

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

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Notice of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society to be held at the Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, on Thursday 14 June 2018 at 7.30pm.

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Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 07 June 2017
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Acceptance of Chairman's Report
5. Suggestions for future programmes and activities
6. Appointment of President and election of Officers and Committee members. Note that the committee comprises four officers, up to six elected members and up to two members co-opted by the committee.
Those eligible to serve a second year are Mr Mike Bacon, Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp and Mr Christopher Thomas (treasurer).
Those standing down are Mr Richard Easton, Mr Charles Lambrick (chairman), Sandra Shaw (secretary) and Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp. Sandra Shaw has decided not to stand again; all others are willing to be re-elected.
 - 6.1 For appointment as President - Professor Angus Winchester
 - 6.2 For appointment as Financial Examiner – Mr Peter Hubbard
 - 6.3 For election as Chairman – Mr Charles Lambrick
 - 6.4 For election as Vice-Chairman – vacancy
 - 6.5 For election as Secretary – vacancy
 - 6.6 For election as Treasurer – Mr Christopher Thomas.
 - 6.7 For election as Committee member – Mr Richard Easton, Mrs Fiona Lambrick, Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp, Mr Hugh Thomson
 Members may stand for election to any position, and should notify the Secretary if they wish to do so. Nominations can also be taken at the meeting.
7. Resolution: To amend the Society's constitution as shown below.
In Section 3 add two new sentences to read 'The Society's membership and financial years shall run from 1st January annually. The Society shall maintain a Privacy Policy and review it regularly'
In Section 6.1 alter the date in sub-section (i) to read 31st December.
The present constitution can be found on the Society's website and copies will be available at the meeting. Copies of the Privacy Policy will also be available at the AGM.
8. Any other business

At approx 7.45pm –Dr Tom Clare will address members on the subject of Stone Circles of Cumbria.

The talk is open to all. Free to members, visitors £3.00.

Sandra Shaw – Secretary – April 2018

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Accounts for the Financial Year to 31st October 2017

	2016/17	2015/16
	£	£
Opening funds in hand at 1st November 2016	2,114	1,903
Income for year		
From members and visitors:		
Subscriptions	1,435	1,515
Non-member visitors' fees	249	404
Total subscriptions and visitors' fees	1,684	1,919
Other income:		
Outing fees	560	0
Sale of books	49	26
Donations	0	33
Surplus on Bernard Bradbury Lecture	95	0
Bank Interest	3	3
Total income for year	2,391	1,981
Expenditure for year		
Talks & membership communications:		
Talks programme inc speakers' expenses	689	659
Communications to members [Journal, Wanderer, Bulletin etc]	930	786
Website costs	35	45
Other costs Equipment & committee costs	55	30
Total talks & communications costs	1,709	1,520
Other activities and projects:		
Costs of outings	598	30
Printer's annual fee for holding settings for books & other book costs	24	43
Membership fee to BALH including for insurance	65	65
Membership fee to Cumbria Local History Federation	12	12
Victoria County History project - donation	100	100
Cost of managing the Society's archive	0	0
Total expenditure for year	2,508	1,770
Increase / decrease(-) in funds over year	-117	211
Closing funds in hand at 31st October 2017	1,997	2,114
Funds in hand at 31st October 2017 are represented by:		
Current account with the Cumberland Building Society after adjusting for cheques drawn but not through the bank by 31 October 2017	1,985	2,088
Add Amount paid in advance at 31 October for November rent	26	26
Less Creditor at 31/10/2017 not paid until January 2018	-14	0
Less Amounts held at 31 October for members subscriptions received in advance	0	0
Net funds in hand - as above	1,997	2,114

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound

Christopher Thomas
Treasurer
17 April 2018

Peter Hubbard
Examiner
17 April 2018

Chairman's Annual Report for 2017 – 2018

This report summarises the Society's activities during the period since the Society's last AGM held in June 2017. An oral update on the most recent activities will be given at the AGM on 14 June 2018.

