



Minutes of AGM 10th April 2017

1) The President

Donald Reid, opened the meeting at 7:47 pm

2) Apologies

Maureen Walters
Brenda Reid

3) Minutes of the AGM 2016

The Minutes were adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed – Christine Julier

Seconded – Chris Walters

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. There were eight talks on a wide variety of subjects and five organised visits. In addition we arranged four walks in the summer which were well attended. As a result of their success more walks have been arranged for this summer.

Membership remains high with 121 members and 79 visitors during the year. The average attendance at each meeting was 91. The Society has thrived because of the hard work and commitment of all committee members. In addition a particular "thank you" must be given to Gerry Moore, our auditor, who is retiring after ten years.

I have been a member of the Society for twenty five years and have carried out several jobs including secretary, treasurer and speaker organiser. For the last nine years I have been chairman and I am proud that we have demonstrated a forward-looking approach. We have launched an excellent website, produced a monthly newsletter and have carried through a professional house style for all our publications and communications. Most recently we have engaged in new media with a film about the flooding at Cataract Bridge and a short film about the HMS Maple WW2 plaque.

I have led a hardworking committee but it is time for me to step down, although I will continue as an active participating member. I am confident that my colleagues will maintain the impetus and drive the Society has shown in recent years.

Treasurer: Ruth Hargreaves

This last year has been very successful and we have invested some of our Reserves in additional equipment for the archives to preserve many of the records. Subscriptions remained healthy but income from book sales was down by one third as no new books were published. Expenditure was broadly similar to last year with the exception of investment in equipment for the archives, which increased by £2000.

Visits Organiser: Judith Wilshaw

This year we have arranged four separate trips to places of interest and for the first time have launched a series of walks in the summer months on the same evenings when Society meetings are held between autumn and spring. The trips were to Nether Alderley and Jodrell Bank, Saltaire and Bingley Five Rise Locks, the AVRO Heritage Museum in Woodford and Stockport War Memorial and Art Gallery. An average of 33 members participated. The summer walks were well supported with about 30 people for each walk. The areas visited were central Marple, Hayfield, Brabyns Park and an exploration of the churchyard at All Saints.

The core programme followed our usual pattern a visit for every season but we showed our flexibility by organising a visit to London Road Fire Station at very short notice to take advantage of a public open period. This was an immediate sell out and proved very popular with members, many of whom had personal memories.

Archives: Ann Hearle

The group has met regularly every Thursday throughout the year to carry out cataloguing of material, photographs and newspaper cuttings. The photo files have been completely reorganised into the new cases that have been purchased. We are also gradually digitising many of our records to put onto the web to allow wider access. In addition we undertake new research and try to answer queries sent in by people in the UK and abroad.

6) Election of Committee

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

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

As there were no other people nominated the President put the names forward en bloc.

Proposed – David Horsfall
Seconded – Gwenn Perks

Elected unanimously.

The committee was elected unanimously

In addition Ann Williams is standing for election

Proposed - Christine Juliet
Seconded - Geoff Higgins

Elected unanimously.

7) Election of Honorary Auditor

Mrs Denise Edge has agreed to stand for this role.

Proposed – Ann Williams
Seconded – Barbara Preston

Elected unanimously.

8) A O B

Various dates of interest over the summer were announced.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 8:11 pm.