

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25th JUNE 2014

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

In the absence of Mary, Robin greeted all members (39)

There were apologies for absence from Alan and Pam Vincent, Graeme Hodge, Dick Riches, Joan Beer, and Peter Jackson and apologies for lateness from Julian McCarthy

There were two new members. Margaret Hall and John Creasy.

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 stated that we would be operating a stall at the Farmers' Market on 5th July and at the Craft Fair as part of Malden Fortnight on 12th July. We did not know where our pitch would be, but we would be selling booklets and Christmas cards. Members were invited along to both events. We had had a successful stall at the Malden Fair on Plough Green on 21st June selling our cards and booklets and had received a visit from the Mayor.

Robin made a request for judges for the Lloyd Award for the secondary schools in the area. We had four volunteers Peter Magee, Shaan and Tim Everson, and Ian Jewell and were looking for a fifth. At present we had only one entry, but were promised others and the closing date (30th June) was fast approaching.

We were also starting a new award (in the form of a certificate) called the Town Pride Award. We asked members to nominate buildings in the area of Maldens and Coombe which they felt "enhanced the built environment". These could be domestic or commercial, churches etc. The only provisos were that they were still standing when we come to vote (at September AGM), and are in the area covered but the Maldens and Coombe.

It was also suggested that we started a car pool, which would connect people who would like a lift to the Society's meetings with those who had spaces in their car and were willing to bring others.

While the archives of the Society contained a number of photographs and postcards of the area, it was thought that any old movie films taken could be transferred onto DVD s and one copy held in the archives and another copy given to the donor. The costs for this were rather high, and the number of films available small, so it was decided not to proceed until a cheaper course of action could be found.

We then welcomed Amy Graham from the Local History Room to give her talk on New Malden A History in Photographs 1839-1930s. Whilst there were no photographs of New Malden in the 1830s (as it didn't exist) Amy used this as her starting point, as this was the year generally regarded as

when photography commenced. Amy took us through various aspects of Malden life, such as work, play etc and illustrated this with numerous photographs from the borough archives. Taking us through the development of New Malden in chronological order. A fascinating talk ended with questions, and a promise to come back and take us through the period from the 1930s.

In AOB Mary explained the current situation regarding development plans for Cocks Crescent. The abiding idea was to have any development community led, and not developed “piecemeal” but as a whole. She said that the Malden Centre was in need of refurbishment and could be moved elsewhere in the complex.

The meeting closed with the next planned for Wednesday 30th July 2014.