

THORNER & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting held at the Methodist Meeting Rooms, Main Street, Thorne on Monday 22nd May 2018 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Graham Castle, Gwen Brown, Val Forster, Ann Castle, Dudley Mitchell, Sue Elliott, Rita Saville - Stones, David Strachan, Corinne Cooke, Josie Wales, and Liz Lorraines.

1. Apologies:

Richard Gibson and Paul White

2. The Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were discussed and agreed as true and accurate record, proposed by Mrs Sue Elliott and seconded by Mrs Val Forster. No matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Graham started by welcoming everyone and saying we had another successful year with several well attended events and an increasing membership. The society is slightly better off having made a slight surplus on the year.

Archiving and sorting records has continued steadily but has been delayed by the low temperatures in the Methodist storage room through the winter months. Much of the material has been digitised and most of our maps sorted and duplicates disposed of. We can now look again at paying for these to be scanned professionally. Following the PC's strange management of their store most of our material is still retained in the Methodist storage rooms for security and the dry conditions. A great deal of the material now needs to be taken to West Yorkshire Archives as it is never likely to be used by THS.

He thanked the committee for their support and help as usual organising the trips, displays etc at all our events. As ever any suggestions for future events and projects are most welcomed.

He explained that two committee members are standing down this year, Richard Bould has too many commitments with his young family, and Richard Gibson sadly, has other priorities and is stepping back after many years on the committee as archivist. On your behalf Graham thanked him for his long service and hard work. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to him after the meeting.

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 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.

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

Income and Expenditure:

Val Forster passed out copies of the Statement of Accounts and explained that membership has been increasing slowly over the past few years. She went on to say that we had made a slight profit over the financial year of £176.59. It was agreed that we should put up subscription by £1 to £3 per year.

Forthcoming Events:

Val said she had booked Pat Osborne to give a talk on Rasputin on Wednesday 3rd October in the Victory Hall.

Richard Wimpenny has also been booked to talk on Friday 16th November with a film from the Yorkshire Film Archive as part of the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI.

Val said she had booked our visit to Castle Howard for their Venetian Style Christmas for Friday 13th November.

6. Community Archive

Graham agreed to temporarily perform Archivist functions and review the post later. Graham explained that we are digitising all the documents and putting them on the Historical Society website to allow for more public access.

WEB ADDRESS: (www.thornerhistory.org.uk)

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Graham explained that most of the present committee members were all prepared to re-stand, but due to the resignation of the two Richards there are two places vacant. Graham then stood down as Chairman and elections followed:-

Chairman - Graham Castle

- proposed by Val Forster and seconded by Sue Elliott.

Secretary - Gwen Brow

- proposed by David Strachan and seconded by Rita Saville Stones.

Treasurer - Val Forster

- proposed by Sue Elliott seconded by Gwen Brown

Archivist - to be held the Chairman Graham Castle

New Committee Member - Josie Wales

- proposed by Gwen Brown seconded by Graham Castle

The rest of the Committee were elected on block proposed by Corinne Cooke and seconded by Graham Castle

Committee Members:

Sue Elliott Rita Saville Stones David Strachan

All business being finished the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.