

Bracknell Forest Heritage Forum

Function Room, Easthampstead House, Bracknell

7:30pm. 18th. October 2006

Meeting Notes

Present:

Cllr. Iain McCracken (Chair)
Lynne Dick
Agostina Hawkins
Ruth Timbrell
Anzir Boodoo
Dr. Peter Holmes (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Martyn Towle
Diane Collins
Cllr. Gill Birch
Alan Thomson
Andrew Hutt

51. Apologies and notices

Apologies from Guy Cole, Cllr. Cliff Thompson, Cllr. Mike Beadsley, Tony Fernandez, Cllr. Martyn Towle, Cllr. Jean Bettison, Kerry Lemon, Cllr. Alan Kendall, Cllr. Elizabeth North, Vera Miller, Colin Hickson, Cllr. Dorothy Hayes, Daphne Harris

There were no notices.

52. Notes, terms of reference and matters arising

There were a couple of amendments to the notes – it was Ruth Timbrell who had been looking at old maps, not Daphne Harris. Other than this the notes were recorded as true.

Anzir Boodoo mentioned that he had passed on information to Agostina Hawkins on how to register a park on the Historic Gardens Register. This was in relation to Lily Hill Park.

53. Heritage Open Days feedback

It was noted that Heritage Open Days 2006 had been a good event for Bracknell Forest. Other comments were that there was too much going

on in a short timeframe so people could not go to it all. Agostina commented that this was the case everywhere as it was the Civic Trust that set the time frame. Peter Holmes asked if we could slip outside the time frame next year to allow a longer period of time. This is a possibility, although matching up with the Civic Trust allows us to tap into their advertising and it is also an internationally acknowledged weekend.

Another comment had been that publicity needed to be better next year. This was acknowledged by all and it is hoped that starting the preparations earlier next year would help with this.

In addition it was asked whether a map could be placed on the leaflet. Several possibilities were given such as giving postcodes so that people could find the locations by going to a route planner on the internet.

54. Museum of Reading Box Scheme

The boxes are now ready and in the loans scheme. Schools can book them out from Spring term. The boxes are:

- Broadmoor – daily life
- Broadmoor – patients and staff
- Bracknell Forest Natural History
- Bracknell New Town – home life
- Bracknell Forest Roman Archaeology
- The Brick Industry

The boxes are available to us during school holidays for events and outreach. Agostina also mentioned the fact that the HLF funding included £2000 for each partner to use for any events that involved the boxes. Members were asked to pass on any ideas for events to Agostina.

Members then looked at the boxes. It was agreed that these were a good resource for schools.

55. February and June meetings 2007

Agostina let everyone know that she would be on maternity leave from January. It was therefore a good idea to try and organise February's and June's meeting.

February's meeting will be dedicated to Heritage Open Days 2007. Anyone interested in organising an event or being involved in any way will be invited to come along. Agostina will also invite someone from the Civic Trust to talk to the group.

Berkshire Record Office have offered to talk to the group about the Broadmoor archives and to host the June forum at the Record Office. This met with an enthusiastic response.

56. Any Other Business

Anzir Boodoo asked about East Lodge and why it had been pulled down. Iain McCracken responded to this and said that it had been subjected to frequent vandalism after it had been vacated by the

Scouts and had become a public safety issue. It had therefore been boarded up and then demolished.

Berkshire Archaeological Society are having their annual meeting at Ranelagh School on March 3rd. They are also planning a survey of the woods and lake down by the Lookout where there was possibly a Roman Road.

Ruth mentioned the milestone outside the Red Lion pub and the fact that it has been defaced. The forum was unsure whether this came under BFBC or Bracknell Town Council but Iain and Gill said they would action this.

Lynne Dick informed the group of her meeting with Daler Rowney. They have a collection of original Daler-Rowney artefacts which they like to take out to schools etc. They have said that they are keen on being involved in Heritage Open Days 2007. There is also the possibility of 3M being involved in Heritage Open Days.

Ruth Timbrell mentioned that there would be an exhibition at St. Mary's Church in Winkfield on 9 March 2007. This would include a film narrated by Michael Palin.

57. Date of Next Meeting

Agostina to circulate a selection of possible dates.