

Agenda
52nd Annual General Meeting 2020
10th November 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom meeting

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting on 12th November 2019 (see below)
4. Matters arising
5. Secretary's report (see below)
6. Treasurer's report (see below)
7. Election of Officers and Committees (see nominations below)
8. Chairman's Remarks
9. Any other business

Following the AGM there will be a talk by Max Adams, "The First Kingdom".
Yvonne Purdy (Secretary)

The AGM papers have been circulated prior to this evening's meeting.

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2019

Chaired by GREG FINCH

1. **Welcome:** Greg Finch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone here tonight.
2. **Apologies for absence:** John Holland, Jean Thompson, Liz Proud, Jean Holden, Pete Lee, Liz and Stefan Sobell.
3. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting** on 13 November 2018 were accepted as a true record by Mark Benjamin, seconded by Jennifer Britton.
4. **Matters Arising:** No matters arising.
5. **Secretary's Report:** This had been circulated with the notice of the meeting and was accepted.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** This had also been circulated with the notice of the meeting and was accepted.
7. **Election of Officers and Committee:** The following were elected unopposed:
Greg Finch, Chair
Terry Eccles, Publications distribution and sales;
James Smith, Treasurer;
Yvonne Purdy, Secretary & Membership Secretary;
Liz Sobell, Speakers programme;
Jennifer Britton, Visits programme
Mark Benjamin, Chairman of the Publications committee and Editor of Hexham Historian and Newsletter.
Ian Hancock, Vice Chairman
Christine Hanley
Mark Runnacles-Goodridge, Social Media.
David Wilkinson, Co-opted member
Pete Lee, Webmaster
8. **Chairman's Remarks:** Greg Finch welcomed all members tonight, and thanked them for their attendance for our popular speaker, Vic Gammon.

9. **Any Other Business:** There was no other business.

The A.G.M. closed at 7.40 p.m. and was followed with a talk by Vic Gammon “Barbara Allen – A 350 Year Hit Song”.

Nominations for posts of retiring Officers & committee membership

Proposed committee membership 2021:

Chairman – Mark Runnacles Goodridge

Vice Chairman - Ian Hancock

Publications Officer - Terry Eccles

Secretary - Yvonne Purdy

Treasurer - James Smith

Programme & Editor - Liz Sobell

Outings - Jennifer Britton

Editor Newsletter - Mark Benjamin

Christine Hanley

Andrea Cameron

Webmaster - Pete Lee

Social Media - Mark Runnacles Goodridge

Editorial Board

Mark Benjamin

Susan Ketelaar

Liz Sobell

Greg Finch

Ian Hancock

Tim Barmby

Committee recommendations to the AGM

- 1) Subscription fees (as required under Article 6.4 v) of the constitution)
“That there will be no change in 2021 to the level of subscriptions set for 2020”
- 2) Nomination of Auditor (as required under Article 6.4 iv) of the constitution)
“That Howard Forrest be nominated to audit the Society accounts for 2020”

Secretary's Report for 2019

Membership: The Society was delighted to maintain an excellent number of members in 2019. There was a consistently good turnout of members who attended and enjoyed our monthly meetings.

Programme: Liz Sobell continued to organise an excellent and varied programme of speakers covering different aspects of Local History. The year was started by Max Adams – Unquiet women: dancing to another tune.... February's talk was given by Christopher Tolan-Smith – Knights Hospitaller Archaeology in England. Dr. Roisin Higgins followed in March with "Dear Mrs Pennyman" – WW1 widows' letters. April saw Chris Simmons – Twice more into the Breeches. The Tom Corfe Memorial Lecture in May was given by Dr. Rob Young – Forgotten Antiquarians? William Greenwell and his Northern Contemporaries. September's talk was given by Christopher Hunwick – The Duke of Northumberland's Archives at Alnwick Castle, followed in October by Douglas Carr – Roman Coinage at the Northern Frontier. Vic Gammon ended the year in November, after the AGM, with Barbara Allen – a 350 Year Hit Song.

