

Members Present Jackie, Brian Colin, Irene, Viv, Richard, Ken, Margaret, John, Alan, Shirley, Chris Tom, Leigh **Apologies** Carole, Jane, Katrina, Felicity, Keith, Angie

Matters Arising

1. Wills for Elms and Bloomfield have still not arrived
2. Irene sent email to Steve about WordPress/computer training date. An email will be sent round when the date and time is arranged to see which members would like to come. **DATE ARRANGED 11th OCTOBER 11.30**
3. Alan Richard Viv and Irene all visited the Boxford Mosaic open day which was impressive..
4. Viv will be putting the ephemera listing on the members' area soon, if you are interested in seeing any item email Viv and she will be able to email the scanned image to you.
5. OS full size photocopies are of very good quality. 1890 whole area Hoe Benham Marsh Stockcross etc. 1878 only the middle of the village area available. 1851 photograph from BRO blown up to poster size. Cost £81. We may later buy more old maps.
6. Viv is applying for a grant for Greenham for the SSL to our website which means it will come up as a secure site symbol at the cost of £90 per year. Trust. We hope this will encourage more visitors. Secure Sockets Layer which means, when in place, the data between web server and browser remains private.

Update on Finance

Just over £1000 in the bank.

Members' projects

Jackie - Has started looking again at the 3 men on the WW2 memorial.

Arthur Charles Bailey - identified

Edward Thomas Greene Keeley - no one with that name born in the UK, no military records have been found. It is likely that an error has been made and it should read Edward Trenchard Greene Kelly whose family lived at Crossways, Woodspeen in 1939 and related to an Irish Lord Greene Kelly. Jackie has contacted a grandson and is hoping to hear back.

Arthur Lees - Locally there is a Lees family, John Graham Skervin Lees, but the family do not think he is their relation as the Christian name Arthur does not tie in with the knowledge.

If any members have free time to look at the NWN at the library between October and November 1943 there may be an obituary or any other mention of the death of anyone called Lees.

Margaret - is looking for a way to go forward with the Village houses research. All the census and Rent Book details are transcribed and available on the members' area of the website. **Would any members like to explore an area of research?**

1. Changes in occupation over time
2. Identify particular houses and changes of occupants or occupation
3. Other changes in the village like the introduction of electricity, main drainage???
4. Deaths illness size of families

Any area that is of personal interest, let Margaret know which area you are looking at to avoid duplication or encourage a joint effort.

It does not have to be a huge essay, even an A4 page of your finding would be good.

Jane - Oral history. John Foster and his daughter Carol have now done an interview. Jane is still looking for new people, David Halls and Andrew Norris have been approached

Ideas for Speakers - Great train robbery, Farming museum of rural life? coaching

Next meeting

October meeting- Geology of the area, or A.A (Automobile Assoc) in the Lambourn Valley

November – members' meeting

No meeting in December, January AGM