



Marple
Local History
Society

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Minutes of AGM 20th April 2015

1) The President:

Donald Reid, opened the meeting at 7:45 pm

2) Apologies

Mags English

3) Minutes of the AGM 2014

The Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed – Pat Fisher

Seconded – Brenda Reid

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 variety of their subjects. Our latest publication, "Hollins Mill – the heart of Marple for over one hundred years" was successfully launched with over 300 copies sold. Thanks to the Committee Members and volunteers for all their hard work.

Treasurer: Ruth Hargreaves

The Society is financially healthy. Membership numbers and visitor numbers are good. Book sales continue to flourish.

A request was made that large single outgoings on the Income and Expenditure Account should be identified.

Visits Organiser: Judith Wilshaw

Another successful season, including a visit to some places on the Wirral and in Chester, featured in Donald Reid's book "Curious Cheshire" and a visit to Arley Hall. Suggestions for future visits are always welcome.

Archives: Ann Hearle

The archives group meet on Thursday mornings and projects include cataloguing new material and newspaper cuttings, recording the ownership of shops on Market Street and the changes to cafes and restaurants in the area. We continue to help people by email, post or in person, with their local history enquiries.

All reports are available on request.

6) Election of Committee

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

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

Election

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

The Committee was re-elected.

7) Venue

Neil Mullineux reminded the membership that increasing numbers at meetings meant that we had reached capacity level at the Evangelical Church and indeed at one meeting had exceeded the maximum number. Consequently, the Committee decided to investigate other venues. The criteria the Committee used for choosing a new venue was:

- Capacity of 150+
- Ample Parking
- Convenient for public transport
- Central location
- Available on a Monday evening
- Acceptable hire charge

Nine possible venues were researched. The building that met these criteria mostly was the Methodist Church. One member expressed concern about the acoustics of the room and this was acknowledged. Neil confirmed that we were working with Philip Singleton from the Church to improve sound quality. The general consensus of the meeting welcomed the new venue.

8) AOB

Dates for the diary were announced.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.

