



Family History Society of Cheshire Macclesfield Group 2018 Annual General Meeting

This document contains the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at Salvation Army Hall, Macclesfield on Tuesday 25 September 2018.

The meeting commenced at 19:35pm with Jean Laidlaw, the Group Leader, in the Chair, and 12 Members present.

Acceptance of 2017 AGM Minutes

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Rosie Rowley, John Yates and Julie Skirvin.

Macclesfield Group Leaders Report 2018.

Thank you all for coming this evening.

Membership: We currently have about 173 society members who receive the newsletter and 18 non members. If you know of other people who would wish to receive our newsletter please either ask them to sign up for it on the website (no charge) or pass on their details to me and I will add them to the list.

Meetings: The average attendance at Group meetings this year was 25, a slight drop on the previous year, caused by the cancellation of the talk, *What to do with 323 post cards*, due to bad weather. I will book this talk again for next year. Unfortunately I had to miss the meeting on the Silk Industry in November, which attracted the largest audience of the year. I would like to thank Joan Irving for stepping in at the last minute to introduce the speaker. Meetings over the last year have included David Guyton talking on *Dating old photographs*, David, as usual, was very interesting and informative, in January we had a very entertaining evening with John Hambleton and his Vintage *tools and other unusual items*, which had us racking our brains. I found last month's talk on Sir John Leigh absolutely fascinating. I only wish my families were as interesting!

I hope you've found the meetings interesting and please if anyone has suggestions for talks or speakers do let me know. I would also be grateful for ideas for the July visit.

Committee: I'd also like to thank the committee and all the volunteers who work behind the scenes to help run the group, a special thank you to John Yates who has been our secretary for the last three years but who has now decided to stand down.

Babs Johnson has decided that this will be her last year as our treasurer, so please consider if you could take on this role. If you think you can please have a word with Babs.

We also have a vacancy for a programme secretary this involves - emailing or phoning speakers to arrange dates, reminding them just before their talk and then thanking them afterwards either by email or phone. The committee provide the names of the speakers.

Thanks also to Julie Skirvin for making the refreshments (who is still in need of an assistant - there's no washing up involved – please have a word with Julie) and the all the people who do the little things like putting out the chairs without being asked. Thank you.

Barnaby: After a lot of hard work our display for the Barnaby festival 2018 was displayed at the library during the festival. Although the numbers of people viewing were disappointing we had some very positive feedback. From tomorrow the display will be at Christ Church, and is also on the society website - go to Macclesfield group then images. The helpdesks in the library were similarly disappointing but when we joined with Macclesfield Reflects in the Town Hall we had several enquiries. Thank you to everyone who helped with the display and helpdesks.

Website: I have now added some pictures of Macclesfield to the Macclesfield group section of the website, so far local churches and some of the mills in the town. If anyone has photographs of historical Macclesfield that they would allow me to use I would be very grateful.

Treasurer's Report 2018

- Most items on the report are clear but don't give much detail so I have displayed the itemised category reports on the notice boards which will give the breakdown of the accounts.
- Our financial state appears to be healthier this year. However, the room rental and expenses relating to the Barnaby exhibition were still owed at the end of the financial year. These have now been paid so will appear on next year's annual accounts.
- Our annual allocation from FHSC remains at £500. The £100 increase from £400 was introduced last year.
- The bank has started paying a small amount of interest again this financial year.

Summary

- The financial status of the group continues to be good with funds still looking healthy; however, to maintain this we need to have plenty of people attending our meetings to cover costs for room hire and speakers' fees.
- I would like to thank David Irving for agreeing to audit our accounts each year.
- Finally I intend to step down as treasurer in September 2019 as I will have done the job for almost 6 years by then.

Vote for acceptance of accounts.

Proposed by Joan Irving, seconded by Pat Craig. The Vote for Acceptance was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: David Irving approved

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE - MACCLESFIELD GROUP
 Group accounts for the year ending 30th June 2018

	2016 / 2017	2017 / 2018
	£	£
Income (Receipts)		
Capitation and FHSC funding	400.00	500.00
Door money - main Group	506.00	536.00
Door money - Computer Group	0.00	0.00
Library loan fees	0.00	0.00
Efforts (Raffle tickets)	0.00	0.00
Book Sales	2.00	0.00
CD Sales	115.00	103.00
Donations and payments from FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations and payments from non FHSC/Groups	91.00	0.00
Bank Interest on Savings A/c	0.18	0.82
Miscellaneous	51.99	94.68
Total Income	1,166.17	1,234.50
Expenditure (Payments)		
Room Hire	250.00	100.00
Speakers	295.00	310.00
Refreshments	8.61	3.23
Postage etc	0.00	4.00
Stationery and Printing	14.56	40.99
Payments to FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Donations to non FHSC/Groups	0.00	0.00
Book purchases for resale	0.00	0.00
CD production and purchases for resale	0.00	0.00
Library purchases	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00
Equipment	23.25	0.00
Miscellaneous	5.00	30.00
Total Expenditure	596.42	488.22
Net receipts for year (Income - Expenditure)	569.75	746.28
Brought forward from last year	2,276.61	2,846.36
Capital expenditure	0.00	0.00
Net Balance (Carried forward to next year)	2,846.36	3,592.64
Current account	2,141.36	2,886.82
Deposit account	705.00	705.82
Cash	0.00	
Total	2,846.36	3,592.64

Signed by:

B. C. Johnson

Treasurer
Babs Johnson

D. J. Irving

Examiner
David Irving

Macclesfield Sales Organiser & Projects Administrator's Report 2018

In the absence of Rosie Rowley it was reported that CD sales were slow.

No progress had been made on the Macclesfield WW1 Military Hospital admission register project but checking will start soon.

The project to scan the Macclesfield newspapers from the Silk Museum is now underway at Mobberley.

Election of Officers

The Committee Nominations were

Group Leader:	Jean Laidlaw
Secretary:	Gill Parry
Treasurer:	Babs Johnson
Projects Administrator:	Peter Ramsden
Programme Secretary:	Vacant

All were proposed by Mike Fidgett and seconded by John Wood and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the 2018 Annual General Meeting closed at 19.55pm.