

Notice of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society to be held on Zoom on Thursday 10 June 2021 at 7.30pm.

Agenda

The meeting will be held on Zoom. All members for whom we have an email address will be sent a link to join the meeting. If you wish to register an email address, please contact derekdenman@btinternet.com

1. Apologies received for absence

2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 8 October 2020

Proposer: Charles Lambrick, Seconder: Lena Stanley-Clamp

3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Proposer: Derek Denman, Seconder: Tim Stanley-Clamp

4. Acceptance of Chairman's Report

Proposer: Christopher Thomas, Seconder: Mike Bacon

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 Mrs Fiona Lambrick, Mr Hugh Thomson and Mr James Lusher

Those standing down are Mr Charles Lambrick (Chair), Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp (vice chair), Dr Derek Denman (Secretary), Mr Christopher Thomas, (Treasurer) Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp, Mr Mike Bacon. All are willing to stand again in their current roles, except for Mike Bacon, and Derek Denman wishes to stand as a committee member only.

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: Hugh Thomson

5.3 For election as Chair – Mr Charles Lambrick

Proposer: Derek Denman, Seconder: Mike bacon

5.3 For election as Vice-chair – Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp

Proposer: Derek Denman, Seconder: Hugh Thomson

5.4 For election as Secretary – vacancy

5.5 For election as Treasurer – Christopher Thomas

Proposer: Charles Lambrick, Seconder: Tim Stanley-Clamp

5.6 For election as Committee members – Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp, Dr Derek Denman, one vacancy.

Proposer: Charles Lambrick, Seconder: Fiona Lambrick

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

6. Close of AGM.

Derek Denman – Secretary – April 2021

At approx. 7:50, Dr Fiona Edmonds will present the talk: *'Saints and Vikings: the Cumbrian coast and the Irish Sea region in the early medieval period.*

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday 8 October 2020.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Richard Easton, Desmond Cass and Mary Todd. There were 13 members in attendance online on Zoom. The Chairman noted that notice of the AGM had been given in August. He thanked Tim for the technical hosting.

2. Minutes of the last AGM 13 June 2020.

These were accepted; proposed by Charles Lambrick, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp.

3. Acceptance of Treasurer's report.

Christopher Thomas presented his report for the year to 31 December 2019. 2019 had turned out much better than expected with funds increasing by £755 to £2500, plus prepayments of 2020 subscriptions. The increase in subscriptions for 2020, combined with the restrictions on meetings, meant that currently the Society's funds stand at £3700. The committee has decided that subscriptions paid for 2020 will cover also 2021. Christopher thanked Peter Hubbard who has examined the Society's accounts.

The Treasurer's report was accepted; proposed by Derek Denman, seconded by Fiona Lambrick.

4. Acceptance of Chairman's report

Charles Lambrick referred to his report set out with the agenda. Since it had been written there had been further developments regarding the terms and conditions on which the Yew Tree Hall can be used during the emergency, but he was not yet able to make an announcement about future Talks. He reiterated on behalf of the Society thanks to Richard Easton, who was standing down as a committee member, for his contribution over the years to the Society's affairs.

The Chairman's report was accepted; proposed by Christopher Thomas, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp.

5. 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 Mr Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Mr Tim Stanley-Clamp (Vice-Chair), Mr Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Mrs Lena Stanley-Clamp and Mr Mike Bacon.

Those standing down are Dr Derek Denman (Secretary), Mr Richard Easton, Mrs Fiona Lambrick, and Mr Hugh Thompson. All are willing to stand again except Richard Easton, who leaves the committee. Mr James Lusher, of High Lorton, has agreed to stand for the committee.

The meeting was asked to: endorse the appointments of Professor Angus Winchester as President (proposed by Charles lambrick, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp) and Mr Peter Hubbard as Examiner (proposed by Christopher Thomas, seconded by Fiona Lambrick), and to elect: as Secretary – Dr Derek Denman (proposed by Charles Lambrick, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp), and as committee members Mrs Fiona Lambrick, Mr Hugh Thomson, and Mr James Lusher (proposed by Derek Denman, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp).

The above were agreed with none dissenting.

Chairman's Annual Report for 2020–2021

This report summarises the Society's activities during the period since the last AGM held in October 2020. An oral up-date will be given at the AGM on 10 June 2021.

The Committee

The committee comprised Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Tim Stanley-Clamp (Vice-Chairman, and responsible for Publicity), Derek Denman (Secretary, and with responsibility for *The Wanderer*), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Lena Stanley-Clamp (Membership Secretary), Mike Bacon, Hugh Thomson, Fiona Lambrick, and James Lusher. Peter Hubbard kindly acted as examiner of the Society's accounts for the year ending December 2020.

