



RUNCORN GROUP

**FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE
RUNCORN GROUP
LEADERS REPORT**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At

**Churchill Hall, Cooper Street, Runcorn, WA7 1DH
2nd AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Linda Finnigan - Group Leader, Baptism Co-ordinator, Researcher, Transcriber, Attends Executive/Group Leaders Meetings. Advertise meetings and open days, keeps the website updated, attends meetings, open days, answers emails, queries and phone queries. Organizes any events/open days. Writes Newsletters, Kitchen Duties

Edmund Owen – Treasurer, Burial Co-ordinator, Researcher, Transcriber, Door Attendant

Pat Eastup – Secretary, Marriage Co-ordinator, Researcher, Transcriber, attends open days, attends Executive Meetings, Kitchen Duties

Peter Johnson – Deputy Group Leader, Publicity Officer for FHS of Cheshire, Attends Executive Meetings, Family History Speaker, Programme Secretary, Responsible for sending Runcorn Reports to the Editor of the Ancestor. Door Attendant.

Maurice Littlemore – Help Desk, attends open days,

Good Evening Members and welcome to our Annual General Meeting. This year we have changed it to August, to accommodate our Deputy Group Leader. I hope you have all received my AGM report either by email, snail mail or here tonight. This is to save time reading it out and for those who cannot attend, either because of distance or illness.

This is my **13th Year** as your Group Leader. The time has gone fast, and I am happy to stand for another year if you wish me to do so and if my health allows me.

At the moment, we have approximately 80 members covering the Country/World and a regular 15/20 members/visitors attending our monthly meetings.

Over the past months the attendance at our group meetings has fallen. We normally see more when we have a speaker, but when its research night our members do not make the effort to turn up. It is your group and to keep it up and running I ask that you do attend. It's important as we have costs to cover, hall hire, speaker's costs, sundries etc, the less that attend the harder it is for us to keep the group running. Our Hall fees have gone up, speaker fees too have increased, and most months we don't cover the cost so it is very important if you want the group to carry on, to support it.

It would be nice also if anyone had any spare time and would like to join us on the committee, or help take on jobs here each month, i.e. helping with chairs and tables, refreshments, rather than the committee doing it.

Once again, I have, to date, managed to attend all of the Cheshire Committee Meetings at Mobberley over the past 12 months, and I thank Peter Johnson (Publicity Officer) and Pat Eastup (Secretary), who also have attended these meetings, on the group's behalf, and I thank them for their support. Without Peter taking me, I would be unable to attend. I thank Peter especially for driving me to these meetings; which I appreciate. The Mobberley meetings would be lost without Pat as she does the baking so if the Runcorn Group does not go then the Committee does not get delicious cakes.

Our Chairman has now requested that all Group Leaders attend regular meetings. This has proved a problem for me as they are held on a Saturday and apart from the transport I take my mum shopping for food. To get around this at our March committee meeting the committee voted that Peter Johnson become Deputy Group Leader, and would attend Group Leader meetings the days I could not attend.

It saddens me to say that we lost one of our members Geoff Winckles. He died last December. Geoff was a regular member with his wife Elaine and had been a member for many years. We send our condolences to Elaine and the family, he will be sadly missed from our meetings.

We send Get Well wishes to Keith Craft one of our members. He has been ill for a long time now and has not been able to attend. Hope you feel better soon Keith and can return soon as we all miss you.

Get well wishes to Roy Gough too, who is also not well at present as well as being a member he is also on our help team.

Our door prices have been the same for years now and so I propose to increase them at this AGM to start next month September. I am leaving members at £1.50 but increasing visitors to £2.50. I think that is still value for money as visitors do not have to pay an annual fee and are still enjoying an evening's speaker. **Could we please vote on that?**

For the members who will be reading my report via e-mail/mail and cannot attend, I will explain a little about our monthly meetings and what we, as a group, are all about.....

We meet the 1st Wednesday of the Month at Churchill Hall, Cooper Street.. which offers plenty of parking, palatial room with lovely views in the Spring and Summer, storage space, tea and coffee facilities; all we need now is you.