Outings: Jennifer Britton successfully organised three excellent outings which, as always, were very well supported, and greatly enjoyed. In May there was a Thursday afternoon visit: The Tyne Theatre & Opera House, Newcastle. In June there was a Wednesday afternoon visit: Architecture in West Hexham – the Cemetery and the Golf Club and, in July, a Saturday full day visit to Barnard Castle and the Bowes Museum.

Newsletters: In 2019, the Society's three Newsletters, compiled and published by Mark Benjamin, included a fascinating mix of news, reviews, requests for information and articles. Many thanks to our increasing number of members who now choose the option of receiving Newsletters by email.

Publications: Hexham Historian No. 29, was produced by Publications Editor Mark Benjamin, and maintained the high standard of excellent and varied articles. The Committee continue to plan on publications for the future.

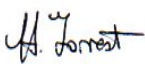
Sales: Terry Eccles continues to oversee and maintain regular sales from online sources, and local outlets.

Internet: Pete Lee works hard at continually maintaining, and building new and interesting features into the HLHS website. Mark Runnacles Goodridge successfully maintains a popular Facebook presence for the Society which continues with a substantial number of followers.

Committee: The Committee met four times in 2019. Yvonne Purdy

Treasurers Report for 2019

Hexham Local History Society – Year Ended 31 December 2019

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	£	£	£	£
Membership	3,034.04	3,018.62	Society Administration	1,941.73
Subscriptions	2,589.00	2,574.00	Membership	1,921.73
Gift Aid	445.04	444.62	Committee	20.00
Number of Members	291	295	Programme/newsletter	1,035.99
Visitors	184.00	124.00	production/printing	626.52
Donations	15.00	96.40	Distribution	409.47
Grants	-	-	Meetings	908.51
Miscellaneous	-	-	Facilities	523.51
Outings	972.00	825.50	Speakers	385.00
Publications	1,618.36	981.63	Insurance	75.00
Sales	1,143.36	636.63	Outings	974.50
Adverts	475.00	345.00	Publications	1,311.16
Interest	84.03	93.40	Authorship/licences	89.08
Total Income	5,907.43	5,139.55	Editorial Administration	8.15
Net surplus/ deficit	-2,991.58	617.44	Printing	936.70
	2018	2019	Distribution	54.45
			Marketing/ publicity	216.79
			Sales Administration	5.99
			Website/ gen. publicity	2,572.12
			Grants and awards	80.00
			Bank Charges/Interest	-
			Total Expenditure	8,899.01
				4,522.11
Balance	01-Jan-19	01-Jan-20	Audited and found correct	
Bank - Current a/c	546.51	1,013.49	 Hon Auditors 29th January 2020	
Bank - Deposit a/c	2.82	2.82		
Skipton BS - savings	9,340.49	9,433.89		
Paypal account	50.26	94.57		
Petty Cash	40.00	52.75		
Balance 1 Jan 2019	9,980.08			
Profit/(loss) for 2019	617.44			
Balance 1 Jan 2020	10,597.52	10,597.52		

The end of my first year as Treasurer of the Society, I would like to thank the outgoing treasurer, Greg Finch, for his help and advice in my taking over of the accounts and for keeping them in such good order.

The finances of the Society remain healthy, showing a surplus of £617 for the year. Expenditure on the Website (Society Admin. + Website costs) were £144 + £329 down from £1921 + £2572 in 2018 and will remain low in the future with small development costs and software support only to be covered. The web site has proved to be very popular, supporting the existing membership, advertising the Society, and facilitating the on-line bookshop.

Our main source of income, membership, was the same as in 2018 and membership numbers have increased slightly. Newsletter and programme distribution costs have fallen further as more newsletters are sent on-line and copies of Hexham Historian are hand delivered – thanks to all the deliverers.

Finally I would like to thank Dr Howard Forrest for again auditing the accounts for the year.

James Smith – September 2020