

## Liskeard Unlocked 2018 (13 - 16 September)

7pm Tuesday 5 June in the Mayor's Parlour

Present: Councillors Rachel Brooks (Chair), Roger Holmes and Christina Whitty, Brian Oldham (Museum/Cornwall Archaeological Society/OCS), Liz Wigley (Methodist Church), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House), Tony Piper (St Martin's Church), Sue Pike and Yvette Hayward (LTC)

Apologies: Councillors Sally Hawken and Sue Shand

### 1 Buildings

Saturday is to be the core day – aim for as many buildings as possible open then.

- Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlour and Long Room (booked Friday 10am – 2.30pm (not LR) and Saturday 10am – 3pm) – focus on former lady mayors.
- Pendean – Thursday 11am – 3pm. Focus on life in service/household servants. Has offered tours by appointment on other days – how should these be arranged – **Brian** to check?
- Masonic Hall – Letter sent to Norman Rundle (secretary) but no response yet
- Cornish Times – Hazel Bradley has just retired. **Mandy** to contact her replacement to confirm participation and days. Kerenza did a great presentation to the Town Forum with copies of the first edition – would something similar be possible. Invite them to the next planning meeting. Would they be willing to open the archive room? Could they make links with women printers in the town's history (Brian has info), or printing through the ages?
- Methodist Church – Fri and Sat 10am – 1pm (Liz looking for volunteers to extend into the afternoon on Sat) focus on early women ministers and school teachers – Junk Food lunch on Fri. **Form to follow**
- Museum - Thursday evening opening 6.30 – 9pm with refreshments
- Stuart House – Thurs, Fri and Sat 9.30am – 3.30pm. Secret passage open. Exhibition on Susan Carthew former resident of the house until 1876. Volunteers needed for the Saturday opening.
- Pipewell – Sat 10am – 3pm staffed by Sue Pike and John Hesketh. New information panel will be installed by then.
- Trewithan House – Sat 1pm – 3/4pm? Focus on women in service **Insurance Company address outstanding**
- 3 Greenbank Lane – Sat 11am – 4pm. Focus on women in service.
- St Martin's Church – Open Day Saturday 10am – 4pm (week after their official reopening following extensive renovation) bell ringers will be giving tours up the tower (max 15 per tour), and stewards will give guided tours around the main body of the church all starting on the hour. Pictorial guides will be in position. Refreshments being served. They can display a large banner on the posts at the front of the church facing the road.

- Historic Shop Trail (suitable for all ages) – Brian and Jayne Buchanan are working on posters, need to add the Liskeard Unlocked header and footer when available, and an image/detail children can relate to. Reward for completion? We have pencils left from last year. Possibly tea and Liskeard bun with the Mayor in the Parlour. **Sue Pike** to investigate Liskeard bun options (Lorna Grimshaw from the Country Market?)
  - M & Co – drapers (corner window display – Sue Shand)
  - Bradleys – Temperance Hotel (poster on the door)
  - Liskeard Leisure Lounge – printers (display a poster possible link with Cornish Times?)
  - Woolacotts – straw bonnet maker (original premises at Woolacotts but display in the Wool Shop) – tie in with straw plaiting workshop (see below)
  - Dunamis – photographer (Mr Rapson is donating old photographic equipment to the museum which could be used for a display)
  - Affina -contract knitters – all the Affina windows are frosted so Rachel Brooks has confirmed with Painters poster and window display. Possible workshop or demonstration from Tina Barrett – **Rachel Brooks** to discuss with her)

We need to capture the stories of people who visit the various buildings. **Action** – design a form for capturing contact details which can be followed up after the event. Seek volunteers to capture oral histories on the spot in some locations – **Yvette** to ask the Air Cadets to assist (could ask parents and grandparents about memories before). We would need to supply equipment and instruction before.

