

HEXHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Agenda
53rd Annual General Meeting 2021
16th November 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom meeting

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2020 (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 Professor Julie-Marie Strange, "Inventing the Modern Dog".
Yvonne Purdy (Secretary)

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

**Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting held by
Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th November 2020**

Chaired by GREG FINCH

1. **Welcome:** Greg Finch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone here tonight.
2. **Apologies for absence:** David Lees
3. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting** on 12 November 2019 were accepted as a true record by Mark Benjamin, seconded by Jennifer Britton.
4. **Matters Arising:** It was decided to dissolve the Publications Committee, as it was comprised largely by members of the Main Committee, and reinstate the Editorial Board to consider articles submitted for publication in the Hexham Historian. Other related matters, such as Occasional Publications, will be considered by the Main Committee.
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:
Mark Runnacles Goodridge, Chair and Social Media;
Terry Eccles, Publications distribution and sales;
James Smith, Treasurer;
Yvonne Purdy, Secretary & Membership Secretary;
Liz Sobell, Speakers programme and Editor;
Jennifer Britton, Outings programme
Mark Benjamin, Chairman of the Editorial Board and Editor of the Newsletter.
Ian Hancock, Vice Chairman
Christine Hanley
Andrea Cameron
Pete Lee, Webmaster

8. **Chairman's Remarks:** Greg Finch handed over to Mark Runnacles Goodridge who welcomed members to the zoom meeting this evening, and thanked them for their attendance for our popular speaker, Max Adams.

As partial compensation for the Covid 19-induced loss of our normal programme of events, the Digital Photographic Archive has been utilised to provide online jigsaw puzzles which have proved very popular with some members and on the Society's Facebook page.

Work continues on the digitisation of Colin Dallison's collection of around 5000 slides of the town. Once digitised, the slides themselves will be lodged with the county museums service, the digitised images being accessible through the Society's digital archive.

Liz Sobell took on the editing of the Hexham Historian, with technical assistance from Mark Benjamin. Mark remains the editor of the Newsletter.

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 Max Adams, "The First Kingdom".

Nominations for posts of retiring Officers & committee membership

Proposed committee membership 2022:

Chairman – Mark Runnacles Goodridge

Vice Chairman - Ian Hancock

Publications Officer - Terry Eccles

Secretary - Yvonne Purdy

Treasurer - James Smith

Editor - Liz Sobell

Outings - Jennifer Britton

Editor Newsletter - Mark Benjamin

Advertisements for HH - Christine Hanley

Programme - 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 2022 to the level of subscriptions set for 2021"
- 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 2021"

Secretary's Report for 2020

Membership: The Society was delighted to maintain an excellent number of members, over 300, in 2020.

Programme: Liz Sobell had once again organised an excellent, varied programme of speakers covering different aspects of Local History. The year was started by Dr Rob Young, "Reservoir Digs: a later Mesolithic site at Cow Green". February's talk was given by Dr Barbara Crosbie, "The Print Trade in Newcastle". Professor Michael Green followed in March with "The Ghosting of Anne Armstrong". April saw Dr Richard Pears, "William Newton, Tyneside Architect". The Tom Corfe Memorial Lecture in May was given by Dr Rob Collins, "The Sourcing & Dispersal of Hadrian's Wall". September's talk was sadly cancelled, but Greg Finch gave a talk by zoom on 24 September: "Skulduggery in Tudor Hexhamshire; The Aydon Shields Land Dispute". Zoom meetings continued in October with Dr Shane McCorristine, "The Criminal Corpse in Pieces", and Max Adams ended the year in November, after the AGM, with "The First Kingdom".

Outings: The Outings were sadly unable to take place in 2020, due to Covid 19.

Newsletters: In 2020, 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. 30, was produced by Publications Editor Mark Benjamin, and maintained the high standard of excellent and varied articles. A complimentary copy of the new edition of John Chapman's A Walk back in Time was also included, being sent to members as a thank you for their continued support of the Society during the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee continue to plan publications for the future.

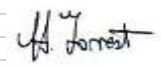
Sales: Terry Eccles continues to oversee and maintain regular sales from online sources, and local outlets.

Internet: Pete Lee continues his hard work 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 2020. Yvonne Purdy

Treasurers Report for 2020

Hexham Local History Society – Year Ended 31 December 2020

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	£	£	£	£
Membership	3,068.62	3,192.27	Society Administration	194.00
Subscriptions	2,624.00	2,725.00	Membership	194.00
Gift Aid	444.62	467.27	Committee	20.00
Number of Members	297	302	Programme/newsletter production/printing	925.57
Visitors	124.00	58.00		638.00
Donations	96.40	5.00	Distribution	287.57
Grants	-	-	Meetings	802.64
Miscellaneous	-	10.00	Facilities	516.64
			Speakers	286.00
Outings	825.50	-	Insurance	75.00
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Publications	981.63	1,071.71	Outings	787.00
Sales	636.63	821.71		-
Adverts	345.00	250.00	Publications	1,331.50
			Authorship/licences	
Interest	93.40	55.87	Editorial Administration	94.80
Total Income	5,189.55	4,392.85	Printing	1,201.35
Net surplus/ deficit	617.44	-162.84	Distribution	
	2019	2020	Marketing/ publicity	8.40
			Sales Administration	26.95
			Website/ gen. publicity	329.62
			Grants and awards	126.78
			Bank Charges/Interest	-
				-
			Total Expenditure	4,572.11
				4,555.69
Balance	01-Jan-20	01-Jan-21	Audited and found correct  17th January 2021 Hon Auditors	
Bank - Current a/c	1,013.49	634.94		
Bank - Deposit a/c	2.82	2.82		
Skipton BS - savings	9,433.89	9,489.76		
Paypal account	94.57	239.41		
Petty Cash	52.75	67.75		
Balance 1 Jan 2019	10,597.52			
Profit/(loss) for 2020	- 162.84			
Balance 1 Jan 2021	10,434.68	10,434.68		

2020 was an unusual year with the restrictions placed by Covid meaning some meetings were missed and no outings could take place. The effects of these are shown in the accounts; meeting costs were down and income from outings was nil (outings normally break even so no effects on the Societies finances). Meetings were held via Zoom which were successful for those able to get on line. A copy of A Walk Back in Time was sent to all members along with the annual Hexham Historian increasing publications and distribution costs but balanced by savings in meetings costs. A grant was made to Hexham Library for the provision of a Map Chest, a very useful resource for local historians.

Income from membership has further increased with over 300 members. Thank you to all members who get newsletters by e mail and to all the distributors who deliver the Hexham Historian around the town, these all significantly reduce the costs of the Society.

Overall a small loss is showing for the year, but all expenditure remains in control and the finances are strong.

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

James Smith – October 2021