

Bilton Historical Society Newsletter

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Annual General Meeting Postponed again This Year

During the lockdown the committee has been having regular online meetings to consider how the society is affected and to plan for the future.

Amongst many items, the committee have agreed to:-

- postpone the Annual General Meeting (AGM), normally held in April, again this year and, if we are able to start the talks in the autumn, to have it before the first one.
- accept the chairman's and treasurer's reports for 2020/2021. Please see copies of these on pages 2 and 3.
- continue in office for the next year
Chairman: John Branson
Treasurer: Peter Barnes
Secretary: Alan Gould
Membership Secretary: Wendy Warren
Committee: Isabella Ladigus (who arranges the talks) and Shirley Dunwell.
- look for someone to replace George Thrower. If anyone would like to become a member of the committee, please contact Alan Gould (01423 203097).
- collect subscriptions. Some pay by cheque and as collection in cash is getting less practical we have looked at other ways to pay by standing order or bank transfer BACS. See note on BHS 2021-22 subscription renewal page 3, and the membership form on page 4.
- book Bilton Community Centre for Study Group fortnightly meetings on Tuesday mornings from May 25th - subject to Covid restrictions.
- look into having one or two summer walks around Bilton to mark the return to normality.
- book speakers to start talks in October.
- note that Peter would like to stand down as photograph archivist and treasurer. The first position to fill is that of looking after our photographs, and if anyone is interested please contact Alan Gould (01423 203097).
- think of how we could mark the society's Silver Jubilee this year.
- keep in contact with membership by newsletter, email, phone and website (www.biltonhistoricalsociety.org.uk).

Our preferred method of communication is by e-mail and if you now have a e-mail address please let us know at mail@biltonhistoricalsociety.org.uk or phone Alan Gould on 01423 203097, so that we can remain in contact with you digitally. Members without email will continue to receive information and updates by post or telephone.

Committee

Bilton Historical Society Annual Report 2020/2021

The society was founded in 1996 and exists to contribute towards an understanding of local history and heritage, and to provide and preserve memories of the past for local people, which would otherwise be lost. It has three principal areas of activity: a study group, a programme of talks and a newsletter. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus lockdown, the study group has been unable to meet this year and we have had to cancel the talks.

Although the study group has not been able to meet, work has been continuing. Alan has added to our census records, Peter has been continuing the collection and cataloguing of photographs, Keith has been copying records and John has transferred the work done in the past by Alan Oliver on the Church burial records to a computer file.

We were very sad to lose George (see obituary in February's newsletter No 88) who has been an active committee member for many years.

We must give many thanks to Keith Burton who has continued to produce newsletters throughout the year. He points out that he is very reliant on input from members and welcomes any contributions, and is always looking for new snippets of information and articles on local history to include in the coming issues.

We have 101 registered members but only 53 have paid their subscriptions. Under the present circumstances we have not been pursuing members for subscriptions, but would be pleased if they would consider paying last year's subscription with this year's. We thank those who have continued supporting us in this difficult year.

We are very grateful to Studio Harrogate for hosting the society's website, and thanks are due to Peter Barnes for his work as treasurer, to Wendy Warren as membership secretary, Isabella for organising the talks, even though they had to be cancelled, and Shirley as committee member.

The society has generated and collected much information relevant to Bilton history. The long-term project to index, scan and store this information in digital form is continuing and the ultimate objective is to make available a usable comprehensive database. We still need help in typing up documents, and anybody with knowledge of the use of spreadsheets would be particularly welcome. As well as desk work there is opportunity to explore the local area. For example, just before lockdown we asked one of our speakers, archaeologist John Buglass, to look at the engine race and discuss our theories on its purpose and to give a fresh look at it. The results of his visit contributed to Alan's article on the Bilton Park Colliery in June 2020's newsletter No 86.

We had hoped that the society would be attractive to those who have recently retired and are looking for something to keep them mentally stimulated during retirement, but they are not joining us. The active members are getting older and, for example, Peter would like to hand over his work on photographic records to someone younger. Where are you? What would you like us to be doing for you to become involved?

John Branson, Chairman

BHS Treasurer's Report for the year ended 28th February 2021

As you will appreciate, due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the society's activities were severely curtailed during 2020/21. The resulting accounts can be summarised as follows:

Total income was only £517 with total expenditure £418 - a surplus of £99.

Members' subscriptions were £310, compared with £232 for the cost of running the Society - i.e. newsletter, General administration and Affiliation fees (which includes insurance), a surplus of £78.

Members' evenings raised £72 contributing a small surplus of £12.

Sales of booklets and leaflets were £115, costs were £76, a surplus of £39.

The study group expenditure in the year was £50 (room hire) whereas income was only £20 (members' contributions) making a small deficit of £30.

Total funds brought forward were £4365 plus the surplus £99 giving a balance carried forward of £4464.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, I am afraid that at the moment the accounts are unexamined but this will be resolved as soon as it is practical.

Peter Barnes, Honorary Treasurer

Restart of Study Group

The study group will restart fortnightly meetings on Tuesday 25th May, 9:30 – 12:00 at Bilton Community Centre. In case of any last minute issues with regard to Covid, would anyone wishing to attend the study group please check beforehand by contacting Alan Gould either by phone (01423 203097) or via e-mail: mail@biltonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

BHS 2021-22 Membership Renewal

Dear members,

We are all looking forward to life getting back to normal once Covid restrictions are removed. Your committee already has plans in place for relaunching the society's activities and is looking at how the society and its membership can celebrate its Silver Jubilee.

The 2021-22 subscription is now due. However, because of Covid-19 we believe neither you nor our volunteers want to be faced with face-to-face collection of cash at the moment. We therefore suggest different alternatives:

1. Ideally payment through the bank so that no cash needs to be handled, either by setting up a standing order or by bank transfer (BACS) to:
Bilton Historical Society, bank sort code 05-04-54, account number 16646470, providing your name as the reference so that we can trace the payment to the member.
2. Cheque in an envelope with your membership renewal form.

For all instances of membership renewal and joining, please return your completed membership form (please print the membership form on page 4) with either your cheque or an indication of method of payment by standing order or BACS to either:
The membership secretary - Wendy Warren, 108 Forest Lane, Harrogate HG2 7EG,
or treasurer - Peter Barnes, 13 Old Barber, Harrogate HG1 3DF.

If you have not yet paid your 2020/21 subscription, please consider including it with this year's payment to ensure the continuity of your society.



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Sort code 05-04-54 account number 16646470 providing your name as the reference.

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Name **Date**

Address

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We use your personal information, name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to manage membership, newsletters and the general administration of the society. No financial records of individuals are kept by the society. No personal information will be shared with any third party without your consent.

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