



Family History Society of Cheshire Macclesfield Group 2016 Annual General Meeting

This document contains the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at Salvation Army Hall, Macclesfield on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

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The meeting commenced at 19:30 with Jean Laidlaw, the Group Leader, in the Chair, and 26 Members present.

Acceptance of 2015 AGM Minutes

The minutes were taken as read. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Babs Johnson and seconded by Mike Fidgett. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Pat Craig.

Macclesfield Group Leaders Report 2016

Thank you all for coming this evening.

First can I thank all the people who helped when I first took on the roll of group leader, I think I am enjoying it!

I attended the open weekend at Nether Alderley church last weekend as a representative of the group and spoke to many people, from as far as York and Worcester, about their family histories. Many were members of FHSC

Membership: We currently have about 200 society members affiliated to the Macclesfield Group. Numbers are not exact because renewals are still being collected. Sadly the numbers of people joining family history societies is dropping throughout the country despite the growing interest in the subject.

Meetings: The average attendance at Group meetings this year was 33, an increase of 9% on the previous year. We've had a variety of meetings over the last year including a talk by Myko Clelland from FindMyPast about the 1939 Register which attracted one of the largest audiences for many years, a fascinating and very informative talk by David Guyton, the Chester group leader, on Breaking down Brickwalls, a very entertaining introduction to Cheshire dialect was delivered by Tom Hughes last month and for me the highlight of the year was the talk on WW1 Conscientious Objectors by Pat Baker and Celia Davies.

I hope you've enjoyed the meetings as much as I have and please if anyone has suggestions for talks or would like a talk on a particular topic do let me know. I would also be grateful for ideas for the July visit. Manchester library??

I'd like to say a big thank you to Chris Gosling for organising the programme. Unfortunately Chris has had to give up the post due to ill health, but Gill Parry has agreed to take over.

There is a vacancy for a Project Organiser because Rosie's time is now taken up producing the journal and developing the Macclesfield Reflects website. If anyone is interested in the post or would be willing to organise a single project please have a word with Rosie.

Finally, I'd like to thank the committee and all the volunteers who work behind the scenes to help run the group, such a Mike Fidgett who keeps the membership list up-to-date and Julie Skirvin for making the refreshments (who incidentally could do with an assistant - there's no washing up involved - please have a word with Julie) and the people who do the little things like putting out the chairs without being asked. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Highlights:

☐ Rather more buoyant financial position & continues to improve slightly

The improved financial position due to:-

☐ Increased Entrance fees

☐ Fewer Meetings

☐ £400 Capitation should be received this year from FHSC

☐ The Group's funds are adequate at the moment

Detail breakdown of account items available on notice boards

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE - MACCLESFIELD GROUP

Group accounts for the year ending 30th June 2016

	2014 / 2015	2015 / 2016
Income (Receipts)	£	£
Capitation and FHSC funding	400.00	400.00
Door money - main Group	386.00	618.00
Door money - Computer Group	135.00	0.00
Library loan fees	0.00	0.00
Efforts (Raffle tickets)	0.00	0.00
Book Sales	34.50	0.00
CD Sales	126.00	88.00
Donations and payments from FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations and payments from non FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest on Savings A/c	0.35	0.36
Miscellaneous	46.52	155.95
Total Income	1,128.37	1,262.31
Expenditure (Payments)		
Room Hire	150.00	265.00
Speakers	255.00	170.00
Refreshments	10.63	19.04
Postage etc	0.00	3.15
Stationery and Printing	51.50	23.49
Payments to FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations to non FHSC/Groups	20.00	30.00
Book purchases for resale	0.00	0.00
CD production and purchases for resale	32.00	0.00
Library purchases	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00
Equipment	42.40	18.79
Miscellaneous	5.98	2.99
Total Expenditure	567.51	532.46
Net receipts for year (Income - Expenditure)	560.86	729.85
Brought forward from last year	985.90	1,546.76
Capital expenditure	0.00	0.00
Net Balance (Carried forward to next year)	1,546.76	2,276.61
Current account	842.30	1,571.79
Deposit account	704.46	704.82
Cash	0.00	0.00
Total	1,546.76	2,276.61

Signed by:

B. C. Johnson

Treasurer
Babs Johnson

David Irving

Examiner
David Irving

Vote for acceptance of accounts.

Proposed by Tony Lawton, seconded by John Yates. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Macclesfield Project Organiser's Report 2016

The Military Hospital register has been transcribed and is still being checked thoroughly. This should be finished by early 2017. We hope to sell the data to a website called Forces War Records when it has been checked. There is a second WW1 hospital register and we plan to transcribe this when the first one is finished.

Rosie is looking for Project leaders who could perhaps take on individual projects.

Two possibilities are :-

1. Updating Joan Irving's booklet about where to find local Research Resources.
2. There are about 50 volumes of the Old Macc magazine which could be indexed.

After the meeting, please take a look at the display of our projects on the noticeboard.

Election of Officers

The Committee Nominations were

Group Leader: Jean Laidlaw
Minutes Secretary: John Yates
Treasurer: Babs Johnson
Projects Organiser: Rosie Rowley
Independent Examiner: David Irving

All were proposed by Mike Fidgett and seconded by Chris Gosling and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the 2016 Annual General Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Addendum

The group management team volunteers and their responsibilities are currently as follows:-

- ☐ **Membership Secretary:** Maintain Macclesfield Group membership lists and send welcome letters to new members. Check FHSC Journals/communications for membership changes. **Mike Fidgett**
- ☐ **Bookings Secretary:** Find/books speakers and premises. Confirm bookings, pay speakers and send thank-you letters. **Gill Parry**
- ☐ **Refreshments Organiser:** Organise the serving and clearing away. **Julie Skirvin**
- ☐ **Sales Organiser:** Pack and post orders for Group Publications. Organise sale of Publications at meetings/events. **Rosie Rowley**
- ☐ **Help Requests Secretary:** Respond to help request letters/emails. Ask Group members for help. Maintain a list of useful contacts. **Pat Craig**