

Minutes of Carbrooke Heritage Group
19th March 2014 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Angela Weatherill, Cherrill Saunders, Tom and Ros Thurston, Bill Evans, Yvonne and Brian Basford, David and Jenny Saunders, Julia Grover.

Apologies: David Saunders, Helen Riley, Jan Godfrey, Yvonne Jenner.

Footpath Project.

Unfortunately, we have crossed lines with Dawes Estates, although the Manager is ok for us to survey paths, the land owner requires written confirmation of what and where we intend surveying. We will have to put the Fen Lane surveys planned for 10th April 10am on hold until we get confirmation that we have permission.

Trip to Records Office Wednesday 16th April (10am)

There will be about 10 of us, it would be a good idea to phone in advance, as most of us do not have cards – will need to bring a form of identity with us. Also best to decide what we would like to see beforehand, so the staff can have it ready for us.

Carbrooke Enclosure Map, Tithe map, Offley Records (Low Farm)

Consult NROcat to see what is available/useful.

Will need pencils, photos & photocopies can be bought.

WW1 Research

Ed Buscall has offered to see if he has any farm records relating to WW1, although he is very busy at the moment. We could look at the Offley records relating to Low Farm and held at Records Office.

Police records (held at Wymondham) need to quote a particular name of Policeman (available on census records).

Vince Read on Shipdham Lane is a mine of information, and may have family memories. David and Cherrill will approach Enid. Julia Grover has been researching through WW1 copies of Thetford & Watton and found various snippets relating to local area.

Gressenhall may have documents, perhaps we could organise a trip there, and may be able to do some cataloguing for them!

Page Hunton records / Tyrell & Byford. Tom will email Richard Page to see if he has any documents.

Frank Meers has written a very interesting book relating to WW1.

Suggested Future Events

Footpath Project talk (September?)

Display at Patronal Festival 28th/29th June.

WW1 Presentation by Brian from Saham. (November?)

Daytime talk by Helen Riley 'Knights Hospitallers. (Angela to ask)

Ken Godfrey/Julian Horn – WW2 presentation (Angela to ask Jan)

Church Tour with explanation

Forthcoming visits

Angela has been approached by 2 couples (Dorothy & John Johnson from USA, and Graham & Lesley Brighting, from New Zealand) who would like to visit Carbrooke in relation to their Carbrooke ancestors.

Dorothy & John Johnson from USA (James & Elizabeth Sayer) ancestors left Carbrooke early/mid 1800's. Plan to visit 5 or 6th June 2014 (and Woodrising).

Graham & Lesley Brighting, from New Zealand (Henry Thimblethorpe/ Methodist Chapel), ancestors left Carbrooke late 1800's? Plan to visit between 4-12th May 2014.

Have suggested holding an afternoon tea for them in Village Hall, and showing them around our village, Mr King suggested he might be able to show them around school. We have had a number of enquiries into Carbrooke ancestors, and it may be worth sending out a general message of invitation to them to visit at same time.

AOB

Margot Hardy has very kindly photocopied and donated to us, records relating to 'Crown House', possibly one of oldest building in Carbrooke. Angela to write a letter of thanks.

General discussions followed regarding:

Carbrooke Smithy became a garage sometime after WW2

Minns/Parish pit, public could go and get gravel to repair roadways.

Reference to Parish shelter in PCC minutes, possibly to house vagrants or homeless short term, no one had heard of it before.

Next meeting Wednesday 23rd April 7pm in the Village Hall.