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**Notes of Meeting held on 12th February 2009
At Braintree District Museum**

Present: Town and Parish Council Clerks

Alphamstone and Lamarsh
Bradwell with Pattiswick
Bulmer
Castle Hedingham
Coggeshall
Colne Engaine
Earls Colne
Great Saling and Shalford
Kelvedon
Sible Hedingham/Little Yeldham,
Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington
Wethersfield
White Notley and Faulkbourne
Witham

Paul Evans
Tony Dunn
Barbara Rawlins
Keiron King
Carol Wilkinson
Laura La Roche
Pam Reynolds
Cathryn Carlisle
Louise Fuller

Adrian Corder-Birch
John Sheldrake
Angela Balcombe
Audrey Harrington

Braintree District Council

Kitty Barrett – Locality Co-ordinator and Rural Policy Officer
Linda Hadley – Parish Liaison Officer
Charlotte Harding – Manager, Visitor Services
Jenny Mayes – Marketing and Promotions
Lesley Killin – Manager, Visitor Services
Robert Rose – Museum Services Manager
Nathan Rowland – Community Development Officer
Rose Webb – Visitor Services

Apologies were received from parish and town clerks unable to attend.

1. All were welcomed to the Braintree District Museum by Lesley Killin, Visitor Services Manager, with a brief explanation of how the Victorian Classroom 'experience' would proceed.



2. After taking our seats in the classroom, our teacher, Jean Harrison, gave an introduction to Victorian school life. The lesson continued with reading, writing and arithmetic practice. Jean dipped in and out of her 'role' and gave a very interesting talk on some of the aspects of Victorian school life. This was an opportunity to experience the discipline of the times but also understand the culture it came from.

(Post meeting note: A number of photographs were taken during this session. Permission was sought by Robert Rose at the end of the meeting to use these for publicity purposes for the Museum. They will be made available for all to see. Linda Hadley will circulate.)

3. Jenny Mayes, Promotions Support Officer, BDC Marketing and Communications attended the meeting to consult the clerks on how best to distribute information to parishes. Posters are usually sent out to the parish councils to display on their notice-boards by various services within the district council. There was a general discussion on the use of electronic mail as against sending out hard copies. All agreed A4 posters were preferable as parish councils have difficulty finding space on their notice-boards for all the information they have to display.
4. Robert Rose, Museum Services Manager gave a brief presentation on the role of his Service and emphasised the word 'District' in the name of Braintree District Museum. He has worked with and is working with a number of parishes and towns in the district on their individual projects, including Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Finchingfield, Great Bardfield, Kelvedon, Halstead and Witham. He suggested parish councils contact him if they are planning projects and seeking advice.
5. Robert reminded everyone of the launch in September 2008 of the Braintree District Cultural Celebrations 2008 – 2012 as part of the national launch of the Cultural Olympiad. There will be more to report on events and activities for these celebrations as more communities throughout the District become involved.
6. The meeting finished at approximately 4.30 pm after a refreshment break provided an opportunity for questions and networking.
7. The next meeting of the network will be in September 2009 – date to be agreed.