

Notes on a meeting of the Armistice Centenary Co-ordinating Group

4th September 2018

Present were Mrs Burroughes, Mrs Webb, Mr Hewitt, Mr Traynier, Mr Kemp, Mr Hodges, Mrs Ann Betts and Mrs Hilary Hardingham

Mr Hewitt asked for any points from the last meeting. Mr Traynier said he was in touch with the East Anglian Regiment, Mrs Burroughes explained that she was in contact with the seventy-fifth NZ squadron and Mr Hewitt reported that a request for a US presence was being considered at Lakenheath. Mr Hewitt had also contacted the school which was keen to be involved.

The lunch time event was discussed and Mrs Webb and Mrs Betts suggested war time images and film be projected onto a screen throughout. Mr Hodges and Mrs Burroughes both recalled appropriate films which they agreed to find if possible and make available to Mrs Betts. It was further agreed that songs from both wars could be played during the event whilst members of the Drama Group mingle in costume. The possibility of song sheets was suggested.

A buffet remained the preferred option with the food being purchased ready prepared. Mr Hewitt forwarded a request for corned beef. It was agreed that there should be a pay bar. The possibility of an exhibition or display of local memorabilia in the foyer was considered and people offered items of their own. Mr Traynier pointed out that they could be valuable and agreed to offer security in the event of such an exhibition coming to fruition.

It was agreed that it was essential to get ticketing (free) sorted out as that was the only way numbers could be estimated. Mr Hewitt thought Mrs Harris who looks after the website might be willing to design one. An old postcard style was suggested. It was felt important that tickets should be ready by the next meeting.

With regard to publicity there were a number of suggestions: the website, the Diss Express, Cock Crow, the school newsletter, the shop and announcements at Village Hall events.

The possibility of a lasting legacy was discussed. A favoured possibility was a plaque attached to the war memorial in Bressingham though Mr Hewitt pointed out that as a listed monument that might not be possible.

Date of next meeting to be at 7.00pm on the 2nd of October at Mrs Burroughes' house.

Mike Mortimer