



Coleridge Memorial Project

at Ottery St Mary, Devon, UK

Bulletin no3

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 becomes an Item

Since the last update the **Coleridge Memorial Project** has become more than just a working party of the Heritage Society. We are now a fully fledged independent body - a move which has the full support of the Heritage Society, and offers a wider scope for fundraising and other activities. We are currently discussing the pros and cons of charity status - more on that in due course.

Committee Meeting

The third meeting of the project group took place on 21st April to deal with the formalities of incorporation mentioned above, and map out the start of our fundraising activities. So we now have a committee and officers: **Chris Wakefield** continues in the Chair, **John Pilsworth** is Hon Sec and we are delighted to welcome **David Roberts** as our Hon Treasurer - David is well known in Ottery and brings with him a wealth of experience in banking, so the Project is now confident of first class financial management.

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

A whip round at the meeting established the first few members, and made a small float available to ongoing costs (which are very small and we hope will remain so!).

Bulletin readers are urged to join the Project (it only costs a fiver) to be certain of having your say at crucial moments of the Campaign. (A membership application form is attached - please print it out, fill it in and return it as indicated on the form - Thanks).

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 have to decide on an actual contract for a real memorial). When the CMP website is properly established in a couple of weeks you will (hopefully) be able to join (and/or give a donation) using PayPal, but the paper version is slightly better for us (because we don't pay a fee to PayPal!).

Fundraising

It now seems unlikely that the section 106 funding will reach as far as the CMP and as a part of our bid for AONB Making it Local Funds, we may have to develop a more formal tourism marketing strategy. This may well be a very useful stepping stone to a more substantial input from AONB. More news on this later.

We will be starting direct fundraising soon and we intend to make the Campaign a rewarding one for donors. Look out for some innovative publishing - Coleridge was a great DIY publisher and we intend to follow his lead.

Publicity

WE maintain a steady presence in the Ottery Gazette and we will be looking for a big splash soon when we launch the website and our initial fundraising pitch.

Consultation - what you said in the end!

The committee were delighted with the outcome of the consultation exercise. We have no final answer of course (we never imagined we would) but the scope of the replies and the amount of detail is of tremendous value in helping shape a briefing document which will eventually be required by the sculptors in designing their proposals. The full report, with all the comment is available at

www.otteryheritage.org.uk/page_1264015114553.html.

We recommend you download a copy and read it yourself.

Remember you can always send comment to the Project using the online form on the same page.