

ORAL HISTORY

We are currently in the process of setting up an oral history project and looking for more volunteers to have their memories recorded. We are hoping to build up an archive that covers recent as well as recent memories. If you are interested then please contact Sue McCarroll on 01296 680403.

COMMITTEE

The Group is run by a committee. If you would like to get involved or find out more details then either see a committee member during an event or contact us on:
wingheritage@gmail.com

Chair: Sarah Roe
Secretary: Sally Barnes
Treasurer: Heather Buttle
Publicity: Kevin Stevens and Steve Barnes
Other committee members: Elaine Lavery,
Pauline Hey, Polly Fleet-Palmer, Sue McCarroll,

Family History—Heather Buttle
Archaeology—Sarah Roe
History— Pauline Hey

If you would like to join the group or thinking of joining the committee, why not come along to the AGM, see what we have achieved this year, plans for next and meet the volunteers behind the scenes!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is still free, however, there may be some charges for talks and other events to cover our costs. If you have not yet joined the group then please visit our website at www.wingheritage.org or see a member of the committee at one of our events.

FUTURE EVENTS

5 December—Finds Day, All Saints' Church, Wing

11 December—Xmas Social drinks, The Cock, 8pm

2016

18 January—AGM and Social drinks. Agenda and January 2015 Minutes attached.

NEXT YEAR

At the meeting in the new year we will be planning events for next year, these are some of the ideas:-

Trips—Aylesbury Museum, Rousham House, Ascott House, Walk around Aylesbury, Walk around Wing, Aylesbury Heritage Day, Leighton Buzzard Heritage Day.

Events—Straw plaiting talk, Family History Society, Bucks Archaeology Building Group, Leighton Buzzard District Historic and Archaeological Society, Summer Social, talk on Wing, WWI exhibition, Finds Day.

SUPPORTER SHOP

We now have a small stock of Wing Heritage Group products ranging from pencils to t-shirts. These will be on sale during our events. We are hoping to expand these next year.

Email: wingheritage@gmail.com
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FOUND

Wing Heritage Group's Annual Finds Day

Come and see the results of the 2015
archaeological digs around Wing
Saturday 5th December
10am - 12pm
Wing Church

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R.A.F. WING ARCHAEOLOGY



Help build a picture of the airfield as it was, and as it is today!



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AGM 18TH JANUARY 2016

THE COCK INN, 8pm- 8.30pm

WING HERITAGE GROUP INVITES YOU TO THEIR 3RD AGM.

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. APPROVAL OF LAST AGM MINUTES
4. CHAIR REPORT
5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNTS 31/12/2015
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
CHAIR
TREASURER
SECRETARY
7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE, 5 MEMBERS

Social drinks will follow the AGM, a chance to catch up after Christmas and see what we have planned for the next year!

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Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society



AGM 26th January 2015 8.00 pm at the Cock Inn, Wing

MINUTES

Present:

Sarah Roe, (Chair), Heather Buttle (Treasurer), Sally Barnes (Secretary), Pauline Hey (from LBD AHS), Colin Crooks, Kate Crooks, Elaine Lavery, Sue McCarroll, Malcolm Oliver, Kevin Stevens

1. The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from Simon Binns and Polly Fleet-Palmer.
3. The **Minutes** of the last AGM were approved.
4. **Chair report:** In January 2014 the Wing Heritage Project became the Wing Heritage Group with a committee rather than just Martin and myself running it. What has followed has been another amazing year following on from 2013.

Archaeology

Sadly, we lost Martin from the village this year though he has completed a few test pits as well as the Finds Day. Martin had previously reported that we had found more Saxo-Norman finds this year than previously that seemed to concentrate on the High Street/Stewkley Road area. In 2015 we are hoping to excavate more around here.

We have also been very lucky to have a substantial grant from the Mick Aston Fund through the Council for British Archaeology and English Heritage. This money is for all new equipment as Martin has had to take back all of his that he kindly lent us for the year.

We are in the process of sorting out the digs for 2015 so watch this space!

History

The adoption by committee has led to some exciting changes this year, one of them being the introduction of more historical based events. The WWI display in November was a huge success with more of that type of thing requested for 2015. We have also been to various events around the village including the Carnival, Xmas Fete and hold a monthly Library morning. We have attracted more people to the group and also have had information passed to us as well as other bits and pieces from local people helping us to piece together more of the history. This has led to the proposed changes for 2015 and the introduction of Working Parties so that we can carry out much more.

We have also been able to help Alex Coles and her One Place Study on the men of Wing in WWI by obtaining the wills of various soldiers that have just been released through a grant by Wing Parish Council.

