



Coleridge Memorial Project

at Ottery St Mary, Devon, UK

Patron: The Right Hon. The Lord Coleridge, 5th Baron of Ottery St Mary

News Update no 5

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Also note change of name for this document from "Bulletin" to "News Update" to avoid confusion with the Friends of Coleridge's "Bulletin".

SUMMARY:

- **Lord Coleridge becomes Patron of CMP**
- **Church emerges at preferred location for memorial**
- **CMP prepares another bid for Making It Local**
- **CMP receives favourable feedback from "Your Heritage" fund**
- **Coleridge Sauce brewing nicely**

Committee

The committee met on September 7th. The meeting was well attended, and was advised of a number of important news items. The first was the agreement by Lord Coleridge to act as Patron to the project. From the very start, Lord Coleridge has taken a keen interest in our progress and the committee expressed its delight with such distinguished patronage.

A second revelation was the level of enthusiasm from the Church for the memorial to be sited in the churchyard. The committee had taken note of the high profile the church achieved in the public consultation in February but we were not sure it would be an option that could be seriously pursued. An informal chat between the Hon Sec and the Treasurer (who is a part of the church management team) produced a very positive response and we now regard the church as our first choice location.

As an alternative, Canaan Way is retained pro tem, but enthusiasm for it has dwindled to almost vanishing point.

Membership of CMP

Thank you to all those who have joined the Project.

I know this is not a membership friendly project. We have little to offer you in the way of excitement or entertainment - no meetings - no speakers - no razmatazz. And that's the way it will stay - services for members will remain undistinguished (we need all our resources for the main objects of the project), BUT I still want you to join, so that the commissioning process can benefit from your input. The briefing document is in draft, and it will not be long before we make an initial approach to the Royal Society for British Sculptors for indications of interest.

So please - visit the Coleridge Memorial Website, where you can download a membership form to complete and post with a cheque (preferred) or use the PayPal button on the site (which gives PayPal a small donation as well). If anything doesn't work properly on the website email stcinottery at gmail.com, or fill in the comment for on the coleridgememorial.org.uk website

Also we are on the road to charity status which will require a Special General Meeting at some point probably in the new year, so some more local membership would make it easier to manage that process.

Fundraising

The Making it Local Project has entered out sights again and we are planning a new submission mid November (we will not be ready for October as originally planned). Initial discussion with them have re-emphasised the necessity to put a business-plan for this project on the table, and we shall go as far towards that as humanly possible - but in the end, we may have to recognise that tourism demand is not as easy to predict or quantify as demand in other sectors of the economy.

Whereas the memorial itself is proving to be difficult for funding agencies to grapple with, the ancillary work to promote Coleridge in educational and other contexts is surprisingly popular. John Pilsworth has been in touch with the Lottery's "Your Heritage" fund and received a prompt and very positive response for his summary application for up to £10000 grant for exhibition and educational materials, including the poetry stones (in slightly revised form - flat slabs rather than menhir style stones).

This bid will proceed as a separate item, at the moment unconnected with the MIL bid, (although MIL too expressed great satisfaction with the educational aspects of the memorial bid - and would, it seems, more happily extend our spending in that area than they would on the memorial. We must wait and see though.

Coleridge Sauce

The booklet is growing nicely and if all goes well it may be available to fill your Christmas stockings. 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 - £20 by post please to Coleridge Memorial Project (Sauce) c/o John Pilsworth, Fir Grove, Lower Broad Oak Road, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon EX11 1UF, UK. Or make a donation of anything you like toward the publication. Be aware that only £20 subscribers will be acknowledged in the

booklet (unless anonymity is requested), and receive a free copy on publication. You would not want to miss this!...

CMP website

This is now registered with the search engines and is attracting a small following - it will grow over time, and if all proceeds to plan we may have a much higher profile on the internet in due course. For the moment though, it is adequate.

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