

**Minutes of the meeting of St Breward History Group on Wednesday 20 March  
2013 at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Room**

**Present : Roger Winn, chair, Jon Arnold, treasurer, Geoff Burrows, communications, Joy Armstrong, Brian Hill, Val Hill, Nigel Mitchell, Shirley Runnalls, Pam Ternouth, Trevor Ternouth, Mike Lewis**

**Apologies : Val and Tony Bertenshaw, Hazel Burrows, David Eno, Rebecca Evans and Arthur Welch.**

Roger welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The minutes of the meeting on 20 February 2013 were accepted – proposed by Trevor Ternouth and seconded by Val Hill.

**Matters arising** from the minutes :

Jon Arnold and Brian Hill have visited Mrs Grace Masters twice during the month and have been given invaluable information regarding the photographs taken by her husband during 1927 and 1928. Jon and Trevor Ternouth will be visiting her again, we hope, on the 27 March for another session. During their last visit, Geoffrey Masters had been present and had expressed his willingness for Jon and Co to pay him a visit, too.

Brian Hill gave a short update about work on the Institute and War Memorial Hall. He announced the news that Garfield Weston had been generous enough to give the Institute committee £3,000 towards the refurbishment of the Lower Room. £7,000 more is needed to complete the work. Veronica Stansfield has two more grant applications in the ‘pipeline’ and she hopes she will get decisions in the next month.

Jon Arnold, Brian Hill and Roger Winn had visited Camelford Museum (which has been closed) and Sally Holden, the proprietor, had handed over to them many artefacts, photos, etc. for us to put in St Breward archive.

Geoff Burrows reported that he, Hazel Burrows and Veronica Stansfield have organised two quizzes with prizes of two Easter eggs for the St Breward Market Day. Entry will cost 50p. A float will be needed and Jon Arnold will arrange this. Set-up is Friday evening (22<sup>nd</sup> March) ready for the following day. Jon Arnold will put a slide show of some of our photographs on the tv screen to entertain visitors to Market Day.

**Treasurer’s Report** – the current balance is £946.93.

Val Hill agreed to be secretary of the Group.

**WW1 Exhibition** - There was considerable discussion about the proposed exhibition to be organised jointly by the Institute and War Memorial Committee and St Breward History Group, entitled 1914 and Beyond – the Effect of the Great War on the Parish of St Breward. Val reported that Ivor Chivers had suggested the exhibition should be open to the public two days a week from Easter 2014 until September 2014. Concern was expressed that this would prove to be difficult to organise and that we would find

it very hard to get people to commit to such an amount of time. Worries were raised about security for artefacts, etc.

The schedule of ideas for research which had been circulated by e-mail was discussed and names added to the volunteer list. This will be updated by Geoff Burrows and returned to Veronica.

It was agreed that contributions from surrounding villages – Blisland and St Tudy in particular – would be most welcome. In this regard, Joy Armstrong produced several interesting photographs and documents from St Tudy that Brian agreed to scan and return to her.

We discussed how we might display such an exhibition and currently it was thought we would need display screens, tables, and a display cabinet which could be locked for artefacts.

**Any other business** - Roger Winn reported that he had visited Launceston Museum to see what kind of exhibition they would like us to put on. It would be contained in a secure cabinet, with shelves, 6ft x 5ft8ins x 19ins. The Museum would like us to display artefacts, photos, etc., about the clay industry on Bodmin Moor in September 2013. They will send Roger a letter with confirmation.

Geoff Burrows reported that Ian Thompson of the Milestones Society had been in contact and would be happy to give a talk to the Group in the Autumn.

Trevor Ternouth said that Val and Brian Jacobs would be pleased to come and give a talk with slides on places in Cornwall – also in the Autumn.

Pamela Bousfield has told Geoff Burrows of Trevor Colman who has written several stories about St Breward and Geoff has e-mailed inviting Trevor to come to one of our meetings.

Geoff Burrows said that he thought it would be a useful idea if a list of members' research/interests was collated, so that knowledge could be shared. If you send Geoff a note about what you are/have been working on, he will draw up a list. Hopefully this will avoid us duplicating research.

**Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall**