

NORTH MARSTON HISTORY CLUB

DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM

23RD JANUARY 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the NMHC was held on 23rd January 2019 in The Wesley Centre, Schorne Lane, North Marston

PRESENT: John Spargo, Sue Chaplin, Colin Price, Jennifer Heffer, Rosemary Morton, Karen Wootton, Lynda Oakes, Guy Woollett, David Midwinter, Elizabeth Crocker, Paul Ketteridge, Clive Dobbs, Tony Franklin, Amy Haynes, Tricia Mc Sweeney, Paul Bowen, Robert Ayres, Barbara Fisher, Fran Spargo, Trevor Jenkins, David Bayly, Lionel Hitchings, Richard Cheshire, Val York, Jon Martin, Hilary King, Len King, David Martin, Val Newby.

APOLOGIES: Pete York, Janet Gowin, Jayne Springer, Stuart Chaplin, Gill & David Warner, Celia & Derek Jones, Jo Ayres, Alison & Mike Finnemore, Jo Quarterman.

AGENDA

1. Welcome John Spargo, Chairman, welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM The Minutes of the North Marston History Club AGM 2018 were approved by Jennifer Heffer and seconded by Paul Ketteridge.

3. Election of Chairman John Spargo was elected Chairman, nominated by Elizabeth Crocker and seconded by Lionel Hitchings. *Lionel Hitchings gave a vote of thanks to John Spargo for the excellent work he does for NMHC.*

4. Re-selection of Club Committee The following elections took place for roles on the NMHC Committee:

Function	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	John Spargo	Elizabeth Crocker	Lionel Hitchings
Secretary	Sue Chaplin	*	*
Treasurer	Colin Price	*	*
Membership Sec.	Jennifer Heffer	*	*
Sales Co-ordinator	Janet Gowin	*	*
Archivist	John Spargo	*	*
Internet Researcher	Jayne Springer	*	*
Publicity/Distribution	Rosemary Morton	*	*
Publicity/Distribution	Celia Jones	*	*

Publicity/Distribution	Janet Davis	*	*
Publicity/Distribution	Lynda Oakes	*	*

* These Committee members were nominated, seconded and re-elected on a block vote by a unanimous show of hands approved by Val York and seconded by Hilary King.

3. Treasurer's Report

The following report was submitted by Colin Price:

History Club Accounts Dec 2018

Starting Balance £4,636

Income

Membership and Donations 133

Meetings 436

Pilgrim Badges

"North Marston Story" Ed 2 178

Sundry Booklets 19

Calendars 671

Janet Long Donation 200

Sundry

Total 1,637 £6,273

Expenditure

Printing/committee expenses 664

Meeting expenses 707

"North Marston Story" Ed 2 51

Janet Long memorial 46

Calendars 405

Booklets 59

Website 394

Wesley Centre Hire 480

Brass plaque 133

Military Museum Visit 120

Sundry	90

<u>Total</u>	3,149

Balance 31/12/2018

£3,124

4. Chairman's Report

John Spargo gave the following report:

The AGM is a review point enabling us to take stock of the Club, where we've been and where we're going in our ninth year. 2018 has been a very successful year for the History Club. As planned, the quality and range of our speakers and presentations has gone up a gear, a trend we are set to continue for 2019. We are also looking at mounting an exhibition and arranging a few day trips. Sue, our Club Secretary, has distributed a brief summary of our 2019 programme to you this evening. Our website has gone through a number of additions and changes since our last AGM, and for those of you that haven't visited it you might find a few surprises there. It remains our key portal to the world beyond the village and has been the source of countless enquiries for information or publications. It has reunited us with people who moved from the village many years ago who invariably have little cameos of memories to impart to us, adding to the richness of our understanding of North Marston in years gone by. In many cases, the enquiry is from someone on a journey of discovery about their family history and having discovered an ancestor with links to the village they ask for our help in filling in the gaps. Jayne Springer and Janet Gowin are our ace detectives in these cases, often providing the enquirer with a huge amount of local, detailed information that they couldn't possibly have found elsewhere. Our Great War Centenary exhibition in the Memorial Hall was an outstanding success, with thanks to Sue Chaplin for the hours of hard work she put in to create such a professional display. Another high-point was our Wartime Experience Evening which everyone seemed to enjoy, especially the wartime recipes prepared by Tricia McSweeney. We had a technical gremlin on that night which prevented us from showing the Ministry of Information films, so we are using the opportunity of tonight's meeting to show them.

During 2018, our publicity posters have been professionally crafted for us by a young graphic artist, Hannah Mills, and we shall continue to avail ourselves of Hannah's skill and imagination in 2019. As we speak, she is working on the poster for our next evening talk in March when Eve Bacon returns to us, this time to give us a characterization of Queen Victoria, which should be an evening to remember. Hannah's posters are displayed around the village and also on a number of Facebook pages, drawing visits from people in neighbouring villages, something we are very pleased to see. Some of you may have noticed the regular feature of History Snippets in the New North Marston and Granborough Magazine. The magazine is another medium we can use to interest folk in the history of the place where they live. For those of you who haven't caught up with the refreshing changes to the Village Magazine, I urge you to have a look at it. The History Club will continue to work closely with the magazine to make it as interesting and as vibrant as we can. As ever, I'd like to close by thanking you for your continued support, and to thank the hard-working Executive Committee who make it all happen. If the Committee would like to stand, I'm sure a round of applause is deserved.

After the official business, the following collection of Second World War Ministry of Information Films was shown:

Mrs T and her Cabbage Patch

Two Cooks and a Cabbage

Bob in the Pound

Four and Twenty Fit Girls

A-Tishoo

Bampton Shows the Way

Raffle tickets were sold and refreshments were served.

Sue Chaplin
Secretary to NMHC