

HEXHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Agenda
54th Annual General Meeting 2022
8th November 2022 at 7.30pm
at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Beaumont Street, Hexham

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting on 16th November 2021 (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 Dr Frances McIntosh: Edwardian Explorations; Discovering Roman Coria.
Yvonne Purdy (Secretary)

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

**Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held by
Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th November 2021**

Chaired by MARK RUNNACLES GOODRIDGE

1. **Welcome:** Mark opened the meeting and welcomed everyone here tonight on Zoom.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Jennifer Britton; Yvonne Purdy.
3. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting** on 10 November 2020 were proposed by James Smith, seconded by Mark Benjamin, unanimously accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were 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 approved.
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, Editor;
Jennifer Britton, Outings programme
Mark Benjamin, Chairman of the Editorial Board and Editor of the Newsletter.
Ian Hancock, Vice Chairman
Christine Hanley, Advertisements Organiser
Andrea Cameron, Speakers' Programme Organiser
Pete Lee, Webmaster

8. Chair's Remarks

Mark Runnacles Goodridge thanked members for their continued interest over the last difficult year without physical meetings, and the outgoing Speakers' Programme organiser, Liz Sobell, for her consistently enjoyable programmes over many years. He thanked her, and all the speakers, for adapting to the new circumstances so successfully. He announced a survey of members' views on continuing with Zoom talks and/or reintroducing physical meetings next year. He thanked Pete Lee for all his work on the society's Photo Archive, which is now online via the Hexham Historian website.

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 Professor Julie-Marie Strange: Inventing the Modern Dog.

Nominations for posts of retiring Officers & committee membership

Proposed committee membership 2023:

Chairman – Mark Benjamin
Vice Chairman - Ian Hancock
Publications Officer - Terry Eccles
Secretary - Yvonne Purdy
Treasurer - James Smith
Editor -
Outings - Jennifer Britton
Editor Newsletter - Mark Benjamin
Advertisements for HH - Christine Hanley
Speakers' Programme -
Webmaster - Pete Lee
Social Media - Mark Runnacles Goodridge
Julia Draper
Helen Rutherford

Editorial Board
Mark Benjamin
Susan Ketelaar
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 2023 to the level of subscriptions set for 2022"
- 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 2022"

Secretary's Report for 2021

Membership: The Society maintained an excellent number of members in 2021.

Programme: Liz Sobell had continued to organise an excellent and varied programme of speakers covering varying aspects of Local History. The year was started by Dr Richard Pears, "William Newton, Tyneside Architect". February's talk was given by Prof. Giles Gasper, "First Medieval Cookery Collection". Dr Peter Wright followed in March with "The Ballast Trade on the Tyne". April saw Helen Rutherford and Dr Clare Sandford-Crouch with "Death at the Newcastle Savings Bank". The Tom Corfe Memorial Lecture in May was given by Dr Rob Collins, "Hadrian's Wall Stone by Stone". September's talk was given by Dr Adrian Green: "Houses & the Hearth Tax in 17th century Northumberland". October continued Dr Sarah Collins, "Newcastle in the time of Brand and Beilby", and Prof. Julie-Marie Strange ended the year in November, after the AGM, with "Inventing the Modern Dog".

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

Newsletters: The Society's three Newsletters, compiled and published by Mark Benjamin during 2021, included a fascinating mix of news, reviews, requests for information and articles. Many thanks to our many members who now choose the option of receiving Newsletters by email.

Publications: Hexham Historian No. 31 maintained the high standard of excellent and varied articles, produced by Publications Editor Liz Sobell, assisted by Mark Benjamin. 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 held four Zoom meetings in 2021. Yvonne Purdy

