



## **PRAYER BOOK REBELLION MEETING 1.6.23 NOTES.**

David Botting Page, ([davidbottingpage@hotmail.com](mailto:davidbottingpage@hotmail.com)) took the meeting and explained that the Purpose and the Aim of this meeting was:-

- Look Back - at the 1999 Event (Thank you to the Miles/Ash family)
- Share Ideas – for a proposed Event in June 2024
  - Decide – if the community would like to support an Event in 2024
  - Agree – the lead agency to underwrite the Event
  - Support – the development of the event

There were 35 persons present, both from Sampford Courtenay and neighbouring areas. The main SC Groups of St Andrew's Church, Village Hall and Parish Council were also represented.

- After an introduction by David and a slide show of photos from the 1999 Event the meeting unanimously agreed that “something” should be done next year to mark the 475<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Ideas suggested**

- Video of more slides from 1999 Event.
- The Lecture given by Prof Nicholas Orme (Exeter University) in 1999 proved so popular it had to be repeated. Suggest a lecture this time during the run-up period to stimulate interest. The possibility of a live stream would attract a great many more people and make the celebration more accessible to those unable to travel to the church.
- Invite local History group to put on a Tudor Costume and Food evening to get locals thinking about their costumes for the event.
- Dr Ed Fox, is keen to offer a re-enactment for the event.
- Mark Stoye, author of “A Murderous Midsummer” has already agreed to come and give a talk.
- Local Story Tellers/Lantern Makers may be interested in organising a workshop.
- Metal Detectorists present at the meeting – would like to conduct a search of the battlefields, with the appropriate land owner's permission, to look for artefacts. They also offered to do a “public” session for people to join in & then any artefacts found could be displayed and explained at the Event.
- Dr Ed Fox, as part of the Battlefield Trust, has indicated that enquiries are already being made about a possible funded archaeological dig in the area.
- Tactical Battlefield Walk – with volunteers explaining what sort of Military action would have taken place at the different sites.

- Information, artefacts gathered for the event to provide a lasting legacy for the community and future generations.
- Possible sculpture for the event.
- Historical Time Line of the Parish. Was your house built before 1549? If not when? Was your house “sold off” by King’s College, Cambridge in 1550? If you know or can find out please let us know
- Sticklepath (once part of SC parish) has created a Heritage Centre in part of St Mary’s church – well worth a visit. Is there a possibility of something similar in the Church Rooms?
- Audio/Visual Installation in the Church to show how it would have looked in 1549.
- Pre-Event evening Debate – Who’s side are you on?
- Plus, repeat of other ideas from 1999 event.
- Participants were very keen to ensure that any activities were accessible and even targeted at younger people to pique their interest in these historical events

### **Umbrella organisation**

It was agreed that there was a need for an “umbrella organisation” to oversee the organisation, fund raising/banking, legal requirements (insurance, road closures etc). Those present, including representatives from St Andrew’s Church and Village Hall Trustees asked that the Parish Council be asked to undertake this task.

Parish Council Chair Michele Wilson, said that she would propose that this would be purely a Grant/Fund Raising Event with no input of Parish Precept monies. That a Working Group should be set up to plan/organise various events reporting back to the Parish Council.

The meeting concluded that this was a starting foundation of what should be a great community event/s with a lasting legacy for the parish and future generations.

### **In Summary**

#### **PRAYER BOOK REBELLION IDEAS**

##### **PRE-EVENT**

- Funded Archaeological Dig
- Battleground Tours
- History Group
- Craft Group – Time Line

- History Talks
- Story Telling
- Lantern/costume workshops
- Tudor Music concert
- Prayer Book Rebellion Horrible Histories – to involve younger members

### **EVENT WEEKEND**

- Re-enactment
- Tudor Dancing
- Archery Display/Competition
- Mummers Play
- Rebellion Ale
- Tudor Posy Stall
- Flower Display in Church
- Church Service

### **POSSIBLE IDEAS**

Tudor Scarecrow Theme around the parish

**27th – 31st May** - Lantern Workshops – Village Hall

**Friday 7th June**

Historical talk/story telling – Village Hall

Lantern procession through the village

Hog Roast and Brazier

**Tudor Fete Day 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Tudor Fancy Dress

Mummers Play – including community sing along

Battle Re-enactment

Morris Dancing

BYO – Picnic/Tudor Feast

And/or Catering Van

Prayer Book Ale/Mead/cider

Banner/Flag Making Workshop to decorate houses in the village

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Church Service

Refreshments/Cream Teas in Church Rooms

Exhibition of artefacts, photos etc

Scripted guided tours

Guided walk between stone crosses/battlefields etc

### **Aug 17/18 2024**

Battlefield Talk/Tour to mark the anniversary of the final Battle of the Prayer Book Rebellion

### **BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

#### **Set up Project Group**

Fund Raising ideas this year leading up to main event.

Volunteers for working committee

Volunteers to help at the event.

Marketing Plan

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