

# **Chorley Historical & Archaeological Society**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Central Library, Union Street, Chorley**

**Tuesday, 11 September 2012 at 7.30pm**

### **Present committee**

Joan Dickinson – Chair  
Kath Purnell – Deputy Chair  
John Harrison – Treasurer  
Peter Robinson - Secretary  
Mike Bennett  
Neil Birtles  
Pat Brammer  
Estelle Bryers  
Judith Robinson  
Julie Stewart  
Stuart Whalley

### Society members

- 1. Introduction and apologies** – the AGM was opened by Joan Dickinson (JD) who gave apologies for Rosemary Boyd, Pat Brammer, Judith Robinson, David Spencer, David Wilding
- 2. Minutes of last AGM** – held on 13 September 2011. They were accepted by the meeting as a true and correct record.
- 3. Chair's report** – JD said that the society has had another great year with excellent speakers, walks and an away weekend. JD expressed her personal thanks to Peter Robinson (PR) for his role as secretary over the past 4 years. He had done a sterling job in engaging speakers, promoting the society, writing reports and other things that went with the job.

JD expressed her grateful thanks to Judith Robinson (JR) as treasurer for helping to keep the society on the straight and narrow. Also, thanks to Rosemary Boyd for manning the door in Judith's absence. Thanks also to Paul and Carol Tate for the audit. JD thanked committee members past and present for help and support given to the society. A big thank you to Lilian and John for keeping us sustained. Joan for the raffle sales and all other members who have helped in other ways to keep the society moving forward as without its membership there would be no society.

JD concluded by thanking Kevin for his constant support.

- 4. Treasurer's report** – PR spoke on behalf of JR and raised a few points from the accounts that might be of particular interest to members and these are as follows;

Membership had fallen slightly from 61 to 57.

Income from meetings and raffle had fallen slightly but could be explained by not holding the raffle in February and March.

Interest earned on our Chorley BS account continues remained the same but the threatened monthly charge of £2 has not materialised on our current account.

Lizzie Jones's presentation was again an earner in 2011 but her 2012 appearance will be the last and will make an impact on the society's income.

Room hire has increased ever so slightly.

Our overall balance remains healthy at £5,247.56, an increase of 3% on last year. PR thanked Paul and Carol for all their help in JDs work on the society's audit.

JD thanked Rosemary Boyd for all her help throughout the year.

- 5. Secretary's report** – PR thanked JD, members of the committee and you the members for all their help and guidance he had received during the year. PR reviewed some of the outings and events that the society had been in involved in. PR acknowledged it had been a good year for the society and thanked all those who had took the time and effort to organise events and, of course, to all those who turned up.

PR said that he is now standing down after 4 years as secretary and thanked all those who have helped during that time. PR added that Kath Purnell has agreed to arrange speakers for 2013 but he has committed himself to helping her in this process. PR asked that all members support Kath in her new role as he too was supported.

**6. Election of officers –**

Post	Officer	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Joan Dickinson	Peter Robinson	Susan Battarbee
Programme secretary	Kath Purnell	Lilian Oldham	Jim Oldham
Treasurer	Judith Robinson	John Harrison	Christine Harrison

JD said that Neil Birtles, Pat Brammer, John Harrison, Christine Harrison, Julie Stewart, Hilary Walker, Lionel Walker were proposed and seconded en bloc.

## New committee

Joan Dickinson – Chair  
Kath Purnell – Programme secretary  
Judith Robinson – Treasurer  
Neil Birtles  
Pat Brammer  
Christine Harrison  
John Harrison  
Julie Stewart  
Hilary Walker  
Lionel Walker

**7. Any other business** – JD said that Lizzie Jones's final presentation will take place at the Unitarian Chapel, Park Street, Chorley on Thursday 29 November. It will be called Farewell to Lord Derby – The Battle of Wigan Lane. A list will go round for those interested to put their names on.

JD said that Alan Crosby had been made an honorary burgess of the Preston Guild and that she had sent a card congratulating him of this award.

JD referred to PR stepping down as secretary and that the post is now vacant. She asked if anyone was interested in taking on any aspect of that role they should speak with her or PR.

**8. Members' reports** – John Harrison explained where he was at in respect of the Hic Bibi project.

Doreen Jolly said a few words to following the previous weekend's heritage open day at the Unitarian Chapel, Union Street.

Boyd Harris first gave a graphic description of the number of hits on the society's website.

Boyd then delivered his usual, excellent, powerpoint presentation summary of the year's activities. He took on us a journey that included lost farms on Brinscall Moors, The Skerries off Angelsey, Darwen Tower, Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, Linlithgow Palace and many points in between. Of particular interest was Bill Ramsbotham's images of old Clayton-le-Woods.

Boyd's excellent images were a welcome reminder of the outings and events the society had been involved during the last year and was warmly received by all those present.