

West Hagbourne Village History Group

Annual General Meeting

Monday 24th May 2010 at Hagbourne Village Hall

Present: Jillian Hedges, Josie Hill, Ted Kendrick, Eva Pinkava, Eve Setch, Sheila Taylor, Linda Thompson, Val Walton, Mary Wiley (History Group members)

Michael Field, Betty Kendrick, Keith Walton (Betty and Keith representing Village Association)

We were pleased to welcome the following from East Hagbourne: Mary Napper, Joy Napper, Beth Riley, Yen Rickeard.

Introduction from the chair: Josie welcomed everyone, asked us all to introduce ourselves, and explained the History Group's concerns regarding the future.

Review of Group Actions: Sheila gave an account of our records and ongoing activities. (see Maintenance of records and ongoing activities on reverse side of Agenda).

Current projects: Millennium House Project. Information from questionnaires and photos of every house in the village in 2001. Sheila and Ted are working on this to provide a digitized photographic record linked with information gained from the questionnaires.

Possible future projects :

Update of the Church leaflet in East Hagbourne: Joy Napper agreed to work on this.

East Hagbourne's website: need to update contradictory information regarding the fire and the fact that East and West Hagbourne have always been separate. This has now been changed by members from East Hagbourne, who also agreed to look at the story about the church bellcote (reference West Hagbourne's Village History book, *Windsor Hakeborne*)

Open Archive Day: History Group to display completed projects and archive holdings for benefit of the village.

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Discussion: The future of West Hagbourne History Group

Several options and possibilities were considered and it was felt that we should not disband the History Group but take time to finish what we are doing by holding working parties instead of meetings. Mary expressed the importance of recording today's history by collecting photos and descriptions of current events.

The storage of material was discussed, including the possible purchase of lockable metal boxes to store important documents, photographs, etc.

Mary Napper, a librarian at Didcot library kindly agreed to ask about the possibility of storing copies of maps and manuscripts at Didcot Library.

Mary Wiley proposed that we give a list to Mary Napper after gathering them together at a working party.

Betty Kendrick suggested that the Village Association could help to promote our History Group by displaying it's work for an evening.

We appreciated having input from Mary, Joy, Beth (who has taken on the task of East Hagbourne's archives), and Yen from East Hagbourne. They expressed the hope of encouraging more people to participate in village history and possibly form a group in the future. They agreed to meet with us again on MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER at 8pm in the Hagbourne Village Hall. - to be put in the village newsletter (action Val)

Working Party Meeting: Monday 5th July at 7.30pm at Pippins, Main St.

Treasurer's Report:

Linda brought copies of the audited accounts for 2009-2010. Copies were distributed to all members of the History Group.

Any Other Business: As it was not necessary to appoint new office holders Josie Hill remains chairperson, Val Walton remains secretary, and Linda continues as Treasurer.