

**Stockcross and Surroundings Historical Association
Minutes of the Meeting at Stockcross Village Hall, Stockcross
Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm**

Attending - Colin, Irene, Laurelie, Angie, Chris, Carole, Jonathan, Viv, Felicity, Richard, Ken, Shirley

Apologies Jackie Tom, Leigh

Matters Arising

The question of the British Newspaper Library subscription will be again discussed at the September meeting.

Sarah will not be available for walks or talks since Alex Godden left; she is the only archeological officer.

Viv has not been able to make contact with Pete Crimmins

Viv has put our book on E Bay but no sales so far.

Evening activities

Viv will liaise with Jackie regarding the membership list for 2017 and pass the information onto Irene.

It was decided to try and organize the maps of Stockcross we have into date order. Irene is still to go to the museum to see what maps they have and try to date the maps we already have copies of.

Sarah Orr suggests that the very tall chimney shown in the old crossroads photograph might be a smithy chimney which ties up with OS map

Jonathan represented SASHA at an event at West Berks Museum on the 27th March. It was very crowded, Phil Harding was the guest of honour and Jonathan managed a few words. There is a new 3D display and Jonathan recommends a visit. The possibility of inviting Phil to give us a talk next year was discussed.

Colin and Irene manned the morning session and Viv and Chris the afternoon session at the West Berks Museum Heritage Road Show display for SASHA on Saturday 22nd April. All had interesting chats with various people our most popular item was the record from WWII plan in case of invasion, giving details of the village car and draft horse owners etc. Viv will give a copy of the Thatcham Monument record to Leigh and Tom as it could give ideas for how the Stockcross church records could be presented.

The archives folders progress is

Angie - People (finished) Laurelie - school (finished) Irene - Property and transport (nearly finished)
Jonathan - church (started) Colin - Sport and village groups (started) Chris - school maintenance (started)

Leigh & Tom Benham Valance (no report) Jackie - Pubs and reunion (no report)

Carole - church box scanning Viv - church box scanning

Laurelie has come across some gems of information like the start of school meal, winter only, in 1932.

There are lots of school photographs which need the children ID. It was discussed if we should have make this part of a SASHA open day, ask for a stall at the school fete, or ask local parents/school assistants to help with this. No decision was made. Viv will contact the school to ask if SASHA can borrow their old records book/registers.

Viv has made changes on the website. It will be possible to show how research in all areas are progressing. Action - All members have a look please. Angie to do a Post Office history for the website.

Oral History

Jane asked Ken and Richard to check the transcripts of their oral story for spelling errors. Shirley Wernham's story has been collected and Mike Pike is next.

Talks arranged

June 26th BRO Conservation officer, Aug 21st Pop Pirates of the 1960's, 30th Oct History of the Kirby Estate.

Next meeting Monday 29th May 2017