

MLHS

AGM programme

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been another successful year for the society. With a 131 members, the highest ever and 48 visitors during the year up to March. Meetings usually have around 80 people to a meeting and 10 visitors. Some visitors become members!

The talks have been varied with a mixture of local and regional, sometimes even national subjects from different speakers.

Our exhibition about the history of the orthopaedic hospital had to be postponed because of the weather. It is now scheduled for May. Do come and see it at the Library. Opening Saturday morning on May the 12th, do come and join us for the opening or visit any time during the week during library hours.

The meetings have run smoothly due to the hard work of committee members, getting everything ready including the new delivery system of tea and coffee. More members are staying after the talk!

Archives
Our web site is visited regularly and the 'Omeka' cataloging of the archives is getting enquirers world wide. We at archives do our best to answer questions. Many thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers especially Louise. Some write and say thank you, others do not.

We now have a newsletter, well worth a read, issued every month a few days before each meeting. If you have given us your e-mail address but do not remember receiving your copy, have a word with David Burridge to see if we have your current e-mail address. This address will also be used to let you know if our programme needs to be altered or cancelled at short notice.

Many of you will know that new Data Protection regulations come into force in May, indeed, like me you are probably receiving letters from organisations asking you to "opt in" if you wish to continue to receive communications. We are assessing what the Society has to do to comply and we will advise you further in due course. However, I want to give you a personal assurance that we will never act against your interests. We will never sell any personal information to any outside bodies and we will never try to contact you for any reason other than History Society business.

Good Evening Ladies &
Gentleman

I hope you've all had time to look at the income and expenditure account

A lot of the headings are self-explanatory but I'll make a few comments about some of the figures.

Looking at the income, the Society now has 131 members which is the highest figure ever.

If you look down the income column, you'll see that Gift Aid reclaimed this year is showing as NIL. The claim has been made but has not yet reached our bank account but will be a similar figure to the previous year.

Income from book sales is expected to increase next year as there will be at least one new publication.

Expenditure-wise, there have been increases in the rent paid for both this church hall and the archive room at Mellor Parish Centre.

The exhibition costs of £172.98 were for the exhibition which should have been held in March, jointly with Disabled Living. This had to be cancelled because of the weather and will now be held in May. We shall be re-imbursed for our costs by Disabled Living.

The society made donations this year of £75 to the RBL Poppy appeal, £33 to Friends of Marple Memorial Park and £40 to Stockport Heritage Trust.

This concludes my report.

I'd like to thank Mrs Denise Edge for auditing these accounts.

Are there any questions?

Report on MLHS Visits 2017-18

23.4.17. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and Renishaw Hall

28.6.17. Cromford

9.11.17. Exploring Hidden Ancoats

7.3.18. Manchester Police Museum and Cathedral

Additions

19.10.17. Eyam Hall and village.

May, June, July 2017 Summer Evening Strolls to All Saints Churchyard, Glossop and Bugsworth Basin.

We continued with the traditional pattern of a visit for each season of the year, but with additions.

Many members have expressed an interest in visiting Renishaw Hall near Sheffield, the home of the literary Sitwell family. In April 2017 we headed here, breaking the outward journey with a call at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, a pre-Industrial Revolution water-powered scythe works on the outskirts of Sheffield. Renishaw is a charming house with lovely gardens and gives an interesting take on the lives of the Sitwells.

Members often ask us to re-run previous visits, and in June we returned to Cromford, last visited by the Society in 1996. Cromford is of great importance in the story of the Industrial Revolution because it is where Richard Arkwright built the first water powered cotton spinning mill in the world, and there are links to Marple, of course, because Arkwright and Samuel Oldknow were good friends. Interpretation of the mill and village was memorable, but the weather could have done better – it hardly stopped raining all day!

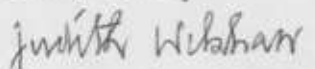
In autumn and winter we explored different aspects of Manchester. We took a walk round Ancoats, guided by Mark Watson of the Victorian Society, an expert on the area, in early November 2017. This was the meeting place for several canals, bringing a concentration of early industry, including many renowned cotton mills. In March 2018 we went to the Police Museum, last visited in the 1990s, and the cathedral and both well worth a return visit.

It is always good to be able to include something unexpected. Neil Mullineux discovered that the National Trust would no longer be making Eyam Hall available to the public after the end of October so we hastily arranged a visit, and it was much enjoyed by the 32 members who came along.

Summer evening strolls again featured in our 2017 programme with visits to All Saints churchyard, Glossop and Bugsworth Basin in May, June and July, respectively, and all well attended.

Two 'days out' remain in this year's programme, to St Wilfrid's Church, and Temple Newsam House, Leeds, on 16 May, and to the market town of Ashbourne and Sudbury Hall on 7 July. There are still a few places left for both, and they can be booked at the end of this meeting. Evening walks are planned for the third Mondays of May, June and July. An information sheet is available this evening, and details will be put on the Society website in the next day or two.

Thanks to everyone for your support of the Visits Programme and your good company, to Neil for finding out about Eyam, to Hilary Atkinson for taking charge on the day, and to Hilary and Neil for leading evening walks.


Visits Organiser 16.4.18.

ARCHIVES REPORT.

Another busy year for the archive people. Material is still being donated to the Society and the lack of space is of concern but do not stop finding us new papers and photos. Everything is indexed and filed, we get queries from around the world that are answered to the best of our knowledge

People come and visit us to see documents which makes sessions even more interesting. The snow storms and icy roads affected access to the Parish Centre but we missed very few Thursday mornings.