

Sawbridgeworth U3A Local History Group

Meeting on Thursday

2 June 2016 100-1130

at The Council Chambers, Bell Street

Present: Theo van de Bilt; Chris Catling; Hilary Matthews, Hazel and David Mead, Gill Munro, Rosemary Penketh, Edna Richardson, Terry and David Royle plus Chris Lydamore, Curator and Alex Andrijevic, Assistant Curator, Rhodes Museum

MINUTES

1	Apologies for Absence John Rider	Action (to be taken)
2	<p>Report from Theo van de Bilt (TVB) on visit to Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS) on 26 May</p> <p>8 members visited HALS and were briefed on library, archive etc. facilities; they also viewed arrange of documents and maps relevant to Sawbridgeworth. TVB presented slides of some of the documents he had photographed. CD of Sawbridgeworth map ordered from HALS. Theo to send out CDs</p>	TVB
3	<p>Presentation by Chris Lydamore, Curator, Rhodes Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS collection area includes Sawbridgeworth, High Wych and Gilston • Small storage area so important local communities hold documents in context • Better to avoid setting up a local museum because of rules and regulations • Keen on information flow both ways and sharing digital copies of research • Professional scanner available at Rhodes • Alex can advise on e.g. cataloguing, recording equipment and copyright issues • Can host talks and exhibitions; current Rhodes talks mostly Stortford-centric • Link up with BS local history group and website developer; Facebook page (Alex can advise) • Oral history: contact Alex about helping digitise Wally Wright tapes 	
4	<p>Possible research projects arising from HALS visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WW2 oral history starting with names from war memorial (Hazel Mead and Terry Royle) • Police and crime (Gill Munro); photograph HALS police notebook and follow up May Fayre protest letter we saw on group visit; newspapers of the day • Personalities e.g. Barnard (Hilary Matthews - Pam Rider keen to explore F&B?) • Oral history of growth of Sawbridgeworth etc. (Chris Catling+) • Pubs past and present (Dave Mead, David Royle) • Who lived where (Hilary Matthews) • Explore possible connections to what local history is taught in local schools, town twinning war history (PoW camp in Moosburg; experiences in Bry Sur Marne); local (history) walks (restore Millennium boards) (David Royle) 	<p>HMea -TR</p> <p>GM</p> <p>HMat</p> <p>CC</p> <p>DM – DR</p> <p>HMat</p> <p>DR</p>
5	<p>Dates and times of future meetings (all at 1000-1130 in Council Chamber) last Thursday of each month: 30 June; 28 July; 25 August; 29 September; 27 October; 24 November; 30 December (we may not want meetings in August and December?)</p>	
6	<p>Any other business There was no other business. Meeting closed at 11.30.</p>	