



Minutes of AGM 15th April 2019

1) The President

Hilary Atkinson, opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

2) Apologies

There were no apologies.

3) Minutes of the AGM 2018

The Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record

Proposed – Chris Walters

Seconded – Gwenn Perks

Passed unanimously

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5) Presentation of Officers' Reports

Chairman: Hilary Atkinson

The chairman reported another successful year. Membership at 133 is the highest ever and in addition there were 88 visitors. There were eight talks on a varied mix of subjects as the policy is to provide a mix between local interest, regional topics and subjects based on a wider canvas. In the summer season we arranged three walks of historical interest.

A major challenge during the year has been to ensure that we complied with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It involved a lot of work but we achieved it before the legal implementation date. We have ensured that we adhere to the spirit as well as the letter of the new regulations.

The committee has worked hard during the year and we should all be pleased that each of the existing committee members is willing to stand for re-election. However, we cannot be complacent. It is important that we have a continual flow of new ideas and initiatives if we are not to stagnate. One way that you can help us achieve this is to allow yourself to be co-opted onto the committee, even if only for a short time. We need a continual influx of new people both to the society and to the committee.

Treasurer: Ann Williams

The accounts are largely self explanatory but a few amplifications may help. On the income side the society has 133 members, which is the highest ever. The Gift Aid reclaimed figure of £382.50 represents two years of Gift Aid. Income from books has increased, partly because of a new publication this year - Glimpses of Mellor, which has sold well. The exhibition held in May in conjunction with Disabled Living was well attended and it has made a contribution of £697 towards our costs.

Of the expenses there have been increases in the rent paid for both this church hall and the archive room at Mellor Parish Centre. There have been several reprints of books to meet the demand from sales. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Denise Edge for auditing these accounts.

Visits organiser: Judith Wilshaw

We arrange four trips each year - one for each season - to encourage people to engage with history 'in situ'.

In the spring we went to Leeds and visited St Wilfred's Church in Halton, a beautiful late arts and Craft Movement building, followed by Temple Newsam House, where a highlight was seeing the original portrait of Samuel Oldknow, complete with yellow trousers.

On a gloriously hot day in July we visited Ashbourne, starting at St Oswald's Church with what it claims is the highest spire in Derbyshire. In addition the town has many interesting buildings representing varying periods. After lunch we visited Sudbury Hall, with its connection to the Vernon family, Poynton and Stockport.

Partly as a result of the visit to St Wilfred's we went to Leek in the autumn to see its concentration of Arts and Crafts architecture and the wonderful ecclesiastical embroidery. The tour started with All Saints' Church, processed past all manner of beautiful buildings and eventually finished at St Edward's Church with hot drinks.

A member enquired about the possibility of seeing Manchester's derelict Mayfield Station and we arranged a tour with Jonathan Schofield. It was the last chance to see the station before its redevelopment.

Over the summer three evening walks have been arranged.

Archives Report: Ann Hearle

We have a core of twelve members who regularly meet on Thursday mornings at the Parish Centre in Mellor. Over the years we have collated and itemised thousands of documents and photographs and, more recently, many of these are now online. This work is ongoing but we are also working on four particular projects:

- * Making a special collection of the New Horizons boat.
- * Checking our archives against the archives of All Saints Church to identify duplicates and note additional items.
- * Recent articles on the website have generated new information and memories which are being recorded.
- * I have donated my collection of postcards of the local area to the Society and we are busy categorising these.

In the course of the year over 50 people have contacted the archives looking for help with family research. We have usually been able to help and in turn these people provide us with new information and papers.

6) Election of Committee

All current members of the committee were willing to stand for re-election

Hilary Atkinson	Ann Hearle	David Burrige
Louise Thistleton	Jackie Collins	Karen Wellings
Martin Cruickshank	Ann Williams	Ruth Hargreaves
	Judith Wilshaw	

As there were no other nominations, the Chairman put the names forward en bloc.

Proposed – Bob Humphrey-Taylor
Seconded – Geoff Higgins

Passed unanimously

7) Election of Honorary Auditor

Denise Edge has agreed to perform this role again.

Proposed – Lynda Jenkins
Seconded – Gerry Moore

Passed unanimously

8) A O B.

None.

The meeting closed at 8.05.p.m.