

Sawbridgeworth U3A Local History Group

Meeting on Thursday

25 August 2016 10.00h – 1130h

at The Council Chambers, Bell Street

Present – Theo van de Bilt, Wally Wright (guest), John Rider, Edna Richardson, Lorraine Carlaw, Gill Munroe, Joan Willitt, D. Willitt, Paula Milton (U3A Group Coordinator – guest) Eric Buckmaster (guest), Chris Finch, Chris Catling, Hilary Matthews.

MINUTES

1	Apologies from David and Terry Royle and David and Hazel Mead and fromm Rosemary Penketh who has to withdraw from the group due to other commitments	Action (to be taken)
2	Introduction from Theo regarding matters to be discussed during the meeting and an introduction to Wally Wright	
3	<p>Wally informed us about the pros and cons in making an historical walk around Sawbridgeworth - suggested sketches rather than photographs</p> <p>Very important to whom the walk is directed – e.g. children, adults, tourists – and making a general draft first</p> <p>John suggested themes such as Memorial hall, Church, Maltings, Flour Mills etc.</p> <p>Paula (guest) informed us that there are a number of printed walks around Sawbridgeworth with a very detailed one of the town e.g. produced some years ago by WEA</p> <p>If information were to be taken from any printed matter, copyright needs to be clarified. Wally Wright felt that it would be the responsibility of the committee secretary. Paula clarified that it would be the responsibility of the history group</p> <p>Producing and printing the leaflets would incur costs. There may be grants available. Any applications for funding should be made by Sawbridgeworth U3A with detailed information coming from the history group. It will then be the U3A committee to make the final decision. Hazel Mead has experience of grant application and could assist. To be confirmed when Hazel is back from holiday.</p> <p>This also applies to the possible acquisition of a scanner. Final decision on both points to be taken next month.</p> <p>The U3A photography group would consider taking photographs when it has be clarified what may be wanted – At that point Paula needed to leave the meeting</p>	
4	General discussion from within the group regarding proceeding with an historical walk around Sawbridgeworth – co-ordinator	JR
5	The town / district council may be able to offer a grant but this could only happen if the members of the council had detailed information about the project. Eric will leave forms for Paula Milton to collect	EB
6	Theo reported on David R's and his meeting with Marion Hill at HALS. See attached report David Royle had left a report on his contacts with local schools. See attached report.	
7	Publishing of an article compiled by Jill, Theo and Wally in the Hertfordshire and Essex Observer or The Sawbridgeworth Flier or CM21	TB
8	<p>Theo said that he had made copies of the 1860 map for anyone who wanted it</p> <p>Theo also told us about his contact with Wendy nee Sapsford daughter of John Sapsford who had her father's diaries re Sawbridgeworth. It was agreed that it was important to keep hard copies of all such documents – perhaps on a web-site investigations to be made but Theo has already scanned all the documents.</p>	
9	There was some concern about lack of flexibility within U3A	
10	Theo told the group that History talks will take place at "Sawbridge Words" in the Autumn	
11	Next meeting to take place at 10.00h on Thursday 29 th September	

Hilary Matthews 25.08.16