The Committee

The committee as elected comprised Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Sandra Shaw (Secretary, and Editor of *The Wanderer*), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Richard Easton (Talks), Tim Stanley-Clamp (Outings), Lena Stanley-Clamp (Membership Secretary), and Mike Bacon. Peter Hubbard has once again kindly acted as examiner of the Society's accounts. The Society remains very honoured that Professor Angus Winchester has been, and is willing to continue to be, its President.

Membership and Finance

In April 2018 the total number of members (previous year's in parentheses) was 152 [154]. This figure comprises 131 [132] full, 11[12] country, and 10 [10] honorary members. Six new members joined the Society. In order to simplify administration, the committee proposes that in future the membership year and financial year should begin in January. An amendment to the Society's constitution will be required, and a resolution to effect the change will be put to members at the AGM.

The accounts are presented separately, showing a satisfactory balance of £1,997 at 31 October 2017. The Committee proposes to maintain the present subscription rates for the Society's next financial year, and for the charge for visitors attending a Talk to remain unaltered.

Talks and other Activities

The number of members attending the seven Talks delivered during the past year remained pleasingly high, despite some challenges arising from winter weather conditions and road closures. A not insignificant number of visitors attended. As in previous years, the Talks covered a wide variety of topics, albeit with a literary theme to several over the last twelve months. Subjects included the history of the exploitation of minerals in the Lake District, the women in the lives of the Lake Poets, an account of a tragic loss of life on Derwent Water in the late 19th century, a history of how in different ways the Lake District has captured people's imagination over the past 250 years, and the local effects of the First World War based on recorded oral history.

The Society's committee was responsible for organising the sixth Bernard Bradbury Memorial Lecture in September, the subject being Cockermonth's relationship with the railways 1847-1967. It was delivered at the Kirkgate Centre to a full house.

In November an interesting outing to Carlisle was arranged. Members visited the Museum of Military Life situated in the Castle and, after lunch in the Fraternity restaurant in the Cathedral Close, a visit was made to the Guildhall Museum. Members enjoyed both venues, where they had the benefit of introductory talks being given by expert guides.

Also in November, as one of the regular users of Lorton's Yew Tree Hall, the Society hosted a monthly coffee morning in a regular series held there. Several sales of the Society's publications were made, and one or two new members joined.

By the time of the AGM, a Talk on the literary history of Mirehouse will have been delivered, and the Society's summer outing to the house on 23 May will have taken place. An oral report about both will be given at the AGM.

The Society's Archives

Derek Denman continues to look after the Society's impressive collection of local historical documents, and he is very happy to help members undertake research. He also deals with questions received by the Society from people in many parts of the UK and further afield. The Society is very grateful to him. Details of how to access the Archives are to be found on the Society's website.

The Journal and The Wanderer

The 60th and final Journal in the series which started in 2005 was published in August 2017. It ran to 40 pages, and included a number of significant articles spanning the centuries. As planned, *The Wanderer* was produced in November and in February, reflecting the intended new pattern of appearing four times in each year. Members are encouraged to contact any committee member if they have in mind writing a short piece on a subject of local historical significance, for example brief results of research or an item of news with historical interest.

Concluding remarks

Sandra Shaw, who has acted as the Society's Secretary for 11 years and been on the committee for 14, will not be standing for re-election at this year's AGM. She has been an outstanding Secretary, and members owe her a big debt of gratitude for her dedication and efficiency in both the running of the Society and the production of *The Wanderer*. She really has been the 'glue' that has held everything together over the years, and it will be challenging to replace her. At this year's AGM, Richard Easton will be handing over responsibility for arranging the Society's Talks. Over the last four years he has produced programmes with a wide diversity of interest, and fellow committee members are grateful for his work in maintaining the standard of Talks which have attracted very good audiences.

Details of the committee members who are standing for election are set out in the Agenda. It is pleasing that these include two members who are standing for the first time. While it is good that new people have offered to join the committee, nevertheless there remains the need to further strengthen it, particularly as filling the gap left by Sandra Shaw's absence as Secretary will be keenly felt. I therefore renew my plea for Members to please come forward to join the Committee.

Finally, the committee is in the course of preparing a Privacy Policy, and this will be available on the Society's website in due course. Further information about the policy and data protection will be communicated to members at the time of membership renewal.

Charles Lambrick, April 2018