The Society's President

Professor Angus Winchester is willing to continue as the Society's President for the period to the 2022 AGM. As ever, the Society is very grateful to him for fulfilling the role.

Donation remembering Stella and Ron George

Stella and Ron George were founders of the Society in 1993, and sadly Stella died in 2020. We were pleased to receive a donation of £500 from the daughters of Stella and Ron in remembrance of their parents. This will be included in the 2021 accounts.

Membership and Finance

At the time of writing in April 2021 the total number of members of the Society stands at 156. The 2020 subscription was extended to include 2021. Five new members have joined the Society so far during 2021. The accounts for 2020, given below and examined by Peter Hubbard, show a very healthy balance of just under £3,500 at 31 December 2020.

Talks and other Activities

Inevitably, with restrictions on gatherings caused by the emergency arising from the Covid 19 pandemic, members of the Society have not been able to meet during the period under review. However, in January 2021 the Committee decided to experiment with providing 'virtual' meetings for Members at which Talks would be delivered. Peter Style, a member of the Society, kindly agreed to give the first such Talk in February on Zoom. His subject, recent archaeological investigation and discoveries in the vicinity of Crummock Water and Buttermere, proved popular. This was followed in April by a Talk on the border reivers which was delivered, again on Zoom, by Maks Loth-Hill and was warmly received. Both that Talk and the previous one attracted approximately 40 electronic connections, and thereby audiences of an estimated 50 or more Members 'attended' each occasion. A programme of further Talks for 2021, initially on Zoom, has been arranged and it is hoped that provided emergency restrictions are lifted these will be delivered at physical meetings of Members. It is also envisaged that after the end of June two guided walks and an outing will become possible.

The Wanderer

Four editions of the Wanderer have been published since my Report written in advance of the last AGM. Each one contained several articles, news items and reports, and was well-illustrated. It is pleasing that a variety of Members have contributed items to the publication, and that each one has run to 32 pages at a time when it was not possible to offer Members the usual variety of activities. Articles by members on local historical subjects are always welcome.

Concluding remarks

The use of Zoom resulted in several Members who would not otherwise have been able to 'attend' a Talk being able to do so. James Lusher has been principally responsible for setting up the arrangements, and the committee is currently investigating the feasibility of live-streaming Talks when physical meetings of Members become possible. So that the respective benefits of each mode of delivery become available.

The two-year terms of office as Committee members Tim Stanley-Clamp (vice chair), Derek Denman (Secretary), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Lena Stanley-Clamp, Mike Bacon and myself come to an end at this year's AGM. Apart from Mike Bacon, all are willing to stand for a further term, and I am willing to stand for election as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mike has decided not to stand for re-election, and I wish to thank him warmly for his contribution to the committee's deliberations. Derek is standing down as Secretary, and I take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of Members very grateful thanks to him for fulfilling that role over the past three years. Committee members are looking forward to recruiting additional people to join them, and to welcoming a new Secretary for the Society when a member offers to fulfil that role.
Charles Lambrick, April 2021

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Accounts for the Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2020

	Year 2020	Year 2019
	£	£
Opening funds in hand at 1st January 2020	2,500	1,745
Income for year		
From members and visitors:		
Subscriptions	1,377	1,057
Non-member visitors' fees	132	426
Total subscriptions and visitors' fees	1,509	1,483
Other income:		
Outings: Fees received from participants less costs	0	16
Sale of books: Money received from sales less cost of books	147	140
Share of surplus on Bernard Bradbury Lecture	0	171
Donations	0	22
Bank Interest	3	3
Total income for year	1,659	1,835
Expenditure for year		
Talks & membership communications:		
Talks programme inc speakers' expenses	165 ***	626
Communications to members [Journal, Wanderer etc.]	406	339
Total talks & communications costs	571	965
Other activities and projects:		
Membership fee to BALH including insurance premium	75	75
Membership fee to Cumbria Local History Federation	15	15
Victoria County History project - donation	0	25
Total expenditure for year	661	1,080
Increase / decrease(-) in funds over year	998	755
Closing funds in hand at 31st December 2020	3,498	2,500
*** Includes £51 creditor for rent		
Funds in hand at 31st December 2020 are represented by:		
Current account with the Cumberland Building Society at 31 Dec 2020	3,564	3,590
Less: Cheque drawn before 31 Dec 2020 but not paid by bank until 2021	-15	-30
Less: Creditor being rent for early 2020 talks outstanding at 31.12.2020	-51	0
Less: Membership subscriptions for 2020 received in advance at 31 Dec 2019	0	-1,060
Net funds in hand - as above	3,498	2,500

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

Christopher Thomas
Treasurer
20 April 2021

Peter Hubbard
Examiner
20 April 2021