

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH OCTOBER 2012

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mary greeted all members (22) and John Jones who was representing New Malden Library. There was also one potential new member who was attending for the first time.

There were two apologies for absence: from Terry Newman who had recently undergone an operation on his leg, and Joan Beer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Julian then gave a detailed update as to where we were on the recollections project. He mentioned that Helen Bottomley (Heritage Lottery Fund caseworker) would be meeting up with Mary Robin and himself on 18th October to review the progress. The project was to be to secure recollections, anecdotes, memories of shops, shopping and shopkeepers focused on the ancient route from Old Malden to Coombe Manor at the top of traps Lane. Julian talked about the three phases of the plan which constituted awareness by the public of what we were doing by way of flyers and posters etc, procurement of information from the public either by email, letter, or interview, and availability where we would present our findings to the public in booklet and in audio form. Chris suggested that we should contact residents of the various retirement homes in the area and Julian said that was included in the project. Patrick stated that he had memories of Grafton Road and of a gun turret in the library.

We then discussed whether future meetings during the winter months should be held in the afternoons or evenings. It appeared that people were happy to come out for the evening during the winter and afternoon meetings would exclude members such as Marion and Julian, so arrangements will continue as normal.

Future projects were then discussed, and both Graeme (1st World War) and Chris (Ann Packer and Robbie Brightwell) related how their own research was progressing.

John Jones introduced himself from the library, and kindly offered the facilities there for the Society to use from putting on Promotions and Displays, to giving interested members a conducted tour of the building. Chris suggested that at a later date we might be able to have a stall there to promote the Society.

Mary stated that there was to be a Farmers Market in St Georges Square on 1st December and she was hoping to secure a table from about 9am-1pm, and if successful would be asking for volunteers. She also said that she might be able to persuade Joyce Cyril Barton VC sister to come to talk to the group.

The remainder of the meeting was spent resolving problems were having with their family history research, with some members offering their assistance.

The date of the next meeting was set for November 21st at 7pm at the Baptist Church