

Sawbridgeworth U3A Local History Group

Meeting on Thursday

28 July 2016 100-1130

at The Council Chambers, Bell Street

Present: Theo van de Bilt (TVB); Chris Catling (CC); Lorraine Carlaw (LC); Hilary Matthews (HMa), Hazel and David Mead (HMe/DM), Edna Richardson (ER), Terry and David Royle (TR/DR); Joan and Ted Willett (JW/TW); AND Wally Wright (WW)!

MINUTES

1	Apologies for Absence: John Rider	Action
2	Presentation by Theo van de Bilt (TVB) on printed local history resources: list attached	TVB
3	<p>Research projects update (TVB to act as facilitator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wally Wright photo archive: WW brought two folders of negatives ad contact prints c. 1000 plus itemised lists by district. Agreed to pursue idea of purchasing scanner with STC grant to digitise WW's collection. LC willing to assist! • Stort Valley Meadows project: Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust working with HCC/EHDC towards a possible Heritage Lottery Fund landscape history project involving community organisations like us...more info to follow • Story of Sawbridgeworth: WW has c. 47 copies; Leslie Parker 10; agreed to make available to public via Sawbridgewords bookshop • WW2 war memorial (HM and TR): good progress; ongoing • Police and crime (GM); HALS police notebook has been digitised; need to collaborate with Herts Memories and Herts Past Policing • May Fayre protest letter (TVB/GM): TVB article completed; to be circulated and hopefully published in Observer and Church and Town • Personalities (HMa); HMa has been looking at 1898 map and 1911 census; to meet with TVB; • Oral history (CC); CC building up picture of Sawbridgeworth's past; Rhodes will assist with recording, transcription/editing then publication. TVB concerned about loss of spontaneity in having to go to Rhodes; maybe a start could be made using mobile phone or voice recorder? ER has drafted an article on her memories of growing u in the 1930s, article to be circulated. • Pubs past and present (DM, DR); DM getting information from WW on previous pubs • Various (DR): School visits: completed; all do some local history and/or walks; High Wych and Spellbrook (we might ask to have a look) have log books, F&B have archives (Pam Rider?); opportunities for us to work with schools; WW has done walk with Reedings; agreed to work with WW to record and photograph this walk and possibly turn into a leaflet supported by STC, possibly working with U3A photography group. Local history talks: discussed with Sawbridgewords owner: TVB and WW willing to do; could also potentially involve schools. Lord of the Manor: repurchase imminent giving STC control over Fair Green and potential to hold a September fayre! 	<p>TVB/LC</p> <p>TVB/DR</p> <p>TVB/WW</p> <p>HMe -TR GM/TVB</p> <p>TVB</p> <p>HMa/TVB</p> <p>CC</p> <p>ER/TVB</p> <p>DM – DR</p> <p>DR/TVB/WW</p>
4	Collaboration with other organisations: agreed to invite U3A photography group representative and family history group representatives to next meeting; U3A genealogy group not felt to be very relevant to us. DR to follow up emails already sent to Hailey Centre [negative response just received] and U3A photography groups.	TVB/DR
5	What to do with results? Investigate setting up website with help of HALS	
6	Date of next meeting: Thursday 25 August 1000 Council Chamber (apologies from Meads and Royles)	