

# CaP

## THE CRIME AND PUNISHMENT COLLECTIONS NETWORK

**MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING  
10:30 17 MAY 2010  
EDWARDIAN TEA ROOM  
BIRMINGHAM ART GALLERY & MUSEUM**

**Those attending:**

Cath Fell (Prison Service College library) (Secretary)  
Stuart Stone (Radzinowicz Library, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge)  
Dave Cross (West Midlands Police Museum)  
Terry Waterfield (Open University)  
Gaby Rivers (Judges Lodgings, Presteigne)

**Apologies:**

Bev Baker (Galleries of Justice, Nottingham)  
Christine Goodier (Lancaster Castle)  
Susan Dalloe (Denbighshire Heritage Service)  
Chris Williams (Open University)

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising:**

None discussed

**Treasurer's report:**

There is £865 in the CaP bank account. Gaby expressed her views on the difficulties caused by only having two signatories to the CaP account, since the resignation of James Kislingbury from the committee. The membership of the North East Police History Society has now lapsed.

**Action:**

**Steps to be taken to set up another signatory for the account at the 2010 AGM; Cath to confirm new contact details for the National Police Library.**

**AGM 2010:**

Accommodation for the AGM has been booked at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge (<http://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/where.html>) on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010, consisting of the Boardroom and a small meeting room next door to it to accommodate the refreshments. The room is free and tea and coffee are included. Refreshments will be provided by an outside caterer at a price of £8.81 per head. The price of the AGM will be £15 per head for members.

The provisional programme is as follows:

10:30 Welcome and registration

11:00 AGM

12:30 Lunch

13:30 A speaker. Manuel Eisner of the Institute has been approached to give his talk on regicide.

14:30 There are options for the final part of the day. Manuel Eisner is working on a walking tour of the crime related parts of Cambridge and is anxious to test this on our members. As the walk is around 3 miles long, this may not be suitable for all members. Alternatively, the Fitzwilliam Museum is around a mile away from the Institute (and is on the way back to the railway station). One of the curators, Sally-Anne Ashton, is a graduate of the Institute of Criminology and has worked with prisoners in the past.

16:00 Departure

Manuel Eisner isn't charging but it was agreed that CaP should buy him a gift; the same would apply to Ms Ashton if we involve the Fitzwilliam Museum.

As Raymond Orr was unable to fly from Belfast to give his planned session on the security aspects of providing information on former prison and police employees to family historians to the training event which followed the committee meeting, Chris Williams suggested that he should be invited to give his talk at the AGM instead. If the business meeting went quickly, this could provide the opportunity.

**Action: Cath to email the membership to sound out their views on the final session of the day.**

#### **Training:**

A session "Dealing with Family History Enquiries" was to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, following the committee meeting.

#### **Website ([www.capcollections.org.uk](http://www.capcollections.org.uk)):**

Stuart has set up a blog on the website to act as an online meeting place for CaP members, thus saving the website for more formal communications. We also discussed the need for a links page on the website, not only to our own organisations which are covered by the directory, but also to other similar groups, e.g. the Police History Society

**Action: Stuart to invite all members to be authors on the blog; Cath to email the membership for suggestions on useful links.**

#### **Date and location of next meeting:**

Next meeting to take place during September, to finalise details of the AGM.

Location to be the Edwardian tea rooms, Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum.

Catherine Fell

18 May 2010