo to be put on the web site and on headed notepaper. Andrea said she would ask a person she knew to come up with some ideas.

Greetings Cards

Keith showed the meeting the two designs which he has had printed as greetings cards, one of the Chapel and one of Centre Place. Kirsty Down is the artist for the Centre Place card and she had done this as a commission. It was voted that she be given £50 for her time and effort. She has agreed that we can have the copyright of this line drawing. Keith explained that the cost of the cards has worked out at 62.5p each to include an envelope and cellophane wrap. It was agreed that we sell them at £1.20 but the committee were allowed to buy one each for £1 each. They each say Alveley on the front but are blank inside. On the reverse there is the name of the building and credit to the artists and to AHS

The main event to sell these will be at the Christmas Fair and then we could ask Londis and John at the Post Office if they will sell them. It was agreed that they could also sell them at £1.20 but keep the 20p as their incentive to sell them.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19th November at 7pm at the Old Chapel.