

**Notice of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society to be held online on Thursday 8 October 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Agenda**

Members wishing to participate in the meeting using Zoom, should inform the Secretary by 20 September by email to [derekdenman@btinternet.com](mailto:derekdenman@btinternet.com)

1. Apologies received for absence

2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 14 June 2018

Proposer: Charles Lambrick, Seconder: Lena Stanley-Clamp

3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Proposer: Derek Denman, Seconder: Fiona Lambrick

4. Acceptance of Chairman's Report

Proposer: Christopher Thomas, Seconder: Lena Stanley-Clamp

5. 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 serving for a second year are Mr Charles Lambrick (chairman), Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp (vice chair), Mr Christopher Thomas, (Treasurer) Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp, Mr Mike Bacon. Those standing down are Dr Derek Denman (secretary), Mr Richard Easton, Mrs Fiona Lambrick, and Mr Hugh Thomson. Hugh, Fiona and Derek are willing to stand again. Mr James Lusher has agreed to stand for election.

5.1. For appointment as President - Professor Angus Winchester

Proposer: Charles Lambrick Seconder: Lena Stanley-Clamp

5.2 For appointment as Financial Examiner – Mr Peter Hubbard

Proposer: Christopher Thomas, Seconder: Fiona Lambrick

5.3 For election as Secretary – Dr Derek Denman

Proposer: Charles Lambrick, Seconder: Fiona Lambrick

5.4 For election as Committee member – Mrs Fiona Lambrick, Mr Hugh Thomson, Mr James Lusher.

Proposer: Derek Denman, Seconder: Lena Stanley-Clamp

Members may stand for election to any position, and should notify the Secretary if they wish to do so.

8. Close of meeting

*Derek Denman – Secretary – August 2020*

**Minutes of the AGM held in the Yew Tree Hall on Thursday 13 June 2019.**

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Gwyn and Jan Evans and Lena Stanley-Clamp. There were approximately 70 people in attendance of whom over 30 were members.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM [14 June 2018].**

These were accepted; proposed by Walter Head, seconded by Richard Easton.

**3. Acceptance of Treasurer's report.**

Christopher Thomas presented his report for the fourteen-month period to 31 December 2018. The income had been reduced because of the reduced subscriptions, but expenditure had been increased by the successful project on the WWI booklet. Reserves had reduced, and looking forward the committee planned a modest increase in subscriptions starting in 2020.

Christopher thanked Peter Hubbard who has examined the Society's accounts.

He stated that he had been treasurer for eleven years and planned to stand down after completing the 2019 accounts, handing over the 2020 accounts. He asked for members to consider taking on the role of Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was accepted; proposed by John Hudson, seconded by Mike Bacon.

**4. Acceptance of Chairman's report**

Charles Lambrick introduced his report. Since it had been written, the Society had enjoyed May's talk on the Vikings in Cumberland, and a very successful and informative visit in May to Yanwath Hall, Penrith town, and Penrith Museum. Unfortunately, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lecture by Professor Angus Winchester had been postponed due to his back injury. The Society looked forward to that lecture in October and wished Angus a steady improvement.

The Chairman's report was accepted; proposed by Alan Hudson, seconded by Hugh Thomson.

**5. Suggestions for future programmes and activities.**

The chairman invited anyone with suggestions for future talks, visits or projects to speak to any member of the committee.

**6. Appointment of President and election of Officers and Committee.**

The chairman reported that Professor Angus Winchester has agreed to continue as our president and Peter Hubbard as accounts examiner. Both were thanked for their assistance in these roles.

Considering the committee membership, those serving for a second year are Mrs Fiona Lambrick, Mr Richard Easton, Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp and Mr Hugh Thomson.

Those standing down are Mr Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Dr Derek Denman (Secretary), Mr Christopher Thomas, (Treasurer) Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp and Mr Mike Bacon. All are willing to stand again.

Considering the officer posts, those offering to stand were, Chair – Mr. Charles Lambrick, Vice Chair – Mr. Tim Stanley-Clamp, Secretary – Dr. Derek Denman, Treasurer (for 2019) – Mr Christopher Thomas.

Members attending were asked to stand for committee places.

The meeting was asked to: endorse the appointments of Professor Angus Winchester as President and Mr Peter Hubbard as Examiner, and to elect: as Chairman – Mr Charles Lambrick, as Vice-Chairman – Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp, as Secretary – Dr Derek Denman, as Treasurer – Mr Christopher Thomas, as Committee members – Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp, Mr Mike Bacon.

This was proposed by Sandra Shaw, seconded by Alan Hudson, and agreed by a show of hands with none dissenting.

**7. Any Other Business.** There was none.

The meeting was closed and followed immediately by the evening's talk on *A Social History of Loweswater, through three periods of change*, by Dr Derek Denman.

Derek Denman, 14 June 2019

**Chairman's Annual Report for 2019-20**

This report summarises the Society's activities during the period since the June 2019 AGM. An oral up-date will be given at the postponed AGM in October 2020.

**The Committee**

Following the AGM, the committee comprised Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Derek Denman (Secretary, and with responsibility for *The Wanderer*), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Tim Stanley-Clamp (Outings and Publicity), Lena Stanley-Clamp (Membership Secretary), Richard Easton, Mike Bacon, Hugh Thomson, and Fiona Lambrick. Peter Hubbard kindly acted as examiner of the Society's accounts for the year.

**The Society's President**

Professor Angus Winchester was once again the Society's President, and he is willing to act in that capacity for the period to the 2021 AGM. The Society is most grateful to him. It is very pleasing to record the publication in November 2019 of his book 'Language of the

Landscape', in which he employs the valley of the River Cocker as the means of exploring the historic landscape of a large part of the Society's area.

