

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 30th APRIL 2014

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mary greeted all members (40)

There were apologies for absence from Chris Coke, Peter Brand Snr and Jnr, Graeme Hodge, and Pete Jackson

There were three new members. Jill Waters, L Dunn and S Dunn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

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

The recollections booklet "Mondays was always washdays" was available for members to purchase, it was also to have its formal launch on Saturday 10th May at the Methodist Church in New Malden High Street. Julian requested that anybody who had made a contribution to the booklet would be welcome to attend. We would be selling the booklet from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Publicity would be appearing in the Village Voice and also the Surrey Comet who had arranged to take photographs of Julian, Mary, and Robin at the War Memorial to appear in next weeks' edition.

Our first speaker was Shaan Everson who had had her new book "That Famous Place" recently published. Shaan took us through the reasons for the new publication, and why the book was so much larger than the original, mainly because so much more research information had become available since 1995. Phillimore's had asked for a reprint, but couldn't handle a book of its size, so Kingston University had taken over responsibility for the publication. In every aspect the book was for comprehensive and will become the standard on which all history books on Kingston are measured (see review attached).

Our second speaker was Peter Goodchild, who talked about his time at Bradbury Wilkinsons both in New Malden and when the company was taken over in 1986 and moved to Basingstoke. Peter took us through the wonderful world of threads, watermarks, and fluorescent fibres in a never ending battle to combat forgery during both war and peacetime. The company had moved to New Malden after the war in 1919. (For a more detailed synopsis please see attached).

In AOB mention was made of the problems Jen was having with her sight and that the society had bought her a lavender plant. Congratulations were given to Martin who had been awarded a community award by the Mayor for 11 years work as a front counter police volunteer and other youth work.

The meeting closed with the next planned for Wednesday 28th May 2014.