

**Bracknell Forest Heritage Forum**  
**Function Room, Easthampstead House, Bracknell**  
**7:30pm. 15<sup>th</sup>. February 2006**

***Meeting Minutes***

Present:

Heather White  
Agostina Hawkins  
Ruth Timbrell  
Mrs Sheila Hasted  
Peter Holmes (Chair as Cllr Iain McCracken not present)  
Cllr. Adrienne Jones  
Cllr. Elizabeth North  
Cllr. Neil Harrison  
Cllr. Alan Kendal

Ken Wells, Thames Valley Police Museum – Guest Speaker  
Alan Thompson – Guest Speaker

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33. Apologies and notices

Apologies from Cllr. Mike Beadsley, Cllr. Iain McCracken, Cllr. Cliff Thompson, Cllr. Jean Bettison, Cllr. Martyn Towle and Brian Cox.

There were no notices.

34. Vote on Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr. Iain McCracken was nominated, uncontested as Chairman and Peter Holmes was nominated as Vice Chairman.

35. Minutes and terms of reference

Ruth Timbrell noted that under point 31, i. Winkfield Street had been written as Winkfield 'High' Street. The 'High' will be removed. **Action**

**Agostina Hawkins**

Minutes were agreed as true.

36. Thames Valley Police History – guest speaker: Ken Wells, Thames Valley Police Museum

1. Ken Wells gave a fascinating talk on the history of Thames Valley Police and the Museum. The Museum is at Sulhampstead, Reading and Ken conducts and tour of the

Museum and Police Training Centre. For opening times and to book a visit please contact Ken at:  
Thames Valley Police Force Training Centre  
Sulhampstead  
Reading  
RG7 4DX  
0118 9325748  
[ken.wells@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ken.wells@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

37. Bracknell's IT history – guest speaker: Alan Thompson  
Alan gave a very interesting talk on the history of Bracknell's IT industry. A small video clip of the Ferranti igloo being built was shown. Alan is interested in talking to anyone who has information on the history of this industry. To contact Alan please email [alan.thompson@iclway.co.uk](mailto:alan.thompson@iclway.co.uk).
38. Heritage Open Days  
Agostina Hawkins gave an update on Heritage Open Days. They fall on 7-10 September 2006. Events organised so far are Newbold College Gardens opening on Sunday 10, Hugh Fitzwilliams will be doing a guided Heritage Trail on Thursday 7 at 10:30am and there will be a small exhibition and activities at Lily Hill Park.  
Agostina asked for further suggestions. Sheila Hasted suggested Easthampstead Church as a possibility and Neil Harrison suggested opening Warfield Church in conjunction with Hugh's walk. If anyone has any further suggestions then please contact Agostina.
39. St Peter's Church  
Ruth Timbrell showed members of the forum photographs she had taken of the church.  
It was noted that the Willis Organ had been destroyed in the fire.
40. Any other business
- Ruth Timbrell pointed out that as a point of interest in Winkfield Conservation Area 'Milberton' was actually an Elizabethan House. Originally it had been known as 'Bowlockes' and there was a description of the house from 1793.
  - Neil Harrison suggested that it would be a good idea to put together a list of buildings that are worthy of attention but have not been listed. He gave the example of a farm house on Warfield Street where there is going to be a development of new houses. This house is very interesting but may be in danger of demolition. Warfield has already started a list.  
HW stated that this was an excellent idea and that parish councils should start doing this for their own areas. Action Parish Councillors to suggest this to their councils.
  - Heather White pointed out that there was a dwindling number of forum members attending the meetings. The timings were

discussed and it was decided that a change of time of day would not help the numbers. Peter Holmes suggested that when the minutes were sent out that suggestions be requested from members as to how to remedy this.

After discussion it was decided to advertise the forum more widely and to ask for further members and to open up to members of the public. Peter Holmes and Neil Harrison suggested writing to various groups and inviting them to attend.

**Action Agostina Hawkins**

41. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is set for Wednesday 21 June 2006. The meeting will be held at 7:30pm in the Function Room of Easthamsptead House.