#### Membership and Finance

In August 2020 the total number of members was unchanged at 161. 2019 was a good year for the Society's finances – see p.4. Income was up: nearly £200 more was received in visitors fees along with a welcome half share of the surplus on the Bernard Bradbury Lecture, and a good profit was received from the sales of Angus Winchester's book; Expenditure was down, mainly because there was no special project in 2019, whereas in 2018 £350 was gladly spent on the 2018 Remembrance booklet. As a consequence, £2,500 was brought into 2020. £1,489 in membership subscriptions and visitors' fees have been paid in 2020 and only £320 spent so far, leaving around £3,800 in the bank. This has enabled the committee to agree that all members who paid a 2020 subscription should be allowed to carry it forward to cover 2021 membership.

#### Talks and other Activities

In October Professor Winchester gave the postponed 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture on the Norman imprint on the history of the Society's area. Since the last AGM five other Talks were delivered, covering a broad span of history, from Roman roads in Cumbria to the Border Regiment at Arnhem in 1944. Following the June AGM Derek Denman addressed members on aspects of Loweswater's social history. Other topics included the history of the well-known song about John Peel (including musical illustrations) and German miners in the Derwent Fells.

In September the Society assisted the Cockerthorpe Civic Trust and the Town's Heritage Group in organising the Bernard Bradbury Memorial Lecture when Professor Oram of Stirling University addressed a large audience on the subject of castle building and control of Cumbria during the 12th century.

Two outings were organised by Tim Stanley-Clamp during 2019. The first, in May, was to Yanwath Hall near Penrith followed by a guided historical tour of the town. The Hall, provided a fascinating glimpse of the past and the tour of Penrith led by Professor Michael Mullet was a most informative one. In October a visit was made to Windermere Jetty Museum at Bowness, followed by a visit to the Armitage Museum.

#### The Wanderer

Since the 2019 AGM four editions of the *Wanderer* have appeared, each containing articles on local history, together with reports about Talks and Outings, and items of news and administrative information. Members are encouraged to contact any committee member if they plan to write a short piece on a subject of local historical significance, whether the results of research or an item of news with historical interest. The Society is grateful to Pip Wise, of High Lorton, for taking on the task of distributing the printed *Wanderer* and other material to members, and to John Hart for hand delivery in Lorton, up to the start of the current restrictions.

#### Concluding remarks

The excellent Talk on mining in the Derwent Fells given by Mark Hatton was delivered, most fortuitously, just before the Covid 19 lockdown began. However, inevitably, the emergency had the effect of curtailing the remainder of the Society's programme of Talks for 2020 at Lorton's Yew Tree Hall and the outings planned for early summer and the autumn. Apart from deciding to roll over members' 2020 subscriptions, the committee is considering the appropriate way forward for future Talks and other activities. It is hoped that announcements about this will have been made by the time of the AGM in October.

Richard Easton has decided not to stand again as a committee member, and I wish to thank him very warmly for organising Talks in earlier years and assisting with handling so ably the management of the Society's database. James Lusher, who has recently been co-opted as a committee member is standing for election to the committee. Finally, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing grateful thanks to John and Judy Hudson, who are standing down from the role, for having organised the much appreciated post-meeting refreshments for several years.

Charles Lambrick, August 2020

# Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Accounts for the Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2019

	Year 2019	Period 2017/18
	£	£
<b>Opening funds in hand at 1st January 2019</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,997</b>
<b>Income for year</b>		
<b>From members and visitors:</b>		
Subscriptions	1,057	1,031
Non-member visitors' fees	426	234
<b>Total subscriptions and visitors' fees</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>1,265</b>
<b>Other income:</b>		
<b>Outings:</b> Fees received from participants	181	190
Less costs of outing	-165	-210
<b>Sale of books:</b> Money received from sales	580	129
Cost of printing or buying books for sale	-440	-14
Sale of township maps	0	19
Share of surplus on Bernard Bradbury Lecture	171	0
Donations	22	156
Bank Interest	3	3
<b>Total income for year</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,538</b>
<b>Expenditure for year</b>		
<b>Talks &amp; membership communications:</b>		
Talks programme inc speakers' expenses	626	797
Communications to members [Journal, Wanderer etc.]	339	402
Other costs:	0	0
<b>Total talks &amp; communications costs</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1,199</b>
<b>Other activities and projects:</b>		
Membership fee to BALH including insurance premium	75	75
Membership fee to Cumbria Local History Federation	15	12
Printing Remembrance booklet	0	350
Victoria County History project - donation	25	100
Other payments	0	54
<b>Total expenditure for year</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>Increase / decrease(-) in funds over year</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>-252</b>
<b>Closing funds in hand at 31st December 2019</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,745</b>
<b>Funds in hand at 31st December 2019 are represented by:</b>		
Current account with the Cumberland Building Society at 31 Dec 2019	3,590	2,640
Less: Cheque drawn before but not paid by bank at 31 Dec 2019	-30	0
Add: Subscription to BALH paid in advance at 31 Dec 2019	0	75
Less: Creditors at 31 Dec 2019 not paid until 2020	0	-204
Less: Membership subscriptions for 2020 received in advance at 31 Dec 2019	-1,060	-766
<b>Net funds in hand - as above</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,745</b>

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

**Christopher Thomas**

Treasurer  
6 August 2020

**Peter Hubbard**

Examiner  
6 August 2020