

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

64th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021

by videoconference (Zoom)

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from David Cozens, Daphne Dobson, Michael Dudley, Patricia & Tom Fairey, Jacqueline & Andrew Wieczorek.

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM. The Minutes of the 2020 AGM were signed as correct by the Chairman, Philip Saunders.

3. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report. David Smith reported that the Society continues to be in a sound financial position. Kathy Ray, the Independent Inspector of the Society's accounts, having checked them, has certified them as an accurate representation of our financial affairs. During the course of 2021 the Society's net worth increased from £185K to £236K due to the increase in value of our investments and the addition of £42K from the Huntingdonshire Family History Society. Our membership increased from 170 to 185. We gained 21 new members and lost 6.

Christopher Vane-Percy commented that he believed the 'Goodliff Cabinet' belonging to the Society, at Hinchbrook School, shown in fixed assets, was probably worth only £300.

5. The Goodliff Bequest. Kate Hadley reported that there had been fourteen successful applications for an award in 2020:

William Beeke, for a book on the culverting of the Great Whyte in Ramsey.

Charles Beresford and David Yeandle, for a book on the clergy of St Margaret's church, Hemingford Abbots.

The Huntingdon Community Nostalgia Group, for a book of photographs of Huntingdon selected from those posted on the Group's Facebook Page.

Ramsey Rural Museum, for teaching packs of copy material on children of the past.

Don Hill for a booklet on the medieval meeting place of Toseland Hundred.

Buckden Local History Society, for a permanent exhibition of the Anglo-Saxon village at Buckden Village Hall.

The Cromwell Museum Trust, for the creation of educational videos for delivery via *Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams*.

The Ramsey Walled Garden Trust, for a new website.

Martyn Smith, for new equipment for use in connection with his Huntingdonshire Cyclists' Battalion talks.

Elton parish church, to relocate and conserve two Anglo-Saxon crosses from the churchyard to within the church.

Leighton Bromswold parish church, for a pamphlet on the architecture and history of the church.

Also, the following Family History Awards.

Roger Leivers, for a book, *Godmanchester during the Second World War*, focusing on its effects on family life.

Gill Rayment, for the first two of a series of illustrated booklets on the shops and trades of Ramsey.

Dorothy Ann James, for continuing research and production of a biographical record of Huntingdonshire convicts sentenced to transportation.

Philip thanked Kate for the hard work that she has put in over the past six years as administrator of the Goodliff scheme.

6. Excursions report. No excursions took place in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.

7. The Editor's Report. Richard Halliday reported that there was a slow start to his work as editor as, initially, submissions trickled in and for a time some authors were handicapped by being unable to consult archives. However, following an appeal for material, things picked up remarkably towards the end of 2020 and, provided all that has been proposed comes to fruition, he believed that it should be possible to produce something this year, covering what he feels is an interesting range of topics.

6. Election of Officers and members of the committee.

David Smith proposed Philip Saunders as Chairman for the next year and elected *nem. con.* Caroline Clifford was elected as Vice Chairman *nem. con.* The other Officers and members of the committee were re-elected en bloc, except for David Bowers, who had stepped down after five years and was thanked for his work.

9. Election of a person qualified to inspect the accounts. Kathy Ray was nominated by the committee and elected *nem.con.*

10. Any other business.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00pm after which Simon Clemmow gave a presentation entitled 'Establishment & Dissent: Conformity and Nonconformity in Eighteenth-Century Huntingdonshire'.

Richard Cook 20210512