

Minutes WW1 Centenary meeting

19.4.18

Present: Simon Stokes (St. M & St. C) Michaels Graves (Gage Rd Chapel), Ian Moncur (Chairman Town Council), Dean Akrill (St. M & St. C), Alistair McDougall (Scouts), Bill Sayer (Scouts), Ken Lashley (Sprowston Town Council), Rosemary Clarke (St. Cuthbert's), Roy Hill, Valerie Hill (British Legion).

Apologies: Karen Goldsworthy, Chris Anderson, Val Kibble, Kirsty Deary, Stephen Butterfield (Boys Brigade Captain)

The following comments pick up on tasks from the previous meeting:

- Dean has written a short piece for parish magazine asking for personal stories/artefacts – awaiting responses. People already shown interest in the performance. Dean will contact Norwich community choir (Alistair mentioned they have said they are available).
- Sparhawk - under way
- ARC – under way
- Kirsty contacting library?
- Chris Anderson confirmed RAF is happy to go in to school if and when asked.
- Air Cadets?
- Philip to liaise with Bill to arrange school poster competition. Simon has spoken to Sparhawk, Cecil, Falcon and Sprowston Junior who all wish to be involved. Valerie offered crosses/poppies if required for school use.
- Ken working on contacting the Regiment museum
- Alistair has contacted film archive – dvd has been produced – he has a copy. Could be played on loop during the event – must not be charged to view. (DVD must be returned).
- Peter Sneddon confirmed Sprowston Heritage has been handed over to the council, therefore council may need to be asked to organise a print run of the book. Ken was asked to follow this through. We need to confirm exactly who owns what rights so we know who to check with regards using the book material for display.
- Ken has contacted Val Kibble from the history group – she was uncertain what was required - Michael Graves will talk to her again.
- Avenue of trees – path near play area at Wilkes farm drive – potential but may not take all the trees. Ian confirmed a plaque would be arranged so people understood what the trees represent.

- Bill Sayers showed examples of suggested flyers for the schools to design. A4 better than A5. Children's designs would be superimposed with text giving info about arrangements in Sprowston. Philip and Bill will continue the discussion and decide on a way forward.
- Ian will talk to June about coordinating events in the Diamond Centre.
- Alistair showed samples of the poppies that the scouts are making. Alistair will prepare them to be finished at camp.
- Simon will email the list of WW1 names to Alistair and Ken.
- Ian asked about restoring the memorial at St. Cuthbert's. Val will investigate funding sources for this work. Val will approach a professional company to cost repairs. Simon and the council will work together on this.
- Val mentioned the GP (Grand Parade) 90 where Norfolk standard bearers will join many others at the Menin Gate. The schools will be involved in writing the card which will be on the wreath taken by the Sprowston representatives.
- The peal of bells may be supplemented by beacons being lit across the country.
- Rosemary suggested the poppies (from the scouts) and wooden crosses with the battle names could line the path to St. M & M. By the porch a wheelbarrow (or Bier) could be used to display the poppies (spilling over). Sprowston Hub could be approached to make the crosses – Rosemary will talk to Toni at the Hub.
- Rosemary will speak to Norfolk Knitters to make knitted poppies for the St. Cuthbert's memorial.

Simon thanked everyone for attending

Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th June 5pm

St. Cuthbert's