

## Heritage Wardens' Progress Report.

September 2011.

### 1. Coleorton 2000 Committee.

#### a). Heritage Trail Leaflet Launch.

This took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and was very well attended with many villagers taking up the invitation to go on an escorted walk around the heritage trail. There was a great deal of discussion around the heritage displays in the school hall and the group received over £100 in donations for tea & cakes – a very successful event, enjoyed by all.

The leaflets have been distributed and are in a number of locations around the village – Post Office, Garages, and all the Pubs. Whilst the leaflet will be issued free of charge it is hoped that individuals will make a donation towards the group's ongoing projects.

A copy of the map and the full leaflet can also be downloaded from the Parish Website.

#### b). Photographs.

A small number of photographs have been placed on the website. Please do take a look at these photographs and help the group to identify those people in them. If you have any old photographs of the village, or people from the village, please contact the group, they would like to be able to add more photographs to the archive.

#### c). Village Voices Project

Members of the group will attend the training for this interesting project in September, which will record the heritage of words and speech in the village. It is hoped that the project will start later in the year.

#### d). Millennium Garden Plaques.

The Parish Council have agreed to replace the plaque which commemorates the generous donation of land for the Millennium Garden by the family of Ken Cull of Colliery Farm.

#### e). Methodist Church.

The Coleorton 2000 Committee has been approached by a group of residents who would like to know what is going to happen to the Methodist Church. At this stage discussions are centred on investigating viable ways for the church to be used as some form of community hall for the village. The initial stage of this investigation will be to see how much support there would be for such a plan.

#### f). Queen's Jubilee.

The group has also discussed getting other groups involved with organising a village event for The Queen's Jubilee celebrations next year.

### 2. Communal Bake House.

The group has now taken down all of the wood and loose bricks, as well as clearing the area around the building ready for re-building to start. Materials to start re-building the walls are being sourced and it is hoped that the work will start by the end of this month. The group still requires old timber and tiles for the roof and would appreciate any help in sourcing these materials.

The group has had the pottery waste, found below the brick floor, analysed and it would appear that the floor was re-laid in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### 3. Lount Housing Development.

I am working with LCC's Historic Environment Record Officer on the archaeological work that has recently been carried out at the Lount site. They will keep us informed of any further excavation work is to be carried out by Leicester University Archaeological Services at the site. As the site has previously been developed it is unlikely that there will be any significant finds.

**4. Ravenstone Hospital**

The community play, titled "For The Glory of God Alone" was performed over the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September and was well attend on all three days. I attended the Sunday performance and was very impressed with what they had achieved.

**John Macdonald (September 2011)**