

THE NAILSWORTH SOCIETY

(Founded 1974)

ARTS, CRAFTS & MUSIC

RAMBLING

LOCAL STUDIES

GOOD FOOD CLUB

THEATREGOERS

GARDENING

LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Minutes of the Nailsworth Society AGM held on 10th April 2017 at 7.15pm in Nailsworth Town Hall

1. WELCOME The Chairman, Jinny Marshall, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked all who had helped prepare the room and arrange the refreshments and drew attention to the Local History Groups display on "The Baptist Gardens of Nailsworth" prepared by Jane Butler. Accounts from each group were available to look at as were sample menus for the Society lunch on 11th Oct 2017 at Minchinhampton Golf Club.

2. APOLOGIES For absence:- Tony Anhoury, Eileen Avison, Kathleen Beard, Misty Burton, Marjorie Condie, Allison Hope, Mary Middleditch, Gwen Williams.

43 members were present. Due to the major evening/night time road working closures on the A46 through Nailsworth it was realised that a great many members were unable to attend.

3 - MINUTES of the meeting held on 21st March 2016

The minutes of the meeting proposed as a true record by Heather Cunild, seconded by Howard Beard were signed by the Chairman.

4 - MATTERS ARISING: None

5 - GROUP LEADERS REPORTS:

- a) Jane Bodkin gave a brief resume of the varied programme organised by the Arts, Crafts and Music Group.
- b) Tony Burton presented his last report as Leader of the Local History Research Group. He thanked all who had assisted him over the past eight years.
- c) Kath Neilson reported that the Garden Group continues to flourish. Occasional outings are well supported as are all regular meetings.
- d) Dave Partington said that people had needed to arrive early for the Local Studies meetings as they all proved to be very popular. The only exception being the meeting which unfortunately clashed with the Mayor's reception in 2016 and was to clash again in 2017.
- e) Ann Marshall gave a breakdown of the numbers attending various shows. Attendances have dropped considerably over the past year or so. There is the possibility of the group disbanding.
- f) Angela Middleditch told us a little of the many areas visited by the Ramblers.
- g) Paul Young reported that for various reasons there had been only one Good Food event planned in 2016.
- h) Creative Writing - Tony Anhoury had sent in his report on this very new group with the hope that NS members will support an event in the Summer when they will present some of their work.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Following his report for the Local History Group, The Chairman presented Tony Burton with a Book token as a small recognition of the 9 years he had spent as a "temporary" Group leader. His historical research helped in the preservation of "Glendower", the cottage in Watledge where W.H. Davies lived. He was also responsible for making known the role of Chestnut Hill House as a VAD Auxillary Hospital and convalescent home in the middle years of WW1.

The Chairman regretted that Gwen Williams had been unable to attend this meeting but paid tribute to her for all her work as secretary since 2009. Particular recognition was given for her work in ensuring that records are deposited with the Gloucester Record Office. Gwen will be given a book token at a later date.

7. TREASURERS REPORT:

The Society started 2016 with a balance of £2508.37 and finished the year with a balance of £3190.35, a surplus of £650. Part of this surplus includes a grant from the Nailsworth Community Partnership of £350.00. Guy Williams asked what this grant was to be used for and the treasurer explained that this money is to help with the improved cataloguing at Nailsworth Archives.

She expressed her thanks to John McColl for working his way through the accounts making sure all was in order.

Approval of the treasurer's report was proposed by Guy Williams seconded by Muriel Butterworth.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said that the excellent, well planned programmes ensure that as the founders of the Nailsworth Society intended a social setting is provided where all are welcome. She highlighted various events. A warm welcome was given to Rosemary Davis, acting as secretary to the meeting and to Tony Anhoury who had started a new Creative Writing Group. Thanks were expressed to Jane Butler as Treasurer for all she does to ensure expenses are kept as low as possible. Jane Bodkin was thanked for designing the new flyer to advertise the Society. Steve Partington "webmaster" was also thanked for all his work in keeping the website up to date.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) Rosemary Davis - secretary, proposed by Jinny Marshall, seconded by Gwen Williams
- b) Paul Butler - History Research Group Leader, proposed by John Davis seconded by Barry Wales
- c) Tony Anhoury - Creative Writing Group leader, proposed by Paul Young seconded by Kath Neilson.

The remainder of the committee were elected en bloc

The Chairman commented that more committee members would be welcome to help share the responsibilities.

10. AOB None

There was then a short interval during which there was an opportunity to take part in a raffle in aid of the DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal. Donated items from Neil Alcock, a potter from Winchcombe (who had spoken at an Arts and Crafts meeting), along with other donated items were the prizes.

11. SPEAKER:

Ann Taylor from "Stroud Museum in the Park" then gave an excellent visual presentation on the work put in to "The walled garden project" . This long neglected garden has in the last few years been transformed into an amazing space with easy access from the museum despite its sloping landscape, providing an educational facility and a place to wander.

Thanks were expressed by both the Chairman and Jane Butler and great applause from the membership.

12. RAFFLE

Ann Taylor pulled out the first raffle ticket. The amount raised was £67.56.

Rosemary Davis

Secretary

12th May 2017