

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Meeting Tuesday 19 June at 9.15 am At 7 Bernard Crescent, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, Brian Holmes, John Maiden, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** Anthony Gooch.
2. **Minutes of Meeting** held on Tuesday 9 May were approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report** and matters arising.
 - Stade Developments (Hastings) had submitted a planning application for an **additional serving hatch** for the Pier Amusements Centre. After a brief discussion it was **decided to oppose** the application on the grounds that the building should not exist at that site.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Not available due to absence of Treasurer for family reasons.
5. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** JM reported that there was a Joint Management Committee for the QEII Fields Challenge project, consisting of three Town Councillors and three Borough Councillors. He thought that a joint approach could be made by Cruso & Wilkin (managers of the Le Strange estate) and the Civic Society to persuade Cllr Nockholds to agree that the lower part of the Green should be included in the QEII Fields Challenge.
6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB reported that research into H G Ibberson and the carstone houses was progressing towards a leaflet intended for September's Heritage Open Days. AM requested that an **interim version of the leaflet** be produced for the next Committee Meeting.
7. **Hunstanton In Bloom Update.**
 - **Railway Garden.** SB reported that the railway sleepers would shortly be installed and that students (or volunteers) would be helping with the planting of the new garden.
 - **Spinney.** Most people wanted it to stay the same.
 - **Trees on the Green.** For discussion with Richard Fisher, newly appointed Tree Officer.
 - **"American Connections"**. (An NCC programme operating between 4 July and Thanksgiving Day). JM was liaising with USAF Mildenhall for the 60th anniversary of the 1953 floods. He had proposed that a pathway through the Esplanade Gardens should be named "Reis Leming Way" in honour of the American airman from the 67th Squadron at USAF, Sculthorpe who saved the lives of 29 people in Hunstanton on the night of 31 January 1953. (SB had received an e-mail from Cllr Liz Watson agreeing to the idea). Reis Leming and his wife would be visiting Norfolk in the next few months to take part in celebrations at USAF Mildenhall for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the 67th

Squadron at Sculthorpe. JM would approach BA or Virgin Atlantic for help to enable him to fly business class.

- **In Bloom Judging Day.** This would be on Tuesday 10 July in the afternoon. Helpers would be needed to stand by the gardens.
- 8. Arrangements for Civic Day, Carnival, Henry Styleman le Strange's Anniversary, Fossil Hunt, Railway Exhibition.**
- **Civic Day, 23 June.** JM would be leading a 1.1/2 hour walk at 2.00 pm from the Tourist Information Centre.
 - **Carnival 24 June.** HCS would have a stall on the Green. AM would provide a table and chair and Ken Lawson had offered to loan his gazebo. Leaflets would be available and display boards showing our activities.
 - **Henry Styleman le Strange Anniversary.** BH had obtained three framed portraits of Henry, one each for the Town Hall, the Tourist Information Centre and the Golden Lion. They would be unveiled by Michael Meakin, Kath Fryer and Mary Rhodes. BH hopes to present each "unveiler" with a small version of the original. The three original portraits had cost £200 in total and the small versions would be £19 each. BH had designed a leaflet giving a brief history of Henry, which he thought could be sold at 50p from 27 July, the anniversary of his death, any unsold leaflets being available thereafter from the TIC. BH had obtained a quotation of £90 for printing. SB suggested he get a quotation for printing from the Borough Council and with his agreement she would ask her husband to arrange it. At the portrait unveiling ceremony on 27 July in the Town Hall, BH would like to present everyone with a fridge magnet version of Henry's portrait, produced at a cost of 55p each. Lisa Powell had compiled a list of dignitaries to whom invitations might be sent. BH had invited various clubs, hoping they would make a contribution to the evening. He wondered whether we should hold a commemorative service. The idea was not taken up. Kath Fryer was keen to take questions after her presentation. She had suggested a "Victorian Sketch" but the idea had been rejected. Michael Meakin was lending two family albums for the evening and John Smith was presently working on improving the quality of the photographs. Three display stands would be required for the items. JM would promote the event through his Turnstone Lynn News column.
 - **Fossil Hunt.** 1st August. As previous years, helpers were required, to meet at the steps by the cliffs before 10.30 am wearing high-viz jackets.
 - **Railway Exhibition.** 1-4 October, Town Hall. BH needed help. He would also require two display boards, 4ft x 32ft .
- 9. Date of next Committee Meetings:** Tuesdays 10 July, 14 August.