

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28th MAY 2014

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robin greeted all members (38)

There were apologies for absence from Dick Riches, Julian McCarthy, Mary Clark, Peter Brand Snr and Jnr, Jean and Richard Lyons.

There were two new members. Edward Dawes and Terry Hardy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

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

Robin told the members that the recollections booklet had been a great success, and that we would like, with the members' permission, to have another 100 printed (agreed) @ £285. If all were sold we should make £65 profit.

We have had an enquiry from Richard Challener regarding the Lloyd Award and were hopeful of receiving an entry from them. We had also been contacted by Holy Cross School who were very interested and would be writing to Mary.

Robin told the members that there would be an AGM in September, and other the present constitution many of the existing committee would have to stand down, as they will have completed two years, but," The maximum period of two years may be extended under extraordinary circumstances and on the majority vote of the membership where, for example, there is no party wishing to seek election to the office."

Coombe Boys were putting on a production entitled The Great War- 100 years On on 5th June, and had offered free tickets to anybody interested (no Takers)

Tim spoke about this year's Kingston Photography Competition on the theme of Remembrance. He stressed that this did not have to be about the first (or Second) World War. The rules stated the photograph must be taken in the Royal Borough in 2014 and sent in by 1st February 2015. All entries will have given the Borough's archives permission to use the image. Prizes range from artistic merit to historically valuable, and there would be a separate prize for entries from the under 18s. It would be nice if the winner came from our area, and judging by the number of entry forms taken, there was considerable interest.

Another request for photographs had come from Barry Di Biase whose family had operated the hairdressing salon in the High Street since 1915. Barry was trying to obtain images of the salon over the last 100 years for the business's centenary next year, and Robin asked members to look out any that they had and pass them on to Barry.

We then listen to our speaker John Parkin whose illustrated talk was entitled "Buses Trams and Trolleybuses in the Malden area" John was very enthusiastic about his subject and we were shown numerous pictures of public transport vehicles in the local area. Some of our members were also interested in what they could see behind or to the side of the vehicles and the social history shown was fascinating. John kept us entertained for over an hour with his illustrations and descriptions.

The meeting closed with the next planned for Wednesday 25th June 2014.