

**Minutes of Carbrooke Heritage Group**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> November 2012 7pm in the School.**

**Present:** Angela Weatherill, David Saunders, Yvonne Jenner, Bill Evans, Rene Smith, Tom and Ros Thurston, Cherrill Saunders, Helen Riley.

**Heritage Weekend**, proved very successful, we had people visiting the church for whole weekend, particularly Saturday. The 'Picture Yourself' event was very popular – we can make a DVD of event for sale with pictures and audio. Had several people who expressed an interest in coming along to meetings.

Yvonne/ Valerie have a phone film of unveiling of sign/plough, which can be incorporated into DVD

Fiona Davies, who painted the sign, still has the 2 monks from old sign, and will prepare them and present them to the village.

Sara Dunn has put more paint onto the plough, and wood has been re-varnished to protect it further. There already appear to be rust marks on the plinth, so we may need to consider a cover for the future.

Raised approx. £450 for the weekend.

Perhaps we could hold a '**coffee morning**' open to all, to get people talking together of their memories in a relaxed atmosphere, and record them for posterity. The spring would be a good idea for this.

The Millenium Green/ Village Hall have a Christmas Fayre planned, '**The Spirit of Christmas**'. In its early stages, but sounds like it will be a lovely event. We will get some Heritage books printed for sale.

Perhaps next year we could organise some '**Workshops**'. We can all bring our research interests together for a day, invite the public, to show the sort of things we are interested in and offer help and advice to each other and anybody who expresses an interest.

It would also be useful to hold '**talks**' by inviting guest speakers on a given subject, and asking the public along.

Subjects we may like to consider:

Archaeological History – perhaps Sean Reilly may talk on this subject.

History of the Americans in Carbrooke/ Watton – Ken Godfrey

Carbrooke at War – Jan Godfrey

Sue White – How to go about research and look after artefacts.

Family History – Mark Ward

We would also like to research the history of some of the buildings we have. Margaret Saunders of the Thatched Cottage is particularly interested in our help to research her house. Particular buildings of interest in Carbrooke: Thatched Cottage, Wood Farm, Manor Farm, Old Bake House, Crown House, Carbrooke Hall. It would be lovely to find out more of these buildings.

Perhaps we could organise a trip to the Norwich Records Office with advice from their staff.

Other subjects of interest: St Johns ambulance, Pubs of Norfolk, Norfolk Windmills.

**At the next meeting we will plan a list of events.**

**Angela will write to the PC** as they are planning the 2013 budget. We would like to apply for £200.00 to cover costs for these events, as we would probably have to pay/reimburse speakers/hire premises etc.

Rene Smith, Brian Smith, Chris Jenner and Enid Clarke have been renovating the plaster **Carbrooke Nativity figures'** presented to the church by Rev George Chambers c1928/30. They had got into a very bad state of repair, but now we will be able to use them again. A crib will be set up inside the Church door, hopefully similar to the one in the 'photo' of the figures, for this Christmas.

**The War Memorial renovation:** Brett will not be able to get it done by Remembrance Sunday, so will now leave it until the spring to be completed. There may be one or two other men mentioned on graves in graveyard, and not included upon war memorial.

Whilst digging the trench for the water pipe in the Church, some Mediaeval bones were discovered in the church yard.

**'Snapshot in time'** project to log each house and its occupants, by getting them to take a photo of their house and themselves. Can perhaps build on this further later, to log the history of each house, and get people involved. Will ask in Penny News if residents are willing to do this.

Have discovered some **local road name changes** whilst looking through census', perhaps the enclosure map may help us discover how/why these changes took place. Eg Tun Moor Road – Shipdham Lane/ and where is Widows Lane?

**Calendar for next Christmas sale:** need to start thinking about pictures now. Residents of 'Bradfield House' Caudle Springs are very keen photographers and may consider taking photos around Carbrooke which we could use. – Angela will approach them

15<sup>th</sup> November - Wayland House 7pm - Meeting of Wayland Heritage Group.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm in the school