



THORNER & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting
held at the Methodist Meeting Rooms,
Main Street, Thorner on
Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Graham Castle, Gwen Brown, Val Forster, Richard Gibson, Sue Elliott, Rita Saville – Stones, David Strachan, Corinne Cooke, Josie Wales, Ann Castle and Liz Lorraines

1. Apologies:

Dudley Mitchell Richard Bould

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the last AGM were read out by Graham Castle. The minutes were then agreed as true and accurate record, proposed by Mrs Sue Elliott and seconded by Mrs Val Forster.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking the committee for all their hard work throughout the past year on the events held which included Shadwell History Talk and Dinner, Film Night - testament of Youth, Guided Tour of the Alleyways of Leeds by Leeds Civic Trust and Supper and the December Christmas Visit to Chatsworth House, and in April of this year Rita's excellent talk and display on Leeds Suffragettes.

Thanks to the diligence of Gwen Brown and Val Forster and the events we have run, membership has grown again and gives us a better base to advertise future events in the village. We are now on with finalising details of a walking tour of Towton Battlefield and a trip to Wentworth Woodhouse in the Autumn.

We have moved much of the archive material to the Parish Council storage facility, the remainder is still here at the Methodist Attic storeroom for cataloguing and digitising.

He finished by saying that any ideas to promote the Society's aims will always be considered positively as would any suggestions for future events and projects.

4. Secretary's Report

Correspondence:

I am still receiving emails from people all over the world through the historical society and village websites who want help with their family history research. I also receive emails from other societies including Shadwell HS and Towton Battlefield association which I will pass on to members by email. If you would like a hard copy just let me know and I will print them off for you.

Towton Walk:

The first trip this year will be a guided walk around Towton Battlefield followed by lunch at the Rockingham Arms. We will meet up on Sunday 25th June prior to the walk and arrange transport for those who do not have their own car. The walk will start at 10.30am and will take a couple of hours or so. I have booked lunch for 1.00pm, participants can enjoy a one, two or three course lunch which I will take orders for beforehand from the menu so as to avoid disappointment. We also discussed the possibility of a visit to Lead Church at Saxton if this could be arranged with the Church Heritage Fund.

Can I remind you we still have plenty of copies of our book 'After the War Came the Victory' written by David Miller, priced at £10 each. If anyone would like to buy a copy please talk to Val or Gwen, they make splendid gifts for friends and family.

5. The Treasurer's Report

Val Forster passed out copies of the Statement of Accounts.

Val explained that we had a gross loss of £602.62 compared with £268.39 in 2015. The main reason was that the Beehive Dinner and Quiz which in financial terms made a loss of £164. However we greatly increased our membership numbers and enjoyed a memorable social event with members and family. Our other events included Leeds Civic Trust walk and a visit to Chatsworth House which also increased our income from membership from £76 in 2015 to £130 in the last year. We hope to encourage this trend with our trips and events over the next 12 months.

6. Community Archive Report

Richard Gibson reported the following:

WEB SITE (www.thornerhistory.org.uk)

Throughout the year new images have been added to the Image Archive Gallery, including scanned images from box A (Coronations and Jubilees).

Several enquiries have been generated by visitors to the web site, many of which have been passed on to Gwen as Family Historian.

ARCHIVE

Much of the Archive has now been stored in the Parish Council storeroom, The Archive has been used to support several exhibitions during the year including Rita's Leeds Suffragettes talk. Graham explained that the large maps would need to be outsourced for digital scanning prior to being added to computerise archive, after defining and costing.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Graham explained that the present committee members were all prepared to re-stand. Graham then stood down as Chairman and elections followed:-

Chairman - Graham Castle

- proposed by Gwen Brown, seconded by Val Forster

The rest of the Committee were elected on block proposed by Corinne Cooke and seconded by Josie Wales

Secretary - Gwen Brown

Treasurer - Val Forster

Archivist - Mr Richard Gibson

Committee Members:

Sue Elliott

Richard Bould

Rita Saville Stones

David Strachan

David Strachan thanked the officers of the committee for their hard work over the year. He told the meeting that he would book the visit to Wentworth Woodhouse for a Sunday October and report back the details to the committee at the next meeting in June. A future trip to Ripley Castle was suggested and it was decided we would discuss this at the June committee Meeting.

All business being finished the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

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