

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 29th JANUARY 2014

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mary greeted all members (36)

There were apologies for absence from Graeme Hodge, Jen Carpenter, Tim and Libby Rothwell, and Michael Wood.

There were 5 new potential members Peter Dickinson, Judy Phang, Carol Brearley, Harvey Brearley, and Tracy Stickler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

Mary thanked the church for the use of their meeting place, and for their catering facilities.

Martin reported that we had made £242 from the sale of Christmas cards, which meant we had broken even and still had some to sell at Christmas 2014. We had also made £218 from the sale of the Christmas Party tickets plus £40 from the raffle.

Robin asked for names for the proposed visits to library, Malden Wanderers Cricket Club, and also to the Local History Room at Kingston. We have so far received two names for the library.

Richard Holmes then proceeded to give an illustrated talk on "Pubs, Inns, and Taverns of Malden." Richard has recently produced a book of the same title and took us through the whole of our area from the early hostelrys like the Plough, Wellington, and Worcester Park right up to the present day with the Watchman on the site of the former police station.

Richard Weston then gave a talk on the history of Malden Camera Club which was formed after breaking away from the Malden and Coombe Community Association in 1961. One of their most prominent members was Stan Connors who was their President until 1999. There is still one founding member still involved in Mike Wood. Their exhibition used to be held in the Town Hall (now Waitrose), and is now held at the Methodist Church during the Malden Fortnight. The organisation now has around 50 members and meetings are held most Thursdays in the Library in Sandal Road from 8pm.

Richard informed us that it was not until the 1999 AGM that digital photos were formally acknowledged. To emphasise the direction that photography was taking he advised us that for the first time last year there was no competition for slides. Some of the evening meeting are designated workshop evenings, and internal competitions are held both for prints and digital images. They have a website and a facebook page www.maldencamerclub.org.uk and the current subscription rate is £52.50 for senior members and £10 for juniors per annum. The club are always looking for new members and it was hoped that further links between our two organisations could be established.

In AOB Joan Beer was elected unanimously to replace Gwenda Lloyd on the committee of the Society.

As regards future projects, Julian suggested to members that as a record of present day Malden members could take photographs of their roads (from both ends) with a view to building up a bank of images showing the local area.

The meeting closed with the next planned for Wednesday 26th February 2014.