Our meetings are attended by 15/20 regular members and visitors, who after our guest speaker has finished are able to research with our ever-growing *library, which is available thanks to our dedicated team of transcribers. These people give up hours of their time to transcribe parish, burial, cremation and newspaper records

At present we have in our library the following transcribed:-

Baptisms All Saints	1813 – 1907
Baptisms Holy Trinity	1838 – 1945
Baptisms St Mary's Halton	1813 – 1940
Baptisms Christ Church Weston Point	1843 – 1961
Baptisms Christ Church Weston Point	1961 – 1991
Marriages All Saints	1828 – 1903
Marriages Holy Trinity	1861 – 1941
Marriage St Lawrence Frodsham	1813 - 1837
*All Saints Burials	1872 – 1936
St Lawrence Burial	1558 - 1812
St Lawrence Burials Frodsham	1813 - 1837
St Michael's Church Runcorn Baptisms	1914 - 1994
St Michael's Church Runcorn Marriages	1924 - 1992
Weston Point Methodist Chapel Marriages	1903 – 1936
Heath Methodist & Greenway Rd, Methodist Marriages	1938 – 2011

*To accompany the burials of All Saints there are photographs of all the graves and a plan of where the graves once stood before the grave stones were removed to form a pathway around the Church grounds.

St Peter's Burial	1731 – 1761
St Peter's Burial	1762 – 1771
St Peter's Burial	1772 - 1812
St Peter's Burial	1813 – 1863
St Peter's Burial	1820 – 1872
St Peter's Burial	1863 – 1928
St Peter's Burial	1928 – 1997
St Peter's Baptisms	1762 - 1812
St Peter's Baptisms	1813 – 1847
St Peter's Baptisms	1847 – 1874
St Peter's Baptisms	1874 – 1924
St Peter's Baptisms	1924 – 1974
St Peter's Marriages	1671 – 1756 + 1 marriage 1763
St Peter's Marriages	1758 – 1812
St Peter's Marriages	1813 – 1961
St Peter's Marriage	1874 - 1924
St Edward's Baptisms	1842 - 1890
All Saints Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1558 – 1812
Runcorn Crew Lists	1861 – 1913
All Saints Runcorn Baptisms	19 Feb 1984 – 13 May 2000
All Saints Runcorn Marriages	19 Oct 1963 – 10 Aug 2000
Wicksten Drive Baptisms	1 May 1983 – 20 May 2013
Ellesmere Street Baptisms	28 Nov 1954 – 29 June 1958
St Paul's Baptisms	10 June 1962 – 3 Feb 1963
The Heath Baptisms	8 October 1978 – 9 Feb 2014
Holy Trinity Marriages	
Holy Trinity Baptisms	
Photographs to the New Section of Greenway Rd Cemetery	

Our Burial and Cremation CD of Runcorn and Halton Cemeteries, which was co-ordinated by Mr Edmund Owen is now updated to 2017. Anyone wishing to purchase can do so by contacting Edmund Owen on his email address below. In addition to the CD Mr Owen has photos of the graves. Anyone wishing to purchase a grave stone photo (provided it's there) for a small fee please also contact Edmund Owen on:- eddieowen@talktalk.net

Now to my vote of thanks:- I would like to thank my committee. Without the committee we wouldn't have a Runcorn Group. So my grateful thanks to you all for attending the committee meetings and helping me. Thanks to Pat Eastup, my Secretary, for taking the minutes. Thanks Pat I appreciate your friendship and loyal support. I know I can rely on you when things get tough. Thanks to Pat for the delicious cakes she bakes for our monthly meetings. Thanks to Eddie, my Treasurer. His has to be the hardest job keeping our money in order. Thanks to Peter for all the work he does for the group, sending the reports off to the Editor for the Ancestor. Thank you for the wonderful speakers you have managed to obtain for our group, It's not an easy job, especially as the years go on. Thank You Maurice, Roy Gough, Percy Dunbavand and David Taylor for keeping the help desk running every week at our local libraries.

One of the good things about the AGM is that it gives me the chance to thank people for the work they have done and the effort they have put in on behalf of our Group, which is as it should be. I would like to say huge thanks for all those who have helped over the past 12 months, we the committee appreciate your support.

I would like to say Thank You to Graham Bell, for the help he gives to the group and committee, we appreciate it greatly, also Linda Clifton who continues to type up the cremations each week from the newspaper.

It just leaves me to say **THANK YOU** to **YOU ALL** for attending our meetings and supporting me. Without your support we wouldn't have a Runcorn Group. I appreciate your reliable support and hope you continue to support your Group

Thank You.

Linda

LINDA WILDING-FINNIGAN RUNCORN GROUP LEADER

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- **fhsc.org.uk click on groups - Runcorn**