

Heritage Wardens' Progress Report.

August 2011.

1. Coleorton 2000 Committee.

a). The launch the Heritage Trail Leaflet is planned for Saturday 3rd September. Proceedings will take place at Viscount Beaumont School and will start at 10.00a.m. This will be followed by escorted walks around the heritage trail.

The distribution of leaflet will be agreed in detail at the next meeting of the group. It is also intended to place a pdf. copy of the leaflet on the website so that people can download the leaflet.

b). A small number of photographs has been placed on the website to encourage parishioners to both assist with identification and to donate copies of photographs that they may have. Sandra and Rob Oldham are looking how this can be developed together with the placing of reminiscences on the website

c). Local Accents and Dialects Project.

Members of the group will attend the training for this project and it is hoped to start the project later in the year.

2. Communal Bake House.

The group needs to activate the rebuilding of the walls as soon as possible. We are still searching for both timber and tiles for the roof. Progress has slowed down, due mainly to holidays, but it is still hoped to have the roof completed before the winter.

3. Local Volunteer Group

Final preparations are being made for the Teddy Bears' Picnic in Coleorton Wood on Sunday 14th August; the group is hoping for a big turnout for this event.

The LCC Rangers are currently struggling to maintain a good service of opening and closing the gates for both sites (they have a number of other sites to cover at the same time).

Coleorton Wood.

The LCC Rangers have started to replace the fence around the pond. All the materials have been source for this project and it will be completed as soon as we have resolved the problem of water supply to the pond.

The group will also be building a bird feeding station in the wood, although this will be carried out in stages and not be completed until the autumn.

It is also hoped to replace the car park fence in the autumn.

The immediate work on this site will be preparation for the Teddy Bears Picnic.

New Lount Reserve.

The entrance gates have now been repainted and the entrance tidied up.

Ragwort removal has been carried out with very large quantities being removed.

There are a number of projects planned for this site including, a bird feeding station and a hibernaculum for snakes. I am working with the Senior Ranger on a 5 Year Management Plan for the site.

4. Lount Housing Development.

The Coleorton 2000 Committee meeting has suggested that the contractors should be asked to retain any artefacts that they come across during the early stages of the building process.

I have also made enquiries to locate the detail that may be required if we were to assist the developers with information boards relating to the heritage of the site (Coleorton Pottery).

5. **Ravenstone Hospital**

Andrew McWilliams has now started production of the Community Play and has enough information on the Wilkins family. The play will be performed over the weekend of 3rd & 4th September.

John Macdonald (August 2011)