

**Sawbridgeworth Local History Society**  
**Minutes of Business Meeting held on**  
**Thursday 7 December 2017 10 – 11.30am**  
at The Sawbridgeworth Town Council Chambers

**Present: Theo Van de Bilt (TB, Chair); Douglas Coe (DC); David Royle (DaR), Terry Royle (TSR); Hilary Matthews (HAM), Hazel Mead (HM), David Mead(DM), Chris Catling (CC), Chris Finch (CF), John Rider JR); Greg Leary (GL); Liz Waugh (LW).**

	<b>Apologies</b> Rob Francis, Gill Munro, Lorraine Carlaw, Edna Richardson.	
1	<b>Minutes of 28 September</b> approved and signed.	
2	<b>Finance and membership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance of £423.17; £182.70 taken at Liz Waugh talk</li> <li>• 27 paid-up members and 2 honorary members (WW, Juri Itin); 3.5 gained at talk</li> <li>• Liz Waugh unanimously confirmed as an Honorary Member</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Website/Facebook/Publicity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TB and DR have met with Peyman at Tudor House who has helped improve the website and continues to work with TB, e.g. on slideshow</li> <li>• SLHS article in Observer on Liz Waugh talk</li> <li>• No report Nostalgia Day and photos submitted.</li> <li>• DR has asked CM21 and Flyer to publicise Bob Reed talk on 18 January; need to put posters in shops and publicise on social media, STC website</li> <li>• Need to assess website capacity for photos and/or use Cloud or hard disk drive storage (agreed to purchase hard drive and consult Peyman on best payment options); can we find a student or A N Other to help with website?</li> </ul>	TB  TB/HM/DaR  HM/TB/All
4	<b>Programme 2017/18 update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Town Selfie Walk Saturday 30 September:</b> enjoyable but of limited benefit to SLHS; we should probably not repeat.</li> <li>• <b>Evening meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October:</b> excellent well-attended (40 plus) talk by Liz Waugh</li> <li>• <b>Nostalgia Day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:</b> some interesting contacts made and conversations had. Worth repeating in 2018 anniversary year, with WW1 Focus?</li> <li>• <b>18 January meeting:</b> Bob Reed 'The Time Team Comes to Pishiobury', same format as 19 October. Need Helpers. Hailey booked from 1830-2100.</li> <li>• <b>Meetings in 2018:</b> agreed as attached; dates agreed with STC; AGM fixed for 22 February meeting; 21 or 29 March to be confirmed with Hugh Howes on Mills in Hertfordshire (but with emphasis on Sawbridgeworth); 17 May to be booked at Hailey (probably Ken Griffin on Crime and Punishment). Hugh Howes has a new book we might promote on the day and ask Sawbridgeworths to have available (ditto Liz Waugh's book when reprinted).</li> <li>• <b>End of WW1 Anniversary 2018:</b> after along discussion about coordinating the town's response to this event, agreed that DR will write to Eric Buckmaster and suggest a meeting of interested community groups (WW1 Group, SLHS, Nostalgia Day organisers, Churches, schools, ATC, town twinning etc.) to plan it. Unclear exactly what STC WW1 Group (developed out of Nostalgia Day) are planning re booklet for schools/others. DC has already done a lot of work on Sawbridgeworth in WW1 and LW planning to research impact on Rivers; TB updating soldiers' portraits. Separate events for High Wych or combined?</li> </ul>	All  TB/DaR/All  DaR  TB/DC/LW/DaR

4	<p><b>Programme/priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Storage/archiving:</b> no further progress to report. Additional donated materials awaited from Graham Peacock/'Birdie' Johnson</li> <li>• <b>Articles:</b> new articles posted on website King of Prussia and Sawbridgeworth Friendly Society), future agendas to highlight new ones. LW added to peer review/publishing sub-committee</li> <li>• <b>Kenneth Cook archive:</b> TB and CC have scanned further articles at High Wych School; potentially now 300; TB/CC re-categorising for circulation</li> <li>• <b>Wally's photos:</b> LC has scanned two-thirds; two folders to go</li> <li>• <b>1939 register:</b> CF 'ploughing through'</li> <li>• <b>Who lived where 1911 census (including Spellbrook):</b> HAM and TB refining and moving towards article.</li> <li>• <b>Oral history:</b> CC arranging to take Edna R to Rhodes to do recordings and transcribe them. TB asked CC to record details of his contacts and circulate.</li> <li>• <b>Pubs:</b> no information from the former Orange Tree licensee and McMullens; planning to get information from Gate.</li> <li>• <b>Unsung heroes:</b> no update</li> <li>• <b>Town history walk:</b> sub-committee of DaR, HM and DM met; DaR awaiting estimate on reprinting WW town walk leaflet (need to confirm quantity and what we will do with them: give class set to schools, sell at bookshop; also discussed replacing Millennium Boards with online version using QR codes on lampposts (Welwyn has done something similar and can provide supplier contacts); will need planning permission; we have pdfs of Boards' content; need to check any overlap with WW leaflet. Do we also need to reprint Millennium leaflet?</li> <li>• <b>Schools:</b> DaR to liaise with schools on history walks and helping with recording their own histories.</li> </ul>	<p>HM/DaR</p> <p>TB/LW/DC/DaR</p> <p>TB/CC LC CF HAM/TB</p> <p>TB/CC DR/DM/DC</p> <p>JR</p> <p>DaR/HM/DM/All</p> <p>DaR</p>
5	<p><b>Any other business:</b> HM and DM have acquired 1912 allotments history and Memorial Hall minute books; need to review and decide what to copy/keep/offer to HALS or Rhodes.</p> <p>TB asked about photographers Timbrells and Norman Burton who supplied Ken Cook photos. CF said there is a professional archive of photographers</p>	<p>HM/DM/All</p> <p>TB/CF</p>
6	<p><b>Future meetings:</b> 18 January evening meeting in Hailey Centre at 1900-2100.</p>	<p>All</p>

#### PROPOSED MEETING DATES IN 2018

18 JANUARY	HAILEY CENTRE BOB REED 'THE TIME TEAM COMES TO PISHIOBURY PARK' 1900-2100
22 FEBRUARY	<b>AGM AND BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
21 OR 29 MARCH	HAILEY CENTRE HIGH HOWES' MILLS IN HERTFORDSHIRE' 1900-2100 TBC
26 APRIL	<b>BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
17 MAY	HAILEY CENTRE KEN GRIFFIN 'CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN HERTFORDSHIRE'R 1900-2100
28 JUNE	<b>BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
26 JULY	<b>BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
30 AUGUST	<b>BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
27 SEPTEMBER	HAILEY CENTRE WITH SPEAKER 1900-2100
25 OCTOBER	<b>BUSINESS MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130</b>
29 NOVEMBER	HAILEY CENTRE WITH SPEAKER 1900-2100
DECEMBER	<b>NO BUSINESS MEETING</b>