

Shepton Mallet Local History Group

Draft Meeting Minutes

3rd October 2016

The regular meeting of the Shepton Mallet Local History Group was called to order at 19.30 on 3rd October 2016 at 2 Oxford Street Evercreech by Alan Stone.

Present

Alan Stone; Jane Burgess; Chris Norman; Eleanor Norman (co-opted member); Lesley Stewart; Sue Feltham; Pam Preece; Amanda Le Quesne

Apologies : Peter Banks

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (informal meeting of 23rd August) were discussed

1. There was a brief discussion concerning contact from John Melia of the Salvation Army about the change of dates for the Group Meeting. It was agreed at the informal meeting that the Group will now present meetings on the SECOND Wednesday of the month. Information is being forwarded to TIC, Post Office window, Somerset Live (local paper).
2. There was a further discussion following contact by John Melia with Pam Preece about discussions with the Choral Society taking the Group's usual spot. There appears to have been a misunderstanding between parties and Chris is to speak directly with John Melia to explain what had happened. **AS/PP/CN** to monitor the progress
3. Chris confirmed that, despite the difficulties, he had been able to re-arrange the majority of the speakers and was awaiting confirmation for the December/January speakers at the moment. **CN**

The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Pam started by confirming the membership numbers from 2014 (62), 2015 (60)

and currently in 2016, which is 55 paid up members

Current Account £ 897.34 (Eight hundred and Ninety Seven Pounds and Thirty Four pence)

Savings Account £1527.80 (One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Seven Pounds and Eighty pence)

AGENDA

1. The mail shot to members was approved. It was agreed that the letters would be hand delivered around Shepton Mallet and the locale where possible. **LS/ALeQ/JB**
2. The poster prepared by Peter, with the amendments, was praised by the Group. It was felt that it may not always be necessary to get approval from members of the committee for future posters but it was agreed that posters advertising upcoming speakers (where appropriate) were a good idea **PB**
3. Future Town walks will be discussed and Alan was happy to do them, subject to time and weather **AS**
4. The Shepton Mallet Show – 2017. This had been a success this year and thoughts and ideas for the theme for next year have been put out to the committee. There were suggestions “Made in Shepton” being one. The Group’s resources etc will have to be sourced and discussed further through the coming year **ALeQ/JB/EN**
5. There was suggestion that the Group may be able to undertake a walk/talk around Shepton Mallet Prison. Chris will email LS with contact details. **CN/LS**
6. Future speakers – if anyone has any suggestions these should be passed onto Chris as speaker secretary. It was felt that this is something that should be dealt with by only one person (for contact etc) as delegation could lead to difficulties but suggestions for future speakers was welcomed. **CN**
7. It was agreed that the Risk Assessments for outside events undertaken by the group would continue

8. The suggestion of a raffle at the December meeting was agreed. It was felt that alcohol was inappropriate as a gift, but donations will be made. Tickets will be sold on the evening and proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army
ALeQ/LS/JB
9. The agenda for the AGM was discussed and is attached to these minutes
10. Eleanor has agreed to continue with the Post Office window display
11. It was decided that the Christmas meal will be held at the Bell Inn, Evercreech on Friday 2nd December **JB**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Shepton Mallet is hosting a Food Festival in the Market Square, April 2017. Alan is involved in promoting this. There was a brief discussion about sponsorship **AS**

Alan reminded the Group about the "snowdrop" planting in Shepton

The meeting was called to a close at 9.30pm