

Claybrooke Local History & Heritage Group

CHAIR REPORT - YEAR 2008-2009

Interest in the formation of a history group was shown during the development of The Parish Plan in 2007/2008. Creation of an action group during the summer of 2008 led to an inaugural meeting of the Claybrooke Local History & Heritage Group at Claybrooke Village Hall on the 30th September 2008. Those in attendance elected a full committee and our first event was held on the 9th December 2008 with an Evening of Memories created by Brian Benford.

A full 2009 event calendar was advertised in early February, beginning with a fascinating illustrated talk by Susan Tebby on the Mills of Leicestershire. This was followed in March by an invitation to join students at Claybrooke Primary School (which I hope could become an annual event), in April by delivery of a most enlightening talk by Pat Grundy on the subject of tracing family history at the Leicestershire Records Office and most recently tonight by a talk from our own local archaeologist Ben Jeffs. We currently have 21 fully paid up members and I must thank them all for supporting the organised events. I would hope you would agree that our group has got off to a bright and positive start.

Detailed discussion last summer regarding the constitution did turn a significant number of people away but where are those people now? Such necessary formalities have now been concluded; we have a committee, a bank account (albeit with limited funds) and a calendar of events. A higher membership would provide us with greater financial security and event flexibility. I feel that action is needed to promote the group and would welcome ideas from current membership – please talk to me at the end of the meeting or email me.

For our journey so far; I would like to thank Brian Fowler and Trevor Dawes for initial guidance and encouragement – the members of current committee, Pam Scrine (Secretary) and Kay Wilson (Treasurer) for their support this year, Nicholas Jenkins who provided support in the early days especially with setting up the 2009 events calendar – and to Claybrooke School for allowing us to use their hall.

These past few months are just a start. Claybrooke Local History & Heritage Group needs your membership – please continue to support the events and please keep in touch with your committee.

Thank you,

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