

## **Liskeard Unlocked 2018**

### **7pm Thursday 1 February in the Mayor's Parlour**

Present: Councillors Rachel Brooks (Chair), Sue Pike, Sue Shand and Christina Whitty, Rachel Bennett (Stuart House), Brian Oldham (Museum / Cornwall Archaeological Society) and Yvette Hayward (LTC)

#### Apologies:

Jane McCutchan (St Martins Church) – the church will still be closed to the public for refurbishment works in September, although the bell ringers are allowed in to ring the bells

Liz Wigley and Helen Gardiner (Methodist Church) – would like to take part again this year

### **1 Heritage Open Days developments nationally**

- Greater focus on people, stories and inclusiveness “Helping the nation to share the stories that made us who we are.”
- Women and power theme - centenary of (partial) women's suffrage – this will also be a National Trust wide theme for the year
- Two weekends - 6-9 & 13-16 September
- Network between coordinators

### **2 Ideas from our evaluation of LU 2017**

#### School/children's involvement

Few children completed the trail last year – for better take up we could try and work with schools prior to the event. Possibilities:

- Link with Golden Tree's Cornish Christmas activities
- Contact schools in the summer term – possibly aim to work with Y6 after SATs or holiday event
- Link with Liskeard SCC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations (Community Day 21 September)
- Work with home schooled children

Actions: Liskeard School- RBr, SP      Hillfort – SP      St Martins – CW  
Home school – RBr, SS, YH

#### Creative involvement

Outputs from the workshops were great but the take up was low.

- Run shorter sessions
- Take them out to people and places – schools / Liskeard Community Action party in the park

#### Business involvement

Consider how we can use the event to bring economic benefit to the town – increased footfall etc

Shop posters giving history of that trade in Liskeard

Links between old businesses/trades (especially those prominently featuring women) and current buildings and businesses.

### 3 Planning specifics for LU 2018

- a) Dates **13-16 September chosen** (*NB Looe Music festival is 21-23 Sept*)
- b) Possible buildings (How do we capture the stories of people who visit?)
- Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlour and Long Room (booked Friday (not LR) and Saturday)
  - Pendean (BO – life in service?)
  - Masonic Hall (RBe – women in war/lady's lodge?)
  - Cornish Times (BO – own history and records/stories of women running linked businesses in town ie newspaper/photographer)
  - Methodist Church (YH – women ministers?)
  - Museum (BO – Thursday evening special opening after walk)
  - Stuart House (RBe – women owners/in the Civil War/in service)
  - Pipewell (link to trades who may have used it?)
  - Shops – Goldsworthys / Philip Warren at Oughs / Dunamis
  - Mortuary (YH)
  - Trevillis House
  - Trewithan
- c) Other activities (including reaching a wider audience)

#### Walks

Thursday 13 Sept – Brian Oldham finishing at the museum with late night opening

Tina Hitchings contacting Calum Beeson about a geological walk

#### Women and power - themes

Emily Hobhouse

World War I – Dorothy Foster and others (Dave Howard has done research)

Women in Business (BO has research on women who ran businesses in the town) (YH – ask Jane Pascoe about old records for Chamber of Commerce/Liskeard Show)

Liskeard Women Mayors (First in 1935) (YH – ask Roger Holmes about research)

Groups of women – land girls / Bal maidens / contract knitters/ women in service / nurses

#### Other

Film/audio – record stories of 'women who influenced me'

Appeal to the public for photographs/stories of particular people who lived or worked in buildings

Graveyard event (St Martins or Lanchard – link to war graves and 100 years of remembrance)  
Escape room event (Liskeard Locked?)  
Network with Looe or Launceston (SP will speak to Armand Toms)

#### **4 Next steps and date of next meeting**

Thursday 1 March at 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour

Agree publicity / branding (doors / door furniture / windows and architectural features)

Agree trades and buildings to feature