

Alveley Historical Society

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2015

Present: Stuart Hunt, Tim White, Bill Scriven, Brian Armstrong, Bill Picton, Barbara Spragg, Andrea Edwards, Keith & Pam Stanton

Apologies There were no apologies

The meeting began with Andrea handing each of us a beautiful chocolate cup- cake decorated with Easter in mind. – A lovely gesture – thank you Andrea, very much appreciated!

The Bank

All monies are now with Barclays Bank in Kidderminster. Stuart has made enquiries about putting some of the money into a savings account. The active Saver gives 0.38 % , The Base Tracker gives 0.5% which drops to 0.05 following a withdrawal.

It took Stuart 4 visits to the bank to get this information. The members decided that it was not worth putting the money anywhere but the current account at the moment.

Pam gave Stuart £50 from book sales.

The Chapel and Storage

Bill said we need to really decide on the dimensions for the storage needed before any timber is purchased.

Brian said that the reference books etc. were difficult to get hold of as the village hall is difficult to get into. The key holder will let him in but then has to wait for him to finish. It was suggested that the Village Hall committee be approached to see if we can have a key to allow access to our publications. Brian said he would do this.

Archives

Brian wants to discuss with Shropshire Archives what they hold which belongs to us and how we can access it.

Andrea spoke about her research on Chapel records. Some apparently are kept in Worcester.

Chapel Garden

Bill Scriven commented that there is still no mill stone. As it seems that this may not be forthcoming soon more gravel will be needed to make the area level.

Keith said that the people who sold us the benches will sell us the correct oil to use to preserve them. Bill said that he has some at home and that it is expensive at £65 per gallon. He said that he will try a bit on one leg to see if it will be suitable to use on the benches.

Margaret Sheridan's Exhibition

We were not sure if the village hall had been booked for this for the 18th July. Bill Scriven said he would ring John Raybould to find out.

The Web Site

Brian showed us the web-site he had built for Alveley Singers. The members were impressed. He explained that we had two options: one free and one at a small cost to get our own domain.

Tim thought that June was the month that Alan's web-site is due to be renewed.

Bill proposed that we start our own web –site through Brian and the members agreed with this and asked Brian to go ahead as soon as he has the time. It was agreed up to £70 per year.

Pam was asked to write to Alan re the web-site not being renewed.

Miscellaneous

Pam showed the meeting a porcelain plate which had been donated by the relatives of a recently deceased villager. The plate is a limited edition depicting the village school possibly at its fiftieth birthday.

Next Meeting

This will be the AGM and will be held on Thursday 21st May at the Old Chapel at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm