

MARPLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

AGM

Monday, 16th April 2012
at the Evangelical Church, Queen Street, Marple

The President, Donald Reid, opened the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

1) Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2) Minutes of the AGM 2011

The minutes were adopted with one change. Pat Fisher did not stand for re-election. Proposed – Brian Perks
Seconded – Paul Rice

3) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Presentation of Officers' Reports

Chairman: Hilary Atkinson

The chairman reported on a busy and successful year. We had an average of over 70 people attending each meeting over the year. Our own members gave three of the talks.

As part of our contribution to the community we presented a major exhibition "60 Years of Local History" which received a lot of praise.

We are working on two major projects – to have a standard house style for all our publications and to build our own website. We should have more to announce about both these projects in the autumn.

St Martin's has asked us to put on an exhibition for Heritage Open Days on 8/9 September. Tony Jones and Sheila Thornton are preparing an exhibition on the parish of Low Marple and how it evolved.

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we have made a donation of £500 towards the community garden project organised by Friends on Memorial Park.

Paul Rice has stepped down from the committee and we must thank him for all the hard work he has undertaken in his time as a member.

Finally, everyone is welcome to the Cheese and Wine evening at the Old Vicarage on 16th July and also the first meeting of our new season on 17th September when we will hear about the Peterloo Massacre.

Treasurer: Ruth Hargreaves

The Society is financially healthy. Income has remained steady with a reduction in visitors being offset by a successful exhibition. Expenditure showed a marked increase because of a donation as well as expenses

incurred towards booklet and website designs. However, the resulting current deficit shows that we are using the Funds wisely. We have a healthy balance of £6853.

Visits Organiser: Judith Wilshaw

Four visits were made in the course of the year. All were well supported and have been successful.

The first summer visit was to the Burnley area to visit two working museums of the cotton industry. Then, to celebrate 50 years of the society we had a narrow boat cruise along the Peak Forest Canal, returning to the Ring o' Bells for a buffet supper.

In the autumn we visited the National Coal Mining Museum near Wakefield and were able to go down the mine for a memorable experience. The final visit of the year was so popular we had to hire a larger coach. It was to the Royal Crown Derby factory for a tour and a visit to the factory shop.

Archives: Ann Hearle

The archive team has met regularly every Thursday to carry on the work of cataloguing, indexing, filing and storing existing records and a steady stream of new material. Those of the team at the meeting were introduced. Each has their own particular task though working as a team. New volunteers are very welcome to join us either occasionally or regularly.

All Reports are available on request

5) Election of Committee

The following members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election:

Donald Reid	Hilary Atkinson
David Burridge	Martin Cruickshank
Ruth Hargreaves	Ann Hearle
Tony Jones	Neil Mullineux
Sheila Thornton	Judith Wilshaw.

The re-election of the existing members was proposed by Barbara Preston and seconded by Paul Rice. It was agreed unanimously. The President took the opportunity to thank all the committee for the work they had put in over the previous year.

6) AOB

As there was no more business the meeting was concluded at 7.59 pm