

Fleetville Diaries Minutes

7.30pm August 25th 2011

Fleetville Community Centre

Present: Vic and Vera Foster, Rose Thomas, Sylvie Reeves, Peter Elliott, Howard Green, Andrew Freeman, Jo and Sean Corrigan, Lorraine Hammond, Hugh Stratton, Ann Stratton, Diana Devereux, Liz Bloom, Mike Neighbour. Guest; Jon Meier from Verulam School.

1. Liz's news.

- FD is now a member of CVS which gives us preferential rates for training and access to advice.
- Liz has had a CRB check which allows her to interview around the community.
- Liz and Mike attended the Community Archives Conference in June and have made some contact with local history groups in Herts.
- Liz attended a funding course run by CVS and has some ideas about funding FD which she will put to membership in October.
- The 1st Fleetville guided walk was a remarkable success; we have learnt some lessons which we will put into practice on the next walk in September. The *Remarkable Trees* walk led by Kate Bretherton was fascinating and drew maximum numbers.
- Liz and Mike were guest speakers at Woodville Ladies group. Their interest led to a number of oral history interviews and Mike received some fascinating photos.
- Liz was interviewed on Radio Verulam on July 28th. We are now linked with them somehow.

2. Mike's news.

- Mike has been instrumental in setting up a conference of local history groups from the St Albans area (St Albans and District Local History Network); October 22nd 2011 at Verulamium Museum. Numbers are limited at the moment but Liz will let you know if places are available.
- At the Woodville Ladies' meeting Mike received a considerable amount of information about the Tucks, a prominent Fleetville family. There are now four football team photos from the period 1890s to 1930s from specific parts of Fleetville; these and the photo of Diana and the Scotland children c1955, which was mentioned at the meeting are on www.stalbansowneastend.co.uk Click the link to New Pictures

3. Fleetville Stories – introduced by guest, Jon Meier.

- A collaborative video made by Fleetville Juniors Year 5 boys and Verulam students. A really fascinating profile of Fleetville in 2011 conveyed through interviews with a backdrop of Fleetville scenes. Many thanks, Jon. Copies of the DVD can be obtained from Liz. Otherwise, check out this link:
<http://www.verulamschool.net/index.php/videos.html> which will also appear on the FD website.

4. Members' news

- Mike would like to find out if there is a regular reunion of Marconi employees. Vera is going to help on this; Ann has supplied a contact number.
- Diana is going to ask an acquaintance if he would write about his work at Kwiz Darts.
- Liz showed some photos from Marconi and their newsletter from Feb 1983. Also a Ballito booklet from about 1945 with lots of great pics in it.

5. AOB and next meeting.

- The next gathering will be the 2nd guided walk on September 24th at 2.30pm outside the Community Centre
- On October 27th 2011 we have our AGM when a number of interesting plans for the future will be discussed. Nominations for committee members are welcomed – if you would like to be part of this, please let Liz, Mike, Peter or Lorraine know.
- After the AGM, we have our photo fair. Please bring along any photos you have which relate to events, people and places in Fleetville; blue tack will be provided!
- £ 16 in subs were collected.
- Thanks, Diana, for doing the teas -as usual.