

Minutes of Committee Meeting 14th November 2016

- 1) Present: Alan Stone (Chairman), Chris Norman (Secretary (?)) and Speaker Secretary, Pam Preece (Treasurer), Jane Burgess, Sue Feltham and Eleanor Norman (Archivist)
- 2) Minutes for 3rd October 2016 accepted.
- 3) Despite some members feeling upset in the way the Group has been treated in respect to having to change from our regular third Thursday to the second Wednesday of the month, it was unanimously decided to take no action in reporting the matter to the Salvation Army hierarchy.
- 4) Jane Burgess was proposed by Alan Stone and seconded by Chris Norman to be Vice-Chairman. The two vacancies on the committee would only be filled if the committee decided to co-opt.
- 5) The treasurer reported £717.88 in the current account and £1527.94 in reserves with over £100 to be banked from the November meeting. Insurance is the Groups major overheads and CN and EN to talk to the NFU. In order to regain our membership numbers a Newsletter should be produced, say, quarterly. This should help to engage our members with forthcoming events, especially where manning s required.
- 6) The Mid Somerset Show would like the Group to be in the Heritage Tent with the gazebo. A suggested theme would be "Civil War and the Strodes" (see 10 below)
- 7) The afternoon meeting to be trialled in the spring, possibly in Denelas café. The theme could be Shepton Shops as we have photos. Hopefully we could record memories from the older Sheptonians who we might well have to transport to the meeting.
- 8) The June evening walkabout will be at Bowlish. Alan offered to lead with Eddie Oram asked if he wishes to input.
- 9) The July outing was discussed and CN to ask Mike Walker if he is keen to provide a classic bus should there be sufficient interest from members and

“visitors”. The Newsletter should be of help. CN not all that enthusiastic about a day in Mells that had previously be suggested.

10)The Civil War book is almost ready to go to print thanks to Peter Banks and Alan exchanging lots of emails with author Tony Nott and it has grown from about 28 pages to over 50. This book is the reason for the theme at next year’s Shepton Show. CN to visit Len Ware to discuss his book.

11)Next committee meeting is to be held at Sue Feltham’s on Monday 13th February. Usual 7.30pm. Many thanks to Jane for hosting this meeting.

At the December meeting, the raffle is for the Salvation Army. Raffle prizes offered: EN & CN bottles, JB Plants and biscuits, SF toiletries and chocholate. Pam to provide cloakroom tickets