

KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2015

At the **AGM on October 22nd in Kingston Reading Room** there was a good turn out of members to view the exhibition from the archives & to share a welcome glass of wine provided by the History Society committee. Several new members joined the society, a new Treasurer was appointed & two members were co-opted for Archive research & general assistance to the Committee. Viv Freeman, our President, offered help with the Publications; Viv's small book of his life story is currently our best seller in The Dolphin! Unfortunately nobody came forward to take on the responsibility as our IT Consultant/Webmaster so we are still appealing for someone to assist us in this area. The Chairman thanked Pat & Dick Bond for their services on the Committee over the past years, they were presented with a colourful planter & bottles of wine, while Cynthia Smith received a rose in memory of her sister, Joyce, who sadly died earlier in the year after several years as Secretary & latterly as Publications manager. The meeting also paid tribute to our irreplaceable Archivist Anne Scarratt, who also passed away very suddenly, during the year. Alan Coleman-Smith is to be our new Treasurer & would appreciate members subscriptions if they have not already been paid; our subs commence on October 1st each year. We remain at the reasonable sum of £3:50 pp. for 2015/16. Alan's address is "Tewkesbury":- alan.coleman-smith@sky.com

Margaret Cocks and I have been busy trying to provide an interesting programme of events for future meetings which begin on **Thursday, November 26th 8pm in the Reading Room** when Rae Musk will give an illustrated talk entitled "*The Beachey Boys-Brothers in War. One family's loss in the Great War 1914-1918*" Rae writes "This relates to one of only two British families who lost 5 of their sons in the Great War. The story would perhaps have remained untold had a suitcase of letters from the "front" not been discovered on the death of Edie (the youngest sister of the brothers) who had collected the correspondence and stored it in a small suitcase" Then on **Saturday, December 12th** once again our Christmas Social will be held at **Bigbury Golf Club 7pm for 7.30pm;** details will be available from Margaret at the meeting in November or at "The Limes"(810765). A reminder that our new programme of events are on our website together with a list of publications kingstonlocalhistory.co.uk & also on the Kingston Parish website kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk For any further information about the Society please contact Chairman Jennie Stanley (01548 810819) or stanz@stanz.plus.com