



Minutes of AGM 14th April 2014

1) The President:

Donald Reid, opened the meeting at 7:45 pm

2) Apologies

No Apologies

3) Minutes of the AGM 2013

The Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed – Lynda Jenkins

Seconded – Martin Cruickshank

Passed unanimously.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5) Presentation of the Officers' Reports

Chairman: Hilary Atkinson

The Chairman reported on a busy and successful year reflected by the quality of the speakers and the variety of subjects from local to further afield. This has come at a cost and we have outgrown the current venue. As explained by letter to members future meetings will be held at the Methodist Church which will seat 180 people and has a large refreshment area. The Committee has decided reluctantly that the Christmas Party is no longer practicable and a more informal get together with tea and coffee at the new venue hopefully may attract more members to the December meeting.

Tony Jones and Sheila Thornton are standing down from the Committee tonight thanks for all their work and their valuable contribution over the years. Thank you also to Committee Members and other volunteers for all their hard work.

Treasurer: Ruth Hargreaves

The Society is financially healthy. Membership increased along with visitor numbers.

Questions from the floor: Heading : Subscriptions £174.00, Ann Hearle answered that these were membership fees for local history societies.

Also £918.00 for Books and DVD's : Hilary answered that this was for new books and reprints.

Visits Organiser: Judith Wilshaw

Four visits were made this year, all well supported. May had a tour of Mellor Mill to update members of the work to date and plans for future. July featured a tour of the 14th Century, Marton Church and a visit to Congleton and its town museum. Also the Curator took us on a town walk. Two dates in November to accommodate the interest from a tour of BBC's new headquarters at Media City in Salford. March was a visit to the newly refitted visitors centre at Robinsons Brewery in Stockport town centre.

Next outing in two days to Wirral and Chester following Donald Reid's *Curious Cheshire* book, fully booked, but will put names down for any cancellations.

June is Arley Hall. There will be a tour of the hall in the morning followed by guided tour of the gardens by the Head Gardener. 4 Places left.

Request for suggestions from members of ideas for any future trips.

Archives: Ann Hearle

We meet every Thursday at the Mellor Parish Centre to continue to index and file new material, for which Ruth is constantly updating our computer index. Sheila along, with filing newspaper cuttings, is now starting a new project on Market Street and plotting the changes over the years. Brenda brings up to date our files of restaurants, cafes and pubs, Martin is sorting thirty years of industrial papers and Louise sorting census returns and not forgetting Bill our fount of local knowledge.

We continue to help people by email, post or in person, with their enquiries about family or houses so please take photos of any changes in the area.

Website: Martin Cruickshank

First report on MLHS website given at AGM and thanks must go to Mark Whittaker for the design, guidance, endless patience and support in the day to day running of the site from its inception to today.

Visitors to the site throughout 2013 were consistently averaging 670 a month. Mostly from GB as expected but second and third were USA and China.

The site became live in Sept 2012 and to date the most popular articles were, Contacts, Dates for your diary, Archive Cabinet Index. Thanks to Hilary Atkinson, David & Janet Burridge, Ruth Hargeaves, Ann Hearle, Neil Mullineux and Judith Wilshaw for their input. Any offers of new material please inform.

All reports available on request.

6) Election of Committee

The following members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election :

Donald Reid	Hilary Atkinson	David Burridge
Martin Cruickshank	Ruth Hargreaves	Ann Hearle
Neil Mullineux	Judith Wilshaw	Louise Thistleton

In addition Karen Wellings stands for election.

7) Election

Pat Fisher proposed that all the names put forward should be appointed to the committee. Seconded by Chris Walters.

8) A O B

Notes for diary

11th May	Ann Hearle will walk Mill Brow at 10:00, meet outside the Hare & Hounds.
14th July	Cheese & Wine at the Vicarage 7:30, all welcome, £4.00
19/20 July	History Fair at Compstall
15th September	First meeting of 2014 with a talk on Footpads, Kings and Highwaymen.

As there was no other business meeting concluded at 8:10 pm