Walks

Elaine and myself carried out the successful walks again this year as well as another which was booked by the U3A in Aylesbury that raised funds for the group. There was also a walk that we carried out for Cottesloe history teachers to allow them to see what local history we had in Wing as the History curriculum for Year 7 upwards has changed to include Local History.

MK Archaeology Fair and Finds Day

Myself and Simon attended the MK Archaeology Fair for the morning, unfortunately it clashed with our WWI event! It was very successful and we had a fair bit of interest. Simon has come up with some really interesting ideas for our displays concentrating more on the Anglo-Saxon period.

Our Finds Day was also very successful with the County Museum, Portable Antiquities and one of the metal detectorists from the village. Martin announced the exciting news regarding the digs in 2014 and that we felt that we were getting close to the Anglo-Saxon settlement.

I would like to finish by thanking the committee, Martin, Simon, Richard Gem, Paul, Jenny, all our volunteer diggers for all their help and commitment during 2014. This report doesn't really cover all the hard work, organisation, meetings and everything else that goes on behind the scenes to make all of this possible, and without all of these volunteers helping we would not be able to have achieved half of what we have done in 2014. So a big thank you to everyone involved!

5. Treasurer's Report and Final Accounts to 31.12.2014: The Treasurer circulated a copy of the Annual Accounts to the meeting and commented that the Accounts reflected a healthy credit balance after the year's activities. The Mick Aston Archaeology Fund grant (to be credited in January) would increase the balance by £916 and facilitate the purchase of essential equipment to ensure the continuation of the archaeological test pit digs for 2015. The insurance would need to be renewed in May. Pauline raised the issue of auditing our books however as Wing Heritage Group charity there was no requirement to appoint auditors. This would be reviewed if the situation ever changed.

6. Election of the Committee: Sarah Roe as Chair, Heather Buttle as Treasurer and Sally Barnes as Secretary all agreed to continue as such.

7. Election of the Committee: Members Steve Barnes, Pauline Hey, Elaine Lavery and Sue McCarroll all agreed to continue as Members. Polly Fleet-Palmer, who officially became a Committee Member in November 2014 would be asked if she wished to continue.

8. Set up of Working Groups: The Chair explained that 5 groups would be created in order to discuss particular subjects and report back to the main Committee. This should have the effect of shortening the Committee Meetings and enable other interested parties who were not Committee Members to participate in Wing Heritage Group activities. She called on volunteers from the table to join the following groups:

a) Archaeology: This would include test pit digging, geophysics and field walking: Pauline Hey, Simon Binns, Katie and Colin Crooks and Sarah Roe.

b) History: This would include research into commemorative anniversaries as themes of projects and involvement of schools:
Sally Barnes, Elaine Lavery, Pauline Hey, Sarah Roe and Sue McCarroll.

c) Family History: This would include answering queries from the community and liaising with Alex Coles in New Zealand (creator of the One Place Study on Wing). Some of this research could take place in the Library on a designated first Saturday morning of the month when WHG would normally be holding a "Pop In" morning. Test pit digs should be avoided on that day, and maybe planned for the next day, Sunday:
Heather Buttle, Katie and Colin Crooks, Elaine Lavery, Sue McCarroll.

d) Fundraising: This would involve filling in application forms for grants. Each working group may have ideas for fundraising concerning their individual topics which could be forwarded to the main Committee. This would include the creation of posters, and WHG souvenirs to generate income. The pencils had begun to make a profit and there was some discussion about whether to produce T-shirts/tops to sell. (It was decided to initially offer them to the full list of WHG members.) Steve Barnes mentioned the possibility of printing on leather coasters. Malcolm Oliver suggested printing drawings of Wing buildings. Pauline mentioned that LBD AHS produced cards with local scenes for sale:
Heather Buttle, Sarah Roe.

e) Publicity: Poster design and general publicity for all events by the group rather than the separate committees doing their own:
Kevin Stevens, Steve Barnes.

It was suggested that each Working Group would meet up before the 23rd February, the date of the next Committee Meeting in order to discuss projects for the year.

9. Any Other Business:

a) Sally Barnes mentioned the "Challenge" that had been set by Buck County Museum at the December Finds Day. A gold mourning ring with the inscription "MORTUI MONENT MORI WH" had been displayed in the library and the challenge was to identify "WH". The ring had been found around Wing and roughly dated to between 1650 and 1720. Further investigation would be made.

b) Council Grants: Sarah informed the Committee that this year the Council Grants would be given out in April, earlier than usual.

c) Sally mentioned that, following an enquiry to find a photo of Jack Wilfred Gardiner, the search had led to the whereabouts of Michael Warth, the author of Wings Over Wing. Pauline would enquire whether LBD AHS had his current address following the publication of the "Q Central" book in which he was mentioned. Sarah said there was the possibility that WHG could continue the research / an update of Wings Over Wing could be produced following the availability of new information.