



# **Family History Society of Cheshire Macclesfield Group 2019 Annual General Meeting**

This document contains the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at Salvation Army Hall, Macclesfield on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

The meeting commenced at 19:30pm with Jean Laidlaw, the Group Leader, in the Chair, and 18 Members and 1 visitor present.

## ***Acceptance of 2018 AGM Minutes***

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

## ***Apologies for Absence***

Apologies for Absence were received from Joan Irving and Sue McNulty.

## ***Macclesfield Group Leaders Report 2019.***

Thank you all for coming this evening.

**Membership:** We currently have about 195 society members and non-members who receive the newsletter. If you know of other people who would like 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 28, a slight increase on the previous year. Meetings over the last year have included From copper to velvet; Havannah Cheshire's deserted village by Ian Doughty a fascinating look at this small village on the outskirts of Congleton, a talk by Julie Bagnall outlining the story behind 323 postcards in an album which she had acquired and how she had found out about the people who sent and received them. Claire Moores, as always, was very informative in her talk on Quarter Session records. I found last month's talk on Elizabeth Wolstenholme-Elmy A forgotten Congleton Suffragette absolutely fascinating and still can't understand how she has been forgotten despite her many campaigns including education and the emancipation of women. The visit to Quarry Bank in June was soggy but nevertheless very 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 next 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 Babs Johnson who has been our treasurer for the last five years - but she has agreed to taking on the roll of front of house at meetings so you may still be paying your entrance fee to her.

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.

**Website:** The website has recently been revamped and is now quicker and easier to use. I have added some pictures of Macclesfield to the Macclesfield group section of the website, but more are needed so if anyone has photographs of historical Macclesfield that they would allow me to use I would be very grateful.

Although I have enjoyed my time as group leader I have decided that this will be my last year. I think after five years a new perspective is needed. Also I think it is time to finally get around to writing up my own family history!

### ***Treasurer's Report 2019***

- 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 remains healthy this year. However, the room rental is £25 less than it would usually be as we did not use it for one session whilst the repair and renovation was taking place. (We used Macclesfield Rugby Club at no charge.)
- Our annual allocation from FHSC remains at £500.
- We have received a little more interest again this financial year on our savings account so it may be worth transferring some funds from our current account if it isn't to be reserved for any new equipment, projects or activities.

#### **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.
- As I stated last year, I intend to step down as treasurer this time but still intend to attend meetings and greet people on their arrival to help with signing in and entrance fees.
- I should like to thank everyone for their support during my time as treasurer and request the vote for acceptance of the accounts.

### ***Vote for acceptance of accounts.***

Proposed by Rosie Rowley, seconded by Julie Skirvan. 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 2019

	<b>2017 / 2018</b>	<b>2018 / 2019</b>
<b>Income (Receipts)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Capitation and FHSC funding	500.00	500.00
Door money - main Group	536.00	469.00
Door money - Computer Group	0.00	0.00
Library loan fees	0.00	0.00
Efforts (Raffle tickets)	0.00	0.00
Book Sales	0.00	0.00
CD Sales	103.00	45.50
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	0.82	1.40
Miscellaneous	94.68	51.06
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,234.50</b>	<b>1,066.96</b>
<b>Expenditure (Payments)</b>		
Room Hire	100.00	225.00
Speakers	310.00	295.00
Refreshments	3.23	16.42
Postage etc	4.00	0.00
Stationery and Printing	40.99	76.12
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	15.60
Library purchases	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	30.00	8.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>488.22</b>	<b>646.14</b>
Net receipts for year (Income - Expenditure)	746.28	420.82
Brought forward from last year	2846.36	3,592.64
Capital expenditure	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Balance (Carried forward to next year)</b>	<b>3,592.64</b>	<b>4,013.46</b>

## ***Macclesfield Projects Report 2019***

Unfortunately, there is little to report.

The Military hospitals (the workhouse and Infirmary records) transcriptions are at the final checking stage.

Peter has some new ideas for projects and hopefully you will all get involved with these.

### ***Election of Officers***

The Committee Nominations were:

Group Leader:	Jean Laidlaw
Secretary:	Gill Parry
Treasurer:	Rosie Rowley
Front of house at Meetings	Babs Johnson
Projects Administrator:	Peter Ramsden
Programme Secretary:	Vacant

All were proposed by Alan Jones and seconded by Julie Skirvan and carried unanimously.

### ***Any Other Business***

There being no other business the 2019 Annual General Meeting closed at 19.55pm.