

# MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8th FEBRUARY 2017

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mary, greeted all members (41) for the meeting.

We were pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Metters and Trevor Dedman to the meeting. They had primarily attended to hear the talk about St James Church but we hope that they will come again at later meetings.

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

A short film from You Tube was shown which displayed a range of postcards from Jason Blackman's collection from Kingston and the surrounding area (including Malden).

Mary updated us on the plans for the reconstruction of the fountain. She told us that the scheme was being led by the Rotary Club and they were awaiting the submission of three quotes for the work.

We then received a very interesting talk by our member and speaker James Giles entitled "A History of St James Church". The talk was illustrated showing how the church had transformed over the years.

The meeting then went into group discussions which is proving popular with the members.

In AOB Robin asked whether any members remember the shop Caprice in the High Street as the original fascia had been uncovered during recent renovation work. Unfortunately, no members had any memories of the shop or staff.

Alison Fure reminded members of the Apple day Exhibition being held at the KEC on 4<sup>th</sup> March detailing Kingston's Apple Story a hidden history of the area. She is also raising a petition asking the Council to protect the Tolworth Apple Store building and "consult on the feasibility for its future use and public access to celebrate the local apple harvest."

The meeting closed with the next one planned for Wednesday 29th March 2017.