

REPORT FOR SCPC & ST ANDREW'S PCC following conclusion of PBR 475TH EVENTS.

The year of Prayer Book Rebellion 475 Events concluded over the weekend of 16th – 18th August 2024 with a repeat of the Talks by Prof Mark Stoye & Dr Sue Andrews and a weekend of “Living History” on the Village Green + support from the New Inn with their Music afternoon & BBQ.

These final events drew an audience both local and further afield with only positive comments received. (Please see additional feedback sheet of some of the comments emailed or posted on our FB page)

Throughout the year our aim had been to make available a variety of informative and enjoyable events either at minimal or no cost to encourage/enable wider participation by both parishioners and visitors from neighbouring parishes and historical societies. As you will see from the attached Spreadsheet – we have managed to cover all of the expenses and are left with a balance of just over £1,400. (Thank you to the SCPC for handling the monies and underwriting PBR 475)

We have one follow up event planned – “The Time Travellers Group” on Fri 4th Oct – which will look at the wider history of Frankland Farm and its place in the PBR – and this is hoped to initiate further research into the history of the parish. (Some of the balance of funds may be required to pay any hire fees to the Village Hall).

The Steering Committee would also like to hold a public meeting at which we would like representatives of all the main organisations of the parish (SCPC, ST Andrew's PCC & Village Hall) to attend, along with parishioners, to discuss whether there is a general will and desire to use the success of this year's events as a springboard to expand and extend our precious historical heritage.

Suggestions include: -

a) Establish both digital and hard copy Archives on:-

- i) The Prayer Book Rebellion to compliment the Display in the Church
- ii) The 450th Anniversary Events in 1999
- iii) The 475th Anniversary Events in 2024
- iv) Consider the options available for digital and physical access to these archives.

b) Review the information currently available on:

- i) The Church (updated leaflet)
- ii) The Church Rooms (new leaflet produced with help from Plymouth University)

- iii) Sampford Courtenay and the Prayer Book Rebellion (Yellow Book) consider a revision with specific information based on Sampford Courtenay's significance in the Rebellion – with advice/ contributions from eminent historians who have helped with this anniversary.
- iv) The Village Trail – consider Revision to include specific Prayer Book sites in the parish.
- v) Consider the options available for digital and physical access to this information.

c) Look at further opportunities for sharing information and welcoming visitors :-

- i. Developing a volunteer guide scheme for visitors
- ii. Developing Guided Tours for young people and education groups (MP's resources used this year at North Tawton & Exbourne Primary Schools could form a base to start from)
- iii. Developing a "fee paid" Guided Tour Service for Groups eg WI Talks, Neighbouring History groups.

d) Other thoughts:-

- i. Annual Mummers' Play in June
- ii. Annual Commemorative Church Service in August
- iii. Establishment of a PBR Footpath
- iv. Battlefield Survey/Dig – EF & JG already in discussion with Battlefield Trust & MC agreed to speak to landowner.
- v. Organised Metal Detectorists Day – as per above
- vi. Battlefield Tours – as per above

e) Check out these links to see what other parishes have done to preserve and celebrate their unique histories:-

- i. Poundstock Gildhouse - <https://www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk/> (Also part of the PBR)
- ii. St Mary's Church, Sticklepath - <https://www.sticklepath.org/groups-committees/st-marys-church/> (used to be part of SC Parish) Interactive boards to tell some of their history.



iii) **Bodmin Church** - <https://www.bodminway.org/events-bodmin-way> (Annual Church Service)

iv) **Tuckers Hall – Exeter** - <https://tuckershall.org.uk/> (Recommended by Ed Fox)