

Fleetville Diaries Minutes 7.30 Thursday November 25th 2010

Present: Diana Devereux, Peter Elliott, Howard Green, Lorraine Hammond, Wendy Hyams, Ann Stratton, Hugh Stratton, Jill Little, Mike Neighbour, Liz Bloom, Reginald Law, Carol Parker, Alan Parker, Jo Corrigan, Andrew Freeman, Derek Nash, Mrs Nash, Sheila Burton

Apologies: Vic and Vera Foster, Cathy Budd

1. **AGM** – election of committee members and agreeing the FD Constitution. The four Committee members were proposed, seconded and voted in unanimously by all members. No abstentions. A Committee meeting will be held in the near future to sign the Constitution and review Child Protection and Health and Safety policies. **Liz to contact Committee members to arrange date for next meeting.**
2. **Liz's slot** Extract from Doris Butlin's video interview read out: memories of the arrival of evacuees. Liz found the Oral History Society film editing course useful. The new skills will be put to use in the new year so that edited extracts will be available through the FD website. It would be quite easy and most interesting if we could make history ourselves by recording a Year in the Life of Fleetville. **Please can anyone with a digital camera take photos when they are attending events in Fleetville next year. Other things such as building work, interesting weather and new shops can feature. Please send JPEG images via email along with commentary and tags , if possible; dates, people, descriptions (no photos of children, please).**
3. **Our guest of the month, Reginald Law,** gave us a detailed description of his work at Marconi Instruments and the Sphere Works. Unfortunately we didn't have time to hear his account of the Texas Homecare fire or to discuss his photos and scrapbook...next time, we hope. Many thanks to Reg.
4. **Mike** brought along a selection of 'new' old photos found on Flickr to add to his collection. He encouraged us to look out for activities relating to the Quadrant's 50th anniversary. Last of all, look out for Kate Bretherton's book, "The Remarkable Trees of St Albans" (£14.99)
5. **Show how much you know about Fleetville:** some heated discussion about different photos from across the neighbourhood. Thanks to Howard again for his railway knowledge; we now know what a buffer stop was! More of that in 2011.
6. **Next FD meeting is January 27th 2011** when we will be working with Woodville Ladies on 'Name that Shop': helping Mike to complete his catalogue of shop ownership through to the present day.
7. We were delighted to welcome a number of new people to our gathering. Please spread the word. If any of you have good ideas about how we can go forward with the group, please contact any of the committee members with suggestions.
8. **Instead of having a meeting in December, you are all invited to join in the carol singing on Dec 16th. Check out the FD website for details of times etc.**
9. £14.00 was collected in subs. Funds now total **£52.74**