

ALBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21st MARCH 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Margaret Clarke welcomed members to the start of a new year.
Apologies for absence had been received from Gay and Chris Harris

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

These were made available for members to consult.

3. Secretary's Report

This was given by Margaret Clarke, Secretary, and is attached.
Acceptance was proposed by Pat Grayburn and seconded by Peter Grundy.

4. Treasurer's Report

This was given by Trevor Brook, Treasurer, and is attached.
Acceptance was proposed by Andrew Norris and seconded by Bill Folkes.

5. Election of Committee Members

All the present members of the Committee being prepared to stand again, they were elected *nem con*, and are therefore: Margaret Clarke, Secretary; Trevor Brook, Treasurer; Kerstin Paul, Membership Secretary; together with Janet Brown, Sally Caton, Diane Crouch, Andrew Norris and Bill Folkes. A vote of thanks was given to the Committee for their work during the year.

6. Any Other Business

1. Bill Folkes suggested that the Minutes of the AGM should be put on the website, and this was agreed.
2. Andrew Norris commented on the very detailed website, with many talks by people over the years, and urged members to look at alburyhistory.org.uk
3. Sue Darling suggested that one meeting could take the form of a panel of local farmers who could talk about the changes in farming over the years.
4. Mike Hutchinson suggested a talk by Polly Bagnall on the Ferguson Gang.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

We have had our second year without a Chairman, so once again the programme has been put together as a joint effort. Members of the Committee propose a topic for a meeting or a possible visit, research a speaker and then introduce him or her to you at each meeting. We end up with a varied programme which I hope you enjoy – feedback so far has been positive, but please express any opinions and make suggestions in the Any Other Business slot at this meeting – or indeed, suggestions for next year's programme are gratefully received at any time during the year. We did have a suggestions box for a number of years, but it remained empty! So just speak to any of us or ring any of the numbers given on the programme.

Our talks were not only concerned with various local matters, but we did consider the Tillingbourne Valley as a whole and changes in Surrey villages over the years – it is always interesting to compare how houses and other buildings and their surroundings looked years ago with how they look now. One of our visits was to Blackheath Church, where local art historian, Olive Maggs, gave us a guided tour of the Anna Lea Merritt murals. The other visit was further afield to a very different church at Stoke d'Abernon, and also a tour of Slyfield House, a nearby Jacobean manor house. One of the pluses of making a visit as a member of

Albury History Society is that we can sometimes get access to places not usually open to the general public or have a guide just for us.

AHS - Treasurer's Report

This is a report on the Society's finances for the year ending 31 January 2017.

The Society has ended the year with total assets of £746.84 which is an increase in assets of about £27 over the year.

For the sixth year now we have paid the Post Office to distribute our annual programme folder leaflet to every household in Albury. Along with printing of the programmes the total cost of this is around £100.

Your committee considers that there is no need for any increase in subscriptions for the coming year. Family membership remains at £10, with single membership at £5. These rates do compare favourably with other history societies nearby.

Trevor Brook 21 March 2017

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Financial situation at year ending 31st January 2017

	PREVIOUS YEAR	THIS YEAR
Receipts	661.00	608.00
Plus interest	0.36	0.37
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Total receipts	661.36	608.37
Less payments	667.05	581.46
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Change in assets	-5.69	26.91
 <u>Details of assets</u>		
Treasurers Account	49.06	75.60
Business Interest Account	670.87	671.24
Cash	0-00	0.00
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Total Assets	719.93	746.84 Change: 26.91

[Years from 1990:

£557-49/£588-88/£585-02/£554-58/£655-57/£765-09/£819-32/£810-41/£622-65/£612-26/£612-55/£753-15/
£951-74/£1019-03/£1787-72/£1402-03/£1401-53/£1258-70/£1774-25/£1716-54/£1497-17/£1304-42/£1161-09/
£1040-85/£965-38/£725.62]

Summary of payments

Speaker fees	130.00	151.00
Trips	0.00	150.00
Hire of Village Hall	219.00	99.00 plus £99 invoiced late
Committee expenses	318.05	181.46