

Saffron Walden Museum Society

Report to Museum Management Working Group

15th May, 2008

The Management Committee met on 29th February, and on 24th April, 2008. Saffron Walden Museum Society Limited held its first meeting on 1st April, 2008.

Museum Society

Richard Wallace, Chairman, has moved to East Sussex and has indicated that it is likely that he will have difficulties in attending future meetings. He intends to resign as a Trustee at the Annual General Meeting of the Museum Society on 8th August, 2008.

Vice-Chairman Edwin Planterose has resigned as Vice-Chairman and as a Trustee of the Museum Society after many years' service. Tony Watson has accepted nomination to hold this position until the AGM in August.

Retirement of Education Officer

The Museum Society has been concerned to show its wholehearted support for the educational role of the museum. Jenny Gibsone, the Education Officer, was due to retire in May. With the UDC embargo on all recruitment, her immediate replacement would not take place. The Management Committee therefore made proposals effective until 31st March, 2009 to endeavour to ensure an immediate replacement, subject to an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding being obtained from UDC.

The Museum Society Management Committee has marked the occasion of Jenny Gibsone's retirement with a gift.

Saffron Walden Museum Society Limited (MS Ltd)

Saffron Walden Museum Society Limited is now registered with the Registrar of Companies, and has received the Certificate of Incorporation dated 10th January, 2008; company number 6469141. The company has also been registered as a charity with the Charity Commission from 14th March, 2008; registration number 1123209.

MS Ltd, at its first meeting on 1st April, drew up a programme of matters to be dealt with which it advised to the Management Committee meeting on 24th April; this will include a re-consideration of the allocation of responsibilities in the re-structured organisation. On the 24th April, the Trustees agreed the Resolution to be recommended to the Annual General Meeting of the Museum Society. This provided for the transfer of all of the Museum Society's assets to MS Ltd, and also authorised the officers to sign the appropriate documentation.

The Management Committee has also agreed that the first Annual General Meeting of Saffron Walden Museum Society Limited would be held immediately after the final AGM of the Museum Society on 8th August, 2008.

Marketing and Publicity

Regrettably it appears Ms Lister is unable to continue her involvement with the Museum Society. An approach has been received from another volunteer who may be able to assist in these areas.

Events programme

The Society's programme of talks has been completed to the end of 2008. A visit has been arranged to the Stockwood Park Discovery Centre, near Luton, which includes a personally guided tour by Jonathan Dick of the Mossman Carriage Collection; this will be on 22nd July at the very reasonable cost of £17.50; members of reciprocal organisations and non-members pay a slightly higher amount. A further visit is planned for the summer months.

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