Horsley Heritage Group: MEETING NOTES

The 2nd meeting of the Horsley Heritage Group ('HH') was held on Thursday 18th April 2024 in the East Horsley Parish Office.

Present: Robert Barnard (RB), Clare Clinton (CC), June Davey (JD), Stephen Groom (SG), James Harper (JH), Steve Harvey (SH), Sally Ollett (SO), Roy Proctor (RP), Robbi Robson (RR), Robert Taylor (RT).

Absent: Paul Dodgson (PD), Ian Millership (IM), Stephen Skinner (SS).

MAIN POINTS:

1. Update on the document archive

RT explained that secure storage for the HHG document archive is now established in the first floor EHPC parish office. SG is assisting on archiving arrangements.

2. Update on initial contact meetings:

An initial meeting was held by RT & SS with the Rector of St Martins Church on 20th March 2024 and a note has been circulated. A meeting was also held by RT on 11th April with a trustee of Cobham Heritage (SO), who has now agreed to join HHG.

3. Ideas for discussion:

a) Historic England blue plaque

The idea of a Historic England blue plaque was discussed for Ada Lovelace, to be installed outside the home of her later years, Horsley Towers. A project team of RB*, SH & RT was agreed to develop this idea further. *[*Volunteered to be meeting co-ordinator].*

b) Horsley Heritage blue plaques

The idea of erecting a number of Horsley Heritage blue plaques outside selected heritage buildings across the Horsleys was also discussed. A project team of JD*, SO, RR, JH & RT was agreed to develop this concept further.

c) Horsley Heritage walks

The idea of HHG hosting heritage walks in the Horsleys was discussed, with the suggestion that the first walk might be timed to coincide with National Heritage Open Days during the period 6-15th September 2024. A project team of RB*, CC, JD & RP was agreed to develop this idea.

d) D-Day anniversary

CC explained that WHPC will be hosting an afternoon tea to commemorate D-Day at WHP. SH will contact Peter Poole, a child refugee in EH during WW2, to try and arrange an interview for the EHPC newsletter when he visits St Martin's Church in June for the D-Day service.

4. Website Update

SH reported on an estimate obtained for developing a separate website for HHG. However, it was agreed to defer progressing with this idea until the website requirements of HHG have become clearer. A simple information page of HHG should now be progressed for the EHPC and WHPC websites.

5. Planning updates

RT had previously distributed a planning consultation submission made recently by EHPC concerning the planning variations proposed for the approved apartment block in the grounds of Thatchers' Hotel, which would have significance for the street scene in this heritage-sensitive area.

6. Notice board

HCPS have offered to donate their existing Notice Board in Kingston Avenue to HHG. HHG material to be displayed on this board will need to be assembled. SH has offered a Chown home advertisement from the 1930's for inclusion here.

NEXT MEETING

The next HHG meeting is proposed for Thursday 13th June 2024 in the EH Parish Office. Project teams should meet as arranged by their co-ordinators. (NB: could RT and PD be copied on project team e-mails.)

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