

Fleetville Diaries

Annual Report November 2013



Status

In June 2013, membership of CVS was renewed. CVS provides advice and support in fund-raising, training, and in constitutional and legal matters. In April, F D took out Public Liability Insurance with Markel, a specialist voluntary sector insurance company. This covers all events whether they are in the Community Centre or out in the local area.

Project 1 Fleetville – Home from Home

Although this project was concluded in 2012, the exhibition derived from it attracted much attention at the Fleetville Festival and at Larks in the Parks.

Project 2 Guided Walks

This year we ran 6 guided walks including one new Alban Way walk, 'Steaming Through Fleetville' (thanks to Howard Green) and two cemetery walks which were adapted and expanded from the original 2012 walk. We welcomed a number of new guests on these occasions because we placed literature in MOSTA and at the Information Centre. Next year we hope to have yet another cemetery walk, adapt 'Steaming Through Fleetville', create a Camp Road walkand perhaps have another tree walk. We may have to 'rest' one or two walks for a year or two to make way for new events.

Project 3 Oral Histories

Liz has recorded 5 oral histories at the Methodist Day Care Centre on Hatfield Road which will be transcribed in the winter months. Our thanks to Sue and Allan Davey for their hospitality.

Exhibitions

In March this year, an exhibition of 'Fleetville, Home from Home' was on display at the Fleetville Festival and at a very sunny 'Larks in the Parks' in June where children's activities were also available. Fleetville Diaries exhibited at St Paul's Community Day for the first time on April 13th. Mike exhibited a collection of old photographs at 'National Older People's Day' on October 1st at the Old Town Hall where a number of older people were able to reminisce about such characters as Percy Hall.

Work in the Community

In December 2011, some members participated in carol singing at Morrisons and at Salisbury Avenue followed by welcome refreshments at the Community Centre; a collection was made on behalf of Grove House. In April, Liz spoke to the Methodist Network Fellowship about the work of Fleetville Diaries. Mike has worked with the Smallford Station Project and has attended meetings at Herts University in connection with it. He has also spoken to the Hertfordshire Local History Hub about our network.

Other History Groups and Activities

- Mike attended the Community Archives conference at UCL in May. He is a committee member of The St Albans Local History Network Conference which is going from strength to strength.
- In June, 22 members and friends enjoyed a very wet visit to the DeHavilland Mosquito Museum where we were amazed at the extensive work of the museum volunteers. A fascinating trip! In October, 16 of us were entertained and educated at the extraordinary Theatre Organ Museum on

Camp Road. The story of Charles Grant, the museum's founder, will feature in the next new cemetery walk.

- Mike continues to participate in Smallford Station Project activities, particularly those involving young people.
- The second volume of Mike's book, 'St Albans Own East End' was launched in April 2013. It is again prominently displayed at Waterstone's and selling well.
- Mike is a driving force behind the St Albans and District Local History Network which held its third annual conference in October. Once again, delegates were treated to some excellent talks which reveal the extraordinary work being done in the county. I urge you to attend next year!

Website

The Fleetville Diaries website has undergone some 'pruning' and is ready to receive new material. Deleted items are being archived.

Members

- Last November we accepted 23 membership fees of £10 per member entitling free entry to meetings and a half price concession on guided walks. This was an increase of 5 on the previous year.
- Many thanks to members who helped by carting things around and pitching the gazebo at the Fleetville Festival and at Larks in the Parks. We also thank Diana Devereux for providing welcome refreshments at our meetings and Lorraine for her catering skills at Christmas.

The Committee

- Members from November 2012 to 2013 have been Mike Neighbour, Peter Elliott, Lorraine Hammond and Liz Bloom. 2013 committee meetings were held in May and twice in October. During these meetings, invoiced expenses submitted by committee members were paid according to the rules of the FD bank account. Unless the committee members change, Mike, Liz, and Peter will continue to be bank account signatories.
- We would like to recruit more committee members who can take an active part in making history or in administration such as the accounts. In light of this, Dave Wilson has kindly accepted the task of becoming our bookkeeper in future. Liz is not experienced in handling this aspect of administration and is glad to hand over to Dave, providing that members agree to his taking on the role.

