

Treeton Local History Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2018

In the Reading Room, Treeton

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the Group and Eric Tillery explained how it came about, listed those present at early meetings and named the first officials to be appointed. Several of the founder members remain involved.

Present: 20 Members present

1. **Apologies:** Jean Noble, Grace Stevenson, Mick Noble, Margaret Stewart, Bob Lunt. John Hargreaves, John Holmes, Monica Walker.

2. **Minutes of AGM on 27 April 2017.**

Acceptance was proposed by David Aveling, seconded by Hedley Frost and unanimously agreed. There were no matters arising.

3. **Report from Chair.**

Eric Tillery announced the deaths this year of members Andy Stevens, Anne Ward and Margaret Spink. Both Andy and Anne were enthusiastic supporters of the group and contributed in many ways.

Eric considered that we had had a good year despite slightly lower attendances than the previous year. He reminded everyone of the variety of talks and events which had taken place during the year and proposed a vote of thanks to Margaret.

The year started well with an interesting talk by Mike Spick about the origin of street names in Sheffield. June saw a return visit from Mike Ogden with an excellent presentation about the Palace of Westminster. The members' evening in July was once again kindly co-ordinated by Joan Frost and several members shared their memories of childhood in Treeton and elsewhere. In August 24 members and friends toured Sheffield Cathedral and Sheffield Cutlers' Hall. The September talk about Portsmouth was not as expected, focusing as it did on Rotherham Sea Cadets. For various reasons, few members were able to attend the members' evening in October, presented by Eric Tillery. This event was highly praised by everyone who did attend and Eric has agreed to repeat it at the Christmas Party in December. The presentation on the History of Surnames in November was very interesting and Roy Yates was able to explain the meaning of members' family names. Following a last minute cancellation by the planned speaker, Mac MacKechnie and friends kindly stepped in to entertain us with some magic at the Christmas Party. At the February meeting we learned about the history of the Rotherham Feoffees (and the correct pronunciation). In March, Ann Key gave a detailed and well-illustrated history of Aston Manor.

A wreath had been placed on the war memorial on behalf of the Group.

4. **Presentation of Annual Accounts**

Iris Gahegan presented the annual accounts which show a very healthy bank balance of £2072, compared with £1886 last year. Income from membership and refreshments now covers the cost of speakers and room-hire. Other costs remain similar to last year and income from the sale of Treeton dvd's continues.

Five new members increased membership this year to 38, bringing membership fees of £380.

There are 7 non-paying Life-time Members so total membership was 45.

A vote of thanks to Iris was proposed by Joan Frost.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Pat Payne, seconded by Joan Frost and unanimously agreed.

5. Election of Honorary Officers

All Officers were willing to continue as follows:

Chair:	Eric Tillery
Vice-Chair:	Gordon Payne
Secretary:	Margaret Young.
Treasurer/ Membership Secretary:	Iris Gahegan
Newsletter Editor:	
Archivist:	David Aveling
Events Coordinator:	Margaret Young

Margaret Wortley has been unable to continue in her position as Newsletter Editor. Iris stressed the importance of producing a Newsletter, particularly for members outside the area who support the group. No-one present was willing to take on this role.

All the above were elected en bloc. Proposer: Linda Shepherd. Seconder: Ida Levin

6. Election of Steering Committee

Committee members willing to continue are: Monica Walker, Linda Shepherd, Peter Ingham, Pat Payne and Carol Wise. There are vacancies for up to 3 more committee members and members were reminded that any member is welcome to come to any committee meeting as an observer.

All the above were elected en bloc. Proposer: Hedley Frost. Seconder: Belle Nuttall

7. Annual Subscriptions

The membership fee will remain at £10 per person with a visitor fee of £2 and a refreshment cost of £1. Eric was asked to remind visitors of the fee at all meetings.

8. Suggestions for Future meetings

The new programme of events was read out. This year's August visit will include tours of the Three Cranes, Rotherham Minster and the Chapel-on-the-Bridge.

An evening visit to St. Helens Church has been suggested and will be included in the next programme. An invitation to participate in a forthcoming Church open day will be considered.

10. Any Other Business

None

The meeting finished at 8.05 p.m.

Margaret Young (Secretary)