

Minutes from the SASHA meeting held in the small meeting room Stockcross Village Hall

Monday 27th June 2016

Present : Present were Viv, Ken, Tom. Richard, Phyllis, Leigh, Jane, & Irene

Apologies: Jonathan , Jackie, Carole, Chris, Mags, Nigel & Colin

Progress on projects:

1. Oral History Three people have been interviewed . The aim is to do one interview a month. With the number of people who have so far volunteered this will be at least a 2 year project. Shirley and Richard will probably be next.

Tom Darling - Jackie transcribing

Jack Perris - Jane transcribing

Ken Rutterford - Carole transcribing

An original of the sound interview will be kept. Once typed transcription has been done , a copy of the sound interview will be edited for the removal of coughs and uhms etc . Carole will prepare an edited sound copy that will be available to members. It takes about an hour to transcribe 10 minutes of the recording.

It was found that people talked more freely after the recording equipment was switched off. The team are going to try talking for 10minutes or so before the recording to try and get people more relaxed. Lots of interesting information is already emerging to be explored as the project goes on or in some other format.

Photograph of the interviewees "now and then" will be collected. An idea for an event at the village hall where some of the recorded conversation and local photographs can be heard and shown, was discussed. It would be good to get some snippets or whole interviews available on the members area of the website. **ACTION Viv** talk to Steve our website man.

A few more suggested names were given to Jane to follow up at a later date.

Richard , who will be interviewed soon lent a copy of the book he has written about his life in Wickham Green area to Jane. **ACTION Richard** send a Word file copy of the book to Jane.

2. Church old books project

The two Tuesdays of photographing items stored at the church has started well, beginning with the most apparently interesting items. All that has been done so far needs to be edited to be made available to members before the rest of the books are photographed. It is planned to have these available on the

members area of Website in a form that can be magnified to be read. At the moment only thumbnails have been achieved **Action Viv** - contact Steve to learn how to do this

There are also boxes of letters and other documents. Leigh brought in a few of most interesting ones in the box she took to investigate. These included; a will, the valuation of paintings, letters regarding the development of Glebe Fields. After scanning these items need to go in proper archive pockets. Viv has already done some. The photographs and other items also need pockets

Carole has taken one box to scan

Action - CAN ANYONE ELSE TAKE A BOX OF DOCUMENTS TO SCAN - Offers please email Irene

Action Irene - Investigate sources and size/ prices of pockets.

3. Janey's Big Dig finds - no report

4. Rent Book transcription - Finished This is now available with scanned images of the pages and an Excel transcriptions - Email IRENE if you would like a CD copy

5. Census project - Irene halfway through 1911 census transcription

AOB

When the Green's name was changed to Glebe fields was discussed, Richard and Ken having lived there.

Action - everyone Please check you can access the members area of the SASHA website.

July meeting- Members only any ideas to go on the agenda email Irene

August meeting -as SASHA's part of Stockfest Dr Chris Scott speaker on the 2nd Battle of Newbury

No speaker booked for the October/November meeting , any ideas let Irene or Viv know.