## 2 Other events/activities

- Windows Exhibition in the Jane Room at Stuart House in the 2 weeks lead up to the festival (Mon 3 – Sat 15 Sept 10am – 3.30pm Mon to Sat?) – to include a map showing all the locations
- Thursday 13 Sept at 7pm National Heritage Weekend in Liskeard walk with Brian Oldham – start and finish at the museum evening opening. Walkers are Welcome insurance – max 50 people
- Friday 14 Sept at 2.30pm in the Long Room. Old Cornwall Society talk on National Heritage week in Liskeard
- Friday 14 September at 6 – 7.30pm Calum Beeson geological walk finishing at quiz – **Yvette** to check details for the form
- Liskeard Heritage Quiz – Friday evening 7.30pm in the Public Hall with bar and pasties (PH & RR provisionally booked) Brian to be question master on the night. All those contributing question rounds to get them to Brian by 31 July (see list in appendix). Teams of max 4, free entry. Refreshments available to purchase. **Yvette/Mandy** to contact the Albion about providing a bar and investigate pasty options. **Sue Pike** to talk to LIB about a prize, if not possibly something from the shops involved or Cornish Times.
- A shout at the Barley Sheaf? (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>) – **Rachel Brooks** to ask Sally about organising
- Alternative Liskeard Heritage Trail – The Drangways of Liskeard – Sunday 16 Sept at 2pm walk with Brian Oldham starting at the Fountain monument on

the Parade and finishing at Wetherspoons? Two and a half miles through narrow passageways with history and photographs not found on the official trail. Taking in the new Emily Hobhouse mural? Walkers are Welcome insurance – max 50 people

- Wednesday 12 September at 7.30pm - Brian doing a talk at Menheniot WI on Connections between Liskeard and Lanhydrock. Open to non-members at £3 per person to include light refreshments – cannot register with HOD due to fee but include in local publicity
- Saturday 22 September at 2pm – Cornwall Historic Churches Trust walk taking in ancient places of worship in Liskeard, commencing at the Catholic Church and finishing at St Martin's with an exhibition. Fee to include a book? Local advertising only as above
- Emily Hobhouse theatre piece – Ray Meadows is discussing a project with Nina Hills – await the result
- Network with Looe – Rachel Bennett spoke to Looe museum, but they are currently fully engaged with discussions on the new heritage centre. **Rachel Brooks/Christina** to raise at the joint meeting with Looe Town Council on 13 June
- Eileen Crouch may do a talk on Margaret Pollard who rediscovered the shrine at Ladye Park in the 1950s to include a tea (possibly Thursday afternoon?)
- Carmen Hunt may be able to offer Cornish Dance Workshops – **Yvette** to follow up

### **3 Publicity**

Use photographs of door numbers for a countdown (and spot where they are) as part of the *social media plan* – Sue Shand taking these (**Sue Pike** to check whether she needs any help following her accident)

Rachel Brooks to use Rachel Bennett's window photographs to create publicity images – printed materials to be available by mid-August, closing date for copy 31 July

Discuss with the Cornish Times printing the programme as per last year

### **4 School/children's involvement and Workshops**

Rachel Brooks to talk to Mr Pollard at Liskeard School about their Talking Heads project which will commence after the Y8 exams next week.

A successful bid has been submitted to FEAST for £1,000 of funding which has been matched by the Town Council and the Cornwall Councillors' Community Chests. The project, 'Hats off to Liskeard's women workers' will involve workshops in two local schools to be run by local artists Sue Field and Nina Hills, making puppets and using them to tell stories. There will be a summer outdoor event workshop involving straw plaiting, and an adult and family workshop making art hats to tell stories. The

products will be exhibited in the Long Room on Sat 15 Sept. The highlights of these events will be filmed, and the content turned into a short film which can be used later and for possible augmented reality content.

**Sue Pike** (Hillfort) and **Christina** (St Martins) to talk to schools and confirm their participation.

Studio Wallop have quoted a further £1,050 if we wish to turn this into zappar codes at the locations involved – we need to look at obtaining funds for this later.

## **5      Next meeting**

Monday 9 July at 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour

## **Appendix**

Quiz rounds:

Cornish Place name anagrams – Yvette

Window Pictures – Rachel Bennett

World Heritage – Rachel Bennett

UK Woman and Power – Rachel Brooks

Cornish Heritage – Roger Holmes

Cornish Language – Rod Sheaff

Liskeard Heritage – Brian Oldham

Cornish Industries – Sue Shand