



## Fleetville Diaries Committee Agenda

July 3rd 2012

Present: MN, PE, LB. Apologies, LH

1. Last meeting's minutes.

The issue of insurance still hasn't been resolved. Liz has an idea to approach the Fleetville Festival Committee to propose a joint insurance policy for FD, Fleetville Harmony, the Swing Band and the Festival. At the same time she will propose the creation of a contact email list for all 4 groups to use in advertising events and recruiting. Our FD focus for next year will be 'Fleetville Home from Home' which Liz is currently working on.

2. Next purchasing round.

- Storage cupboard. Liz to go ahead and order.
- Carry cases. Liz to go ahead and order.
- Banners. Mike to order vertical banners at £85 each for Home from Home and FD.
- Mike will also be receiving a stronger version of an FD horizontal banner to replace the temporary one which was damaged at Larks in the Parks.

3. Update on walk planning and conferences attended by Mike and Liz.

The cemetery planning is going well. Liz and Mike will be sharing the presentation of this walk. They will be meeting with Liz Rolfe, a landscape historian, who can help with the background history of the cemetery. Liz will be researching at the MSA and on an online version of the Oxford Dictionary of Biography for further details on people we will be featuring. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Liz and Mike will be meeting Vic and Andrew for a Hatfield Road planning session.

4. Developing some ideas for next year.

- Engaging young people.  
We discussed 2 ideas:
  - \* creating an interactive app to guide people around Fleetville. Liz to talk to Jon Meier. Mike to talk to Fleetville Juniors head teacher and to Brian Jones about Young Archaeologists in St Albans.
  - \* surveying the Rec for the air raid shelter. Liz to track down Chris? From Welwyn and Hatfield to talk about geophysics.
- Finishing the Home from Home project.  
Liz has two more interviews in the pipeline.
- Members' trips.  
We discussed 2 ideas:
  - \* Trip to the RAF Museum in Hendon. Peter to approach his colleagues. It may have to be on a weekday.
  - \* Trip to the Mosquito Museum. Liz to contact Ralph Steiner.
- Guest speakers  
We will probably find some at the autumn local history conference. Liz will contact 'Our Oxhey', Chris Blow...and the St Albans Civic Society. Mike also generously volunteered to talk. Liz will probably be in a position to talk about 'Home from Home' too.
- FD Open Day at an old people's home.  
Liz and Mike to investigate local church groups and homes. We would have to go in the afternoon on a weekday.
- Descendants Day  
This is an idea we picked up on at the Community Archives conference. Members and local people bring along artefacts, pictures, family trees and set up little stalls to talk about their families. We'll give it a go next year.

5. Invoices and cheque signing.

We signed a cheque for Kate Bretherton's fee from her excellent tree walk. Liz to post. Liz and Mike have postponed submission of invoices until next Committee meeting.

6. AOB. None

7. Date for next committee meeting. **September 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**. This will largely be for setting up the programme for next year.