

Sutton Environment & History Group

Wednesday 6th May 2015

Meetings notes

Rick, Judy, Ann, Liz

1. Last events

Strip Fields & Enclosure in Sutton by Cecelia was fairly well attended (24 people) with a number of new faces, and was a very informative and enjoyable. Her notes and information have been added to the website. Many thanks to Cecelia.

Litter Pick Sunday 3rd May. Once again organised very well by Les, but only 6 people turned up – being a Bank Holiday would not have helped. Les suggested that the Parish Council take on the role of organising in future and get a set of pickers and bin liner hoops. He believes that 3-4 litter picks between October and April each year would keep the problem at bay. Many thanks to Les.

Action: Judy to write to Parish Clerk with the suggestion

2. Finance report by Allen. Current balance **£80.01**

Iron Age Sutton: Income through donations, £57.60. Profit £57.60

Hedgerows: Income £2.00pp & tea/coffee donations, £19.00. Cost - Rebecca train £10. Profit £9.00

Strip Fields: Income £1.00pp & tea/coffee donations, £28.41. Cost - Room £10 Cecelia gift £5. Profit £13.41

3. Next event

River dipping children/family event with Mary Roberts, June 20th 2.00-4.00. Mary will provide the equipment for dipping and the materials for dragonfly, fish and frog making. Drive children & parents up to Wergins Bridge pull-in on the left. River bank on either side of road suitable, depending on cattle and access. Possible to park some cars along the lane on other side of bridge. Parent/carer to accompany children, sensible clothing required. £2.00 per child for activity, plus donations supervised by Allen.

Actions: Rick to design an A5 leaflet, Liz to photocopy (20 copies A5, and 50 copies A6). All put up A5 around village, Marden & Moreton. Smaller versions (70? copies) to be distributed to Sutton school children (Ann?), and Woodville (Allen). Judy advertise in Sutton News and website. Judy check with landowners about access and cattle, and liaising with Mary

4. Forthcoming events

- Tree identification and walk with Mary Roberts, 19th September 2015, ask to be for adults aswell.

Action: All look for suitable walk locations, trees of interest and variety. Judy liaising.

- Rick – Renewable Energy Day, November 2015.

Action: Rick will contact local companies to see if they would be prepared to have a stand in the village hall on a Saturday.

- Nigel Jeffries to do a talk on the History of the Hereford canal on Thursday January 20th 2016. This will be followed up with a walk on the canal route from Withington in the Autumn 2016 with a visit to the Cross Keys pub.
Action: Liz liaising/organising.
- Tim Hoverd. Talk on Saxon and Medieval Sutton, in April/May 2016, and follow it up with an archaeology walk some time later
Action: Judy to ask Tim
- Archives – A joint visit with Moreton and Marden History groups to see the Marden enclosure map at the new archives building HARC
Action: Judy to ask Archives
- ?David Holton at Moreton talks on Hereford place names and interesting churches.

5. Update on Community Plan activities:

- Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. Several meetings held with landowners. Retaining local environment is seen as important. Most people want a village envelope. Liz is liaison
- Neighbourhood Watch. Ann will draft an email to send to all those who expressed an interest in Neighbourhood Watch. The email will explain they can set up their own NW group within their locality, and to let Ann know if they are still interested and provide their locality/address. We/Ann can then put them in touch with each other to take forward. The same information can also be put into Sutton News & onto Website.
Action: Ann draft letter to send round to steering group for comment, then email out to list.

6. World War 1 project. No progress reported

7. Next meetings: To be arranged - Autumn and Spring, first Wednesday of the month, usually 7.30-9.00pm