Next Year

- We hope to contact more young people through the YAC (Young Archaeologists Club) scheme and the Scouts.
- We will have more guided walks on our books which will afford us the luxury of either increasing the number of walks we do in the summer months or using them in rotation from one year to the next.
- The website will be updated.
- It is hoped that a start can be made on creating 'virtual walks' in PowerPoint presentation form for groups of elderly people who are not able to attend the real walks in the summer.
- Howard Green has kindly accepted the role of becoming our press officer. He hopes to place a monthly information bulletin in the Herts Advertiser before each event we hold.
- Next year's exhibition to open at the Fleetville Festival will be about the history of Camp Road. Mike has already initiated work on this project but we make a plea to members to seek out old photographs, memorabilia, printed matter and potential oral histories about Camp Road - quite soon! The exhibition will be used at St Paul's, Larks in the Parks and other events as and when we are able to attend.
- Fleetville Diaries' meetings and walks in 2014 will be held on the last **Thursday** of each month. One or two walks will be held on Saturday afternoons.
- We will continue to have about 2 Members' trips in the summer months. Some ideas, please?

Provisional Events Calendar 2014

- Jan 30th** Lin Keen – Daughters of St Albans
- Feb 27th** Kris Lockyear - New geophysical surveys at Verulamium and other Roman sites of Hertfordshire
- March 23rd** Fleetville Festival - *Camp Road* Exhibition
- March 27th** Jon Mein (SAHAAS) The Home Front in WW1
- April 24th** Sue Gaylard – A History of Highfield Park
- May 29th** *Made in Fleetville* guided walk
- June ?th** Members' trip - *TBA*
- June 26th** *1st Laid to Rest in Fleetville* guided walk
- June ?th** Larks in the Parks - *Camp Road* Exhibition
- July 31st** *2nd Laid to Rest in Fleetville* guided walk.
- August 28th** *Shopping in Fleetville* guided walk.
- Sept 28th** *3rd Laid to Rest in Fleetville* guided walk.
- Oct ?th** Members' Trip - *TBA*
- Oct 30th** Members' histories/guest speaker
- Nov 27th** AGM, membership renewal, and members' stories
- Dec 22nd** Carol Singing

Annual Statement of accounts to end of October 2013

| Fleetville Diaries Finances to end of October 2013. | | | |
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| | In | Out | |
| Carried forward | £ 501.07 | | 13/11/2012 |
| Paid to MN for banners | | £ 159.98 | 13/11/2013 |
| Paid to LB for stationery | | £ 15.88 | 13/11/2013 |
| 14 membership subs | £ 140.00 | | 28/11/2012 |
| Casual attendance fee | £ 2.00 | | 28/11/2012 |
| 1 membership sub | £ 10.00 | | 12/12/2012 |
| 4 membership subs | £ 40.00 | | 30/01/2013 |
| Casual attendance fee | £ 2.00 | | 30/01/2013 |
| Refreshment expenses | | £ 5.00 | 30/01/2013 |
| Casual attendance fees | £ 21.00 | | 28/02/2013 |
| CVS membership (FD Chq) | | £ 20.00 | 07/03/2013 |
| 1 membership sub | £ 10.00 | | 27/03/2013 |
| Refreshments | | £ 6.00 | 27/03/2013 |
| Casual meeting fees | £ 4.00 | | 27/03/2013 |
| 2 membership subs | £ 20.00 | | 24/04/2013 |
| Casual attendance fees | £ 6.00 | | 24/04/2013 |
| Mike's expenses for leaflet printing | | £ 44.00 | 01/05/2013 |
| Liz's expenses for stationary and printing | | £ 20.97 | 01/05/2013 |
| Fees from walk | £ 16.00 | | 29/05/2013 |
| Fees from cemetery walk | £ 43.00 | | 29/06/2013 |
| Payment to LB for Markel Public Liability Insurance | | £ 84.80 | 09/07/2013 |
| Fees from Alban Way walk | £ 28.00 | | 21/07/2013 |
| Fees from Living in Fleetville walk | £ 23.00 | | 31/07/2013 |
| Fees from Shopping in Fleetville walk | £ 23.00 | | 28/08/2013 |
| Fees from Pioneers guided walk | £ 43.00 | | 02/10/2013 |
| Late payment of membership | £ 10.00 | | 02/10/2013 |
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| Total | £ 942.07 | £ 356.63 | |
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| Balance | 585.44 | | |

Account management by Liz Bloom. These accounts have been scrutinised and approved by Mike Neighbour, Lorraine Hammond and Peter Elliot

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Current Account

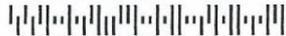
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10 St Peter's Street
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Summary

27 Sep 2013 to 28 Oct 2013
Sheet 22

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| Previous balance | 532.44 |
| Withdrawn | 0.00 |
| Paid in | 53.00 |
| New balance | 585.44 |

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This is a true and accurate account of the activities of Fleetville Diaries history group during the year from November 2012 to November 2013

| <i>Committee member</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Date</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Lorraine Hammond | | |
| Peter Elliott | | |
| Mike Neighbour | | |
| Liz Bloom | | |
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