



Coleridge Memorial Project

at Ottery St Mary, Devon, UK

Bulletin no4

Please forward this to anyone with an interest in Ottery and / or Coleridge. Also - please stay in touch - if you read anything here that you'd like to comment on, use the online comment form at

www.otteryheritage.org.uk/page_1264015114553.html

CMP website

Looking very like the Heritage Society's website (it uses the same off-the-shelf web-authoring beginner's kit), CMP now has its own cyberpresence. This will offer updates and news on the Project, and will replace the bulletin in due course. I hope we may develop the site over time to look a little more appealing, but for the moment it is serviceable enough I hope. www.coleridgememorial.org.uk awaits your comments.

Committee

The committee manages its affairs at the moment by email, which is convenient if a little lazy. We shall be meeting again soon to adjust our strategies on funding issues (more below). To contact the committee, email stcinottery@gmail.com (our new email address! the website will take a bit longer to sort out!)

Membership of CMP

Thank you to all those who have joined the project.

All Bulletin readers who have not yet done so are urged to join (it only costs a fiver) to be certain of having your say at crucial moments of the Campaign. Visit the Coleridge Memorial Website, where you can use PayPal or download a membership form to complete and post with a cheque. www.coleridgememorial.org.uk

There will still be the occasional bulletin sent around for free to anyone interested, but members will be regularly consulted on current issues, and be eligible to vote at general meetings or in the final consultation exercises (when we may have to decide on an actual contract for a real memorial).

Fundraising

In May, at the suggestion of the adjudicating panel, CMP submitted a bid to the East Devon AONB Making it Local Project, for a grant of £2000 to fund another tranche of consultation and research. Although we were under the impression we had met the requirements of the application process, we were informed in June that the application had been deferred. The first resubmission date was 19th July so we had little hope of making any changes before that date. At the moment we are seeking advice about an improved bid, but it could be that the requirements of MIL will take us too far from the objects of the CMP to merit renewed attention. The committee will come to a view about this soon.

We are also planning to publish a booklet entitled "Coleridge Sauce" - a collection of Coleridge quips and bon mots - the closest you will ever get to a Coleridge Joke Book. "Coleridge Sauce" has no exalted ambitions beyond raising our profile locally and maybe further afield. You can join in yourself by submitting your favourite Coleridge comic turn - details on the website. If you don't feel up to adding to the content you can be sure of an appearance between the covers by becoming a subscriber - there's a PayPal button on the website. Please do either or both! Publication planned in late Autumn.

Publicity

Our hopes are now vested in "Coleridge Sauce" to stir up comment and interest. The local Gazette is always supportive, and we had an update piece in Archant's Ottery News. The Heritage Society's Coleridge Lunch this year is on Saturday 23rd October at the Tumbling Weir Hotel in Ottery St Mary. More details on the Heritage Society's website (in due course) www.otteryheritage.org.uk

Comments

If you have any comments about the Project or you want to help out, please use the online form at www.coleridgememorial.org.uk/index.html