

West Hagbourne Village History Group
Minutes of meeting Monday 3rd November 2008 at Fairview, York Rd.

1. **Present:** Josie Hill, Ted Kendrick, Val Walton, Mary Wiley

Apologies: Jillian Hedges, Eva Pinkava, Sheila Taylor, Linda Thompson

2. **Minutes of meeting 23rd September 2008:** All agreed that minutes were correct-----

.Matters arising:

Village web sites: Sheila has emailed East Hagbourne webmasters about the fire story but has received no reply—story is still the same. Sheila will circulate to members the précis of Pete Anell's book before sending it to the website. The book order form will be updated when Sheila returns from France.

History Group's Board: Michelle Lightfoot has contacted the suppliers of the notice board a second time—it is out of guarantee----waiting for a second response. Sheila has kindly cut the overgrowth back and Michelle is going to get the ivy on the roof sorted.

Planter near pond: Mary has been in contact with Mary Ann who has given a list of sizes and prices of suitable planters. Members felt that the planter supplied by Clark and Spears International of Knaphill, Surrey could be suitable. Price for a 4x2x2 is £98 + vat. Plastic liner £31.50 + vat. Mary will phone Mary Ann to decide whether it is necessary to raise it off the ground. Members agreed to donate £50. Val will contact Phil Taylor with this information.

Chapel Survey: As Sheila has had no response from Andrew Hutt or Stan Hughes she will try to contact the woman who did the survey.

Village Association Lunch: Thanks to Ted for putting photos of the lunch on the Village website.

History of West Hagbourne on C.D. by Malcolm Brownsword: John Baile has put Alan Browse in touch with Malcolm Brownsword as Alan has shown interest in putting together 'before and after' photos of the village on the website.

3 **Treasurer's Report:** none ----Linda not present

4. **Military Museum in Oxfordshire:** We were asked what our thoughts were regarding the Soldiers of Oxfordshire project in Woodstock where there is an exhibition from October 2008 until June 2009. The aim is for the SOFO Research Centre to give information about people of the county and their part in the nation's conflicts. As West Hagbourne was in Berkshire pre 1974 members agreed that we should seek advice. Val will deal with this.

5. **Celebration of St. George's Day-----**History Group's input. Mary suggested that we might produce a fun quizz on know your village. This could be included in the February village news sheet. Answers to be given in May news sheet. Ted suggested a drawing competition of St. George and the dragon for children---5---10 and 11---16. Pictures to be displayed at Upton Village Hall on Sat. 25th April where a social event including a meal takes place. Another idea was to have a photo display which related to some of the questions in the quizz. Eva has agreed to research into the history of St. George and include it in the village news sheet. These ideas and any more which you may have can be discussed at the next meeting with the Village Association on Monday Nov. 17th at Broomsticks.

6. **Next Meeting:** Mon. Nov 17th at 7.30pm at Broomsticks, Main Rd.