

Notice of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society to be held at the Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, and on Zoom, on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Agenda

The meeting may also be attended 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 ldflhsmembership@gmail.com

1. Apologies received for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held 10 June 2021
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Acceptance of Chairman's Report
5. Appointment of President and Financial Examiner, and election of Officers and Committee members. Peter Hubbard wishes to step down as Examiner, after eight years. 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: Charles Lambrick (Chair), Christopher Thomas (as a committee member but not as Treasurer), Lena Stanley-Clamp, Clare Round, Derek Denman.

Those standing down are: Fiona Lambrick, Tim Stanley-Clamp, Hugh Thompson and James Lusher. Fiona, and James are willing to stand again. Sandra Shaw, a former Secretary, has agreed to stand to re-join the committee.

- 5.1. For appointment as President - Professor Angus Winchester
 - 5.2. For appointment as Financial Examiner: [tbc]
 - 5.3. For election as Vice-Chair: [tbc]
 - 5.3. For election as Secretary: [tbc]
 - 5.5. For election as Treasurer: Linda Cameron
 - 5.6. For election as Committee members: Fiona Lambrick, James Lusher, Sandra Shaw
- Members may stand for election to any position, and should notify the Chair if they wish to do so.
6. Close of AGM.

Charles Lambrick – Chair – April 2022

**At approx. 7:50, members of the Ambleside Oral History Group will present:
'World War Two: Earning a Crust'**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday 10 June 2021.

1. Apologies for Absence.
There were no apologies There were 29 links active online on Zoom at the meeting start. The Chairman noted that notice of the AGM had been given in early May. Thanks were due to James for the technical hosting.
2. Minutes of the last AGM 8 October 2020.
These minutes were included in the AGM notice and were accepted; proposed by Charles Lambrick, seconded by Lena Stanley-Clamp.
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's report.
The Treasurer's report for 2020 was included in the AGM notice and was accepted; proposed by Derek Denman, seconded by Tim Stanley-Clamp.
4. Acceptance of Chairman's report
The Chairman's report for 2020/1 was included in the AGM notice and was accepted; proposed by Christopher Thomas, seconded by Mike Bacon.
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 Fiona Lambrick, Hugh Thomson and James Lusher. Those standing down are Charles Lambrick (Chair), Tim Stanley-Clamp (Vice Chair), Derek Denman (Secretary), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer) Lena Stanley-Clamp and Mike Bacon. All are willing to stand again except Mike Bacon, who leaves the committee. Derek Denman is standing for the Committee and not as Secretary. Clare Round, of High Lorton, has agreed to stand for the Committee. The chairman thanked Mike Bacon for his contribution to the Committee and Derek Denman for his three years as Secretary. There would be a vacancy for Secretary, which the Committee would consider. The Chairman noted that Christopher Thomas had kindly agreed to stand as Treasurer for another year, but he had served for over ten years and would wish to limit his further tenure.

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 Hugh Thomson). These were passed with none dissenting.

The meeting was asked to elect as Chair – Charles Lambrick (proposed by Derek Denman, seconded by Mike Bacon), as Vice Chair Tim Stanley-Clamp (proposed by Derek Denman seconded by Hugh Thomson), as Treasurer Christopher Thomas (proposed by Charles Lambrick seconded by Tim Stanley-Clamp, and as committee members Lena Stanley-Clamp, Clare Round, and Derek Denman (proposed by Charles Lambrick, seconded by Fiona Lambrick). These were passed with none dissenting.

6. Close of AGM.

The Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 7.45 pm.

Derek Denman – Secretary - June 2021

Chairman's Annual Report for 2021–2022

This report summarises the Society's activities during the period since the last AGM held in June 2021. As usual, an oral up-date will be given at the AGM in June 2022.

The Committee

The committee comprised Charles Lambrick (Chairman), Tim Stanley-Clamp (Vice-Chairman, and responsible for Talks), Christopher Thomas (Treasurer), Derek Denman (with responsibility for *The Wanderer*), Lena Stanley-Clamp (Membership Secretary), Hugh Thomson, Fiona Lambrick, James Lusher, and Clare Round. Peter Hubbard again kindly acted as examiner of the Society's accounts for the year ending December 2021.

The Society's President

Professor Angus Winchester generously acted as the Society's President for the period under review, and he is happy to fulfil that role for the forthcoming year to the next AGM. As ever, the Society is very grateful to him for his willingness to continue in the role.

Membership and Finance

At the time of writing in April 2022 the total number of members is 206 (156 at April 2021), an increase of 50 in a year and a record number of members for the Society. It appears to reflect the attraction and accessibility of Talks being delivered via Zoom, along with the Society's Facebook presence.

The accounts, presented separately, show that despite those who were members during 2020 being exempted from paying a subscription in 2021 a healthy balance of circa £4,400 was carried forward into 2022. A generous donation of £500 from the family of the late Stella George will enable the Society to support a worthwhile project.

The committee is grateful to Peter Hubbard for his work as Financial Examiner for the past eight years. Peter wishes to hand this role to another member, who must not be a member of the committee. The committee therefore seeks a volunteer for this role.

