

Minutes of the SASHA meeting held at the Stockcross Village hall on Monday 25th July 2016

Present Viv, Ken, Tom, Leigh, Jane, Mags ,Carole, Colin, Irene, Shirley & Jonathan

Apologies Nigel & Richard & Jackie

Matters arising

Correction -There is a type written transcript of the oral history stories.

Jane is to ask Richard to send her the WORD file copy of the book, which she has been reading and has found very interesting.

No answer has been received from Jane's enquiry, she will chase.

Projects

Oral history Richard interviewed , Shirley is next, something should be in drop box soon.

Church old books A box from the church is available to scan, contact Viv or Irene with offers. Carole is halfway through the first box.

Details about archive envelopes still to be obtained.

Janey's Big Dig finds No report

Census 1891 Census done and will be formatted to match the other census available in the members area of the website.

1911 Census still in progress.

St John's churchyard recording. Leigh has nearly finished recording the "new graveyard" 1960s to date.

Finance

No Treasurers report

There was a discussion regarding making an application to "Pitch to the Panel" which concluded that we do not have a suitable project at the moment that warranted this. The Find me a grant will be considered later when necessary.

SASHA and STOCC are the only two village groups that use the hall at the moment. Mark Nevitt, Treasurer on the Hall Committee, successfully proposed that both these groups

should have use of the hall free of charge for the next 12 months. We would like to record our thanks to Mark.

Any other Business

West Berks Museum

Viv had circulated a long email from West Berks Museum that had asked for SASHA input into their future exhibition plans. The discussion agreed that the main point from Stockcross was the WW1 men's stories and the unusual status as an Estate village plus Benham Valance.

More general points not prominent in the document included the WB areas industrial past and present. A copy of the email sent to the museum is attached at the end of the minutes. Members can contact the museum direct with any other ideas.

It was agreed that next year one meeting instead of a speaker the meeting should be based around the Oral History project, advertising it well around the village also asking for people to bring in any local photographs they have.

September meeting members who are having problems accessing the members area of the website will be offered help. Please bring in your laptop or tablet.

Shirley will ask David Peacock to do a talk on the Anglo Saxons for our October meeting.

The meeting then divided to give help to get 2 members accessing the website and another members discussing other projects, and ended with refreshments.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 22nd AUGUST Dr Chris Scott on the 2nd Battle of Newbury

COPY OF EMAIL SENT TO WEST BERKS MUSEUM

Email to museum JULY 2016 to add to minutes

Dear Ruth

We had a discussion at our SASHA meeting this week and the notes below are a summary,

From the point of view of Stockcross and surrounds.

Stockcross is a quite new village although unusual it is an ESTATE VILLAGE and Benham valance and Sutton estate would be its main claim to notice.

Village losses in WWI, many villages like Stockcross have done their own research which the museum could take advantage of and the NWN have been doing regular features.

Some general points raised for possible inclusion were from more modern times

WW2 where the supply depot ran from the Thatcham station area right up to Newbury race course

Employment and industry like: Thatcham the large turnery works: paper/board Reeds, Colthrop and Fields

In Newbury Plentys, Oppermans

Things Newbury is generally known for:

The cold war AWRE Greenham common/peace women

Road protest

Newbury Races

Traffic jams

Photographs & maps showings changes in villages and towns then and now would be an interest.

No one thought they could offer specialist writing

I hope this is of some help

Regards

Irene Hanbury

SASHA Secretary