

Minutes of Local Interest Group meeting 28th August 2014

Present: Mo Lloyd (ML), Sue Ievers (SI), Carol Gibbs (CG), Peter & Pauline Spode (PS x 2), Dainis & Wendy Ozols (DO WO), Richard and Tracey Martin (RM TM), Sue Farmer (SF), Margaret Herdman (MH), Mollie & Geoff Moore (MM GM), Evelyn & John Bally (JB EB), Avryl & Roy Lloyd (AL RL), Grace Davies (GD)

Apologies were received from Deri Jones, Jess Fromant (JF), Diana Balm, John Ievers.

ML opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She reiterated that there would be no membership required and that the group would be an informal one.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

- Churchyard grave inscriptions – ML has CDs of those in Bryngwyn, Llanbedr and Adullam churchyards. These are available for people to borrow.
- Website – JF sent her apologies for absence. She says that it would cost £3/month to host a website through her ISP. We would need to have a clear idea of what we want before we embark on this.
- County Archives Visit – ML has arranged for us to visit the County Archives on Monday, 15th September. Places are limited to 14 people. Those indicating that they would like to go: ML SF CG RM GM MM PSx 2 DO WO DJ RL AL GD and possibly JF. WO offered to withdraw if there are too many prospective participants.
- Kilvert Diary – ML currently has all 3 volumes on loan from the library. It is very well indexed, which is most useful.
- Information Board – WO has asked MM, who did not know what was on the board, but has not yet spoken to Brenda Jones.

Short Pieces about People's Houses

SF – The Oaks: On Mill Road, built by Southgate of Hay June 1895. Could have been added on to an old longhouse, so possibly much older in parts. Mentioned by Kilvert in his diary.

SI – New House, Bryngwyn: A document found in the house dating from 1807. House could have been built above a hovel. Still more to find out, eg from John Lloyd.

CG – Llewetrog Old Farmhouse: Bought from the Abberleys. CG has researched meaning of the name. Alternative of Llawedrog also used on some documents. Existed in 1610 and certainly people living there in late 1700s (memorial in Llanbedr Church). Original longhouse, half of which was modernised in 1820. Old part has original beams. CG to research further.

RM – Goblaen House: Built by Webbs from Hay in about 1900. Replaced an older house. It is certainly marked on the earliest OS map, and RM has found it on a map from 1700s (on internet). House name has a different spelling on every map! Barn has two examples of old graffiti (TW 1819 and IM 1838). RL believes that house may have burned down at some stage. Further research to be done.

EB – The Lane: Main house dates from 1689 and EB believes that stone from a Norman castle was used in its building as there are Norman stones in the attic wall. Initials and a date from 1600s are engraved on the door. Barns burned down in 1966 but no damage was done to house. EB has copies of the deeds from a variety of dates.

DO – Cruck Barn: House is only 4 years old, but barn obviously much older and probably dates from late 1700s. Part of the Upper House site (Upper House dates from 1410 and is of great importance historically and is well documented). A cruck frame has been built into the back of the house to mimic those found in Upper House. In 1919, Upper House and its land were auctioned off by the Penybont Estate.

RL – Old Shop, Painscastle: When the floor was being dug up for refurbishment in 1970s, a complete horse was found buried under the kitchen. This house is also a cruck frame house.

AL – Pendre: Dates from late 16th century in parts, with additions in the 17th century.

MM – Brought to the meeting a large number of scrapbooks relating to the local area and its people which had been put together by Pat Taylor. SF added to these after Pat died. They cover the period 1975-1985 and are available for people to see.

U3A Lost Farms and Villages Group Visit to Painscastle

ML told those present about a visit by this group which has been organised for 5th November and asked whether anyone present would like to help, with information, as a guide or in any other way. The idea is to walk around the village to look at the old buildings, castle, etc and also to visit the 4 farms, two of which are still working (Pendre and Castle) and one (New House) with land and large barns mostly outside of the village. Please let ML know if you would like to be part of the day.

AOB

DO – can scan photos and A4 documents for people if they do not have their own facilities.

DO - please would people consider responding to the Council Plans to reclassify both Painscastle and Rhosgoch, from villages to rural settlements.

Next Meeting

Date of next meeting will be Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm. This will be held at Adullam Hall. ML suggested that this should take the form of a display giving people the opportunity to look at the interesting documents that people have. Bring a magnifying glass to assist viewing. Items for display to include:

MM – Scrapbooks, EB – Deeds, RL – Tithe Maps, Diary, Census information, ML – Census info, MH – “Bits and Bobs”.

The meeting closed at about 10pm.