



Fleetville Diaries Committee Agenda

November 20th 2017

2pm, 53 Cambridge Road

Present: RH, AMK, TS, DG, MN, LB

AOB. Mike presented a 2 page draft copy of what could be included in a brochure to advertise and celebrate the work of Fleetville Dairies. He also presented a proposal for a regular schedule of cemetery walks during the summer months. We will be discussing these ideas at the next meeting.

2018 FD Action Plan. Liz presented a draft Action Plan for 2018 and a few amendments were made to Project 2 regarding publicity actions and to Project 3 about archiving digital material. The amended version will be presented at the AGM.

The 2018 programme. All but one speaker slots were filled so Mike volunteered to fill the empty one with his Reading Turnpike presentation. New events added include two trips to London to be organised by Terry and one to Luton to be organised by Romayne. Liz offered a Cathedral tour and it has since been added to the schedule in August. The walks will be *Living in Fleetville, Made in Fleetville, Families and Friends*, and *Steaming from Smallford to Hatfield*. This is looking like a very strong programme for the coming months.

Chair's Annual Report and Finances . We didn't have a huge amount of time to check this but some anomalies were pointed out regarding the membership fee. It was finally agreed that the annual fee should be increased to £12 and that there would be no membership concessions on excursions.

Membership allows free entry to all FD-run walks and talks.

The finances were presented with a comment from Liz that we had not yet been invoiced for the room hire costs which will take a considerable sum from our funds. The balance shows that we have £600 less in the bank now than at the same time last year. However, in 2016, about £600 had been collected from talks by Liz and Mik; then this year, we made an £800 donation to the new museum fund. Not such a gloomy picture. We are in credit just above the £1,000 mark which we feel is a sensible sum to have in our account.

Christmas arrangements. Liz has booked the Steiner Room for this event and she is going to be assisted in food preparation by Pauline Thompson, an FD member and Friend of FCC. Liz has asked that Committee members be on hand about 1 hour before the start of the party on December 20th to do decorations and prepare tables. Liz will bring music.

Next meeting. 2pm, January 23rd at Cambridge Road.

Agenda items will include FD brochure planning, CVR booklet planning and cemetery walks schedule.