

GOWERTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Held at Gowerton Primary School Monday 8th January 2023 at 10.30am

PRESENT:

Elaine Howell	Siân Pritchard
Pam Morgan	Peter Pritchard
Pearl Hill	Margaret Cross
Terry Townend	Marion Morris
Viv Davies	Barbara Woodward
	Ros Holt
	Dave Wootton
	Pat Hood-Williams
	Sue Jones

APOLOGIES:

Kay Bamforth	Wendy Davidge
Janet Leary	Linda Nicholls
Terry Nicholls	Paula Wootton
Eryl Williams	

The meeting began with Elaine telling all of us that Glenys has had a stroke. Pam said she had called to see her and that she was at home and improving slowly. She had sent her apologies for today's meeting but is still hopeful of attending the meal at the Crofty Inn in February. Margaret Cross recommended we send a card and flowers and it was agreed (see note at end).

MINUTES: The minutes from December were agreed as a true record, with the addition of the following: Chairman's report should have included thanks to Janet Leary for her talk on Winnie Knight and thanks to both Pam and Siân for their work as treasurer and secretary respectively.

MATTERS ARISING: Dave Wootton's proposal to fund a school class trip on the Copper Jack had been welcomed by the school, but nothing further had been done at this stage.

CROFTY INN: Pam had sent out a copy of the menu for people to be able to choose their meals in advance, but expressed her disappointment at the reception she had when she went down there as she was dismissed almost without a second glance with a tatty out of date menu. However, she had since spoken with the owner herself and had had much better vibes! A better menu will be sent to Pam who will distribute it accordingly and we agreed that we would be a party of at least 14 in February in order to make it viable for them opening specially for us. Therefore, as soon as we have a copy of the menu, those interested **must let Pam know asap. We will meet at the Crofty Inn at 12.30pm on Monday 12th February.**

AOB: Elaine reminded us of the lady from Llanmorlais, Sandra Davies who had compiled a book, mainly of photographs of her home village. Siân thought it would be a good idea to try something similar ourselves, thus taking Pearl's idea of each member writing a short memoir of their own Gowerton memories that bit further. Elaine proposed asking Sandra Davies to come and talk to us at some point in the future and this was considered a good idea.

WEBSITE UPDATE: We then all had a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, kindly supplied by Terry T and sat back to enjoy the demonstration of our own website. Pete used the big screen in the school which enabled everybody to see clearly. He took us through each step of logging into the website itself and we spent a very happy

hour or more looking at what information is already available on there. Many members were surprised at the links available to other sites, which includes Swansea Archives and the National Library of Scotland Maps which have historical maps of Gowerton!

Members are able to load their own information onto the 'members only' and were shown how to do this should they wish to, but for those less confident or without the necessary equipment, Pete is happy to have any information on a memory stick or paper copy and he will upload it on the member's behalf.

Ros Holt proposed a vote of thanks to Pete for his own efforts on the website and for showing everybody how to enjoy it.

The meeting closed at 12pm.

REMEMBER:

Next meeting is at the **Crofty Inn** on Monday **February 12th**. We will meet there at **12.30pm**.

Note: Pam rang Glenys to enquire when would be the best time to come round with card and flowers; Glenys thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and asked to be remembered in everyone's prayers, but said that money otherwise spent on a card and flowers be retained for furthering the aims of the society. Thank you Glenys, get well soon and we hope to see you in February.