Talks and other Activities

Since the last AGM all the Talks have been 'virtual' ones, apart from a 'hybrid' one in March. The programme covered a wide variety of subjects. Dr Fiona Edmonds of Lancaster University spoke very eloquently about 'Saints and Vikings' following last year's AGM. Next, Dr Alan Crosby gave an interesting talk about Bastardy in 19th century Cumbria, and thereafter Dick O'Brien, a leading light in another Cumbrian local history society, addressed members about the Pilgrimage of Grace. The November Talk was given by Professor Matthew Townend of York University on the erudite, but fascinating, subject of Cumbrian dialect. January's Talk by Dr Jim Cox was on the history of a post WWI murder mystery with associated skulduggery in the Penrith area. Professor Winchester's Talk in March on the history of common land was the first occasion for almost exactly two years when Members met at the Yew Tree Hall, and it was also the first Talk to be live streamed to members 'attending' via Zoom. All the Talks were warmly received. The committee intends to use live streaming for all future Talks.

There were three historical Walks, each of which was well supported. In August Derek Denman led a walk around Lorton, followed in September by a guided walk at the mines of Coniston led by Mark Hatton. The third walk was in October when Peter Style showed members the archaeological discoveries near the head of Crummock Water, which was a follow-up to the Talk he had given on the subject in January 2021.

The Wanderer

Four editions of the Wanderer were published during the period under review and, apart from news items and reports, each contained a variety of articles ranging from the early history of the area to mid-20th century social history. They have been well-illustrated, often sourced from the Society's photographic archive. I thank Derek Denman for his very efficient editorship.

During the year Richard Easton kindly agreed to take on the management of the distribution of the Wanderer and other material sent by post and email. I am grateful to him for doing so, and to Pip Wise and Chris Mills for continuing to look after the assembling and posting of papers sent to members.

Concluding remarks

James Lusher has principally been responsible for setting up the Zoom arrangements, and I would like to thank him most sincerely not only for this but also for his imaginative initiatives regarding live streaming. He has had able support from Chris Mills and Clare Round. I also warmly thank Lena Stanley-Clamp for having nurtured the Society's Facebook presence. Both these developments have undoubtedly assisted in raising the profile of the Society. Over the last year Clare has done an excellent job as committee secretary.

The respective two-year terms of office as Committee members of Hugh Thomson and Fiona Lambrick come to an end at this year's AGM. Fiona is willing to stand for a further term, but Hugh has decided not to stand for re-election. I thank him warmly for his wise contributions to the committee's deliberations. Tim Stanley-Clamp (vice chair) has also decided to stand down from the committee, and likewise I would like to extend very warm thanks to him for his contribution over the years, and for both organising some notable outings and also more recently for arranging the attractive programme of Talks. After some 14 years Christopher Thomas will be standing down as Treasurer but will remain a member of the committee. I thank him most sincerely for all he has done over that time in looking after the Society's finances with exemplary efficiency. I am grateful to Linda Cameron for offering to stand for election as Treasurer in Christopher's place. Also, I am pleased that Sandra Shaw, who was the Society's Secretary for many years, is standing for election to re-join the committee. I am happy to continue as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The key role of Secretary of the Society remains to be filled. This is urgent, and I appeal to members to offer to join the committee to take up this post in the interest of enabling the Society to continue to thrive.

Charles Lambrick - April - 2022

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Accounts for the Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2021

	Year 2021	Year 2020	Year 2019
	£	£	£
Opening funds in hand at 1st January 2021	3,498	2,500	1,745
Income for year			
From members and visitors:			
Subscriptions received for year	344 (i)	1,377	1,057
Non-member visitors' fees	0	132	426
Total subscriptions and visitors' fees	344	1,509	1,483
Other income:			
Outings: Fees received from participants less costs	0 (ii)	0	16
Sale of books: Money received from sales less cost of books	0	147	140
Share of surplus on Bernard Bradbury Lecture	0	0	171
Donations	501	0	22
Bank Interest	1	3	3
Total income for year	846	1,659	1,835
Expenditure for year			
Talks & membership communications:			
Talks programme inc speakers' expenses	254	165	626
Communications to members [Journal, Wanderer etc.]	617	406	339
Total talks & communications costs	871	571	965
Other activities and projects:			
Membership fee to BALH including insurance premium	75	75	75
Membership fee to Cumbria Local History Federation	0	15	15
Cumbria County History Trust	50 (iii)	0	25
New equipment	89	0	0
Activities - costs re walks	47	0	0
Other expenses	16	0	0
Total expenditure for year	1,148	661	1,080
Increase / decrease(-) in funds over year	-302	998	755
Closing funds in hand at 31st December 2021	3,196	3,498	2,500
(i) Paid-up members at end 2020 got free membership for 2021			Note (iv)
(ii) There were no formal outings in 2021			
(iii) Two years subscriptions to CLHF were paid in 2021			
(iv) 2019 comparatives are included to show a 'normal' year.			
Funds in hand at 31st December 2021 are represented by:			
Current account with the Cumberland Building Society at 31 Dec 2021	4,339	3,564	3,590
Add: Payment for BALH sub for 2022 paid in 2021	75	0	0
Less: Cheque drawn before 31 Dec but not paid by bank until new year	-10	-15	-30
Less: Creditor being rent for early 2020 talks outstanding at 31.12.2020	0	-51	0
Less: Membership subscriptions for 2022 received in advance at 31 Dec 2021	-1,208	0	-1,060
Net funds in hand at year end - excluding carry forwards	3,196	3,498	2,500
Funds available at 1 January 2022 were	£ 4,404		

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

Christopher Thomas
Treasurer
20-Apr-22

Peter Hubbard
Examiner
20-Apr-22