

Heathland Heritage Centre Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019

Before the meeting formally opened, Ron Reeks presented a cheque for £939. This was the sum raised in memory of Pam Reeks BEM for the Heritage Centre. A similar sum was raised for Verwood Concert Brass.

The Chairman reported that footfall had been very good recently and new people were visiting the centre. He thanked the Management committee for all their hard work and also Linda and her Tuesday team of volunteers as well as the volunteers who man the coffee shop.

The Treasurer reported that the centre is taking approximately £700 per week through the coffee shop. The present auditors have quoted £450 +VAT for this year's audit and further quotes will be sought before appointing an auditor. There are still some issues with bank statements going to the previous Treasurer and the Treasurer is still trying to rectify the problem.

The Archivist reported that Pam is greatly missed and the Tuesday team have a photo of her in the office. Several enquiries have been received about properties in Verwood, mainly from estate agents which might be in connection with insurance. Linda has been called upon to verify pottery as "Verwood" but does not feel adequately experienced to offer an opinion. After discussion, it was agreed that Dan Carter, a Bournemouth University PhD student whose PhD study is about Verwood pottery be approached to assist (*post meeting – he has agreed to assist*). The display in the Heritage Centre will change soon and the next topic will be road transport. One of the volunteers is Andy Wood who was the proprietor of Verwood Bus Company who will be assisting Linda with this display. Linda is spending a day each week with Ron Reeks to sort boxes of material which was stored by Pam at home. There was a suggestion that photos of Verwood be hung in the coffee shop and this was supported by all present.

It was suggested that a plaque be placed on the office door to commemorate Pam and this was supported by all present. Linda will obtain a suitable plaque. It was requested that a notice be displayed in the coffee shop advising customers that they risk parking enforcement action if not parked in a marked bay. It was agreed that the Heritage Trust have a stall at the carnival as in previous years and Ann Page agreed to make the necessary booking.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday 17th June in the Heritage Centre.

Lindsey Dedden