

AVON LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT **7.30** PM on Monday 18 January 2021

via Zoom hosted by Frampton Cotterell & District Local History Society

Would all who wish to participate please inform the secretary blackrockcfd@hotmail.com by noon on Friday 15 January 2021.

AGENDA

- 1 **Welcome** by Bob Lawrence/Ian Chard on behalf of ALHA.
- 3 **Minutes** of the 44th Annual General Meeting held on 5 October 2019 (a) for approval (b) any matters arising.
- 4 To receive the **Annual Report**: honorary secretary.
- 5 To receive treasurer's report and examined **Accounts** for the year ended 31 March 2020.
- 6 **Appointment of independent examiner** of accounts. The committee proposes Mike Leigh, Knowle & Totterdown LHS.
- 7 **Motions**
Motions of which notice has been given to the Secretary (Catherine Dixon, 3 Black Rock Villas, Portishead, BS20 8PN; blackrockcfd@hotmail.com).
- 8 **Executive Committee**
To elect the executive committee. Members are invited to nominate eligible persons for election for the year, including the present incumbents. Nominations should say what position the persons named are nominated for, and include an assurance that they are willing to serve.

Present Committee: Bob Lawrence (Bristol and Avon Family History Society: chairman; website manager; publications; events; grants); Veronica Bowerman (Facebook); Jane Bradley (publications); Ian Chard (Frampton Cotterell & District; archive); Catherine Dixon (Gordano Society, honorary secretary); William Evans (treasurer, membership secretary, *Newsletter* editor and distributor, grants, publications); Peter Fleming (UWE: events); Mike Hooper (Knowle & Totterdown: summer walks, events); Jan Packer (Knowle & Totterdown: summer walks, facebook); Sandy Tebbutt (Gordano Society: editor of *Walks, Talks and Visits*); and Olive Woolcott (Keynsham & Saltford).

- 9 **Thanks**
 - a. To thank volunteers Isla Kouassi-Kan and Lesley Bowman (facebook), Keith Nickless (summer walks), Mike Leigh (examiner of accounts), and Dr Jonathan Harlow (reviews editor, booklets editor, and member of the publications and grants teams).
 - b. To thank Frampton Cotterell & District Local History Society for hosting the meeting.
10. **Member groups and societies**
To receive short (maximum 5 minutes) reports from member groups and societies on their activities and programmes, and ways of coping during antivirus restrictions on meetings and gatherings. Groups wishing to report are asked to agree a slot with the secretary, Catherine Dixon, 3 Black Rock Villas, Portishead, BS20 8PN; blackrockcfd@hotmail.com

1. The president, Roger Angerson, welcomed members and representatives and members of member groups and societies. Apologies were received from upwards of 20 members and groups.
2. The minutes of the 43rd AGM had been distributed, and were approved.
3. The Secretary's report had been distributed, was received and taken as read.
4. The examined accounts for 2018-2019, previously circulated, were received. The Treasurer drew attention to the small surplus on receipts and payments account, the increase in the value of the investment, and the overall increase in the Association's net assets. The examined accounts were received.
5. Mr M Leigh (Knowle & Totterdown LHS) was thanked for examining the accounts, and was reappointed.
6. There were no motions of which the secretary had received notice.
7. The members of the executive committee (listed in appendix below) were re-appointed.
8. The meeting expressed its thanks to volunteers Isla Kouassi-Kan and Lesley Bowman (facebook) and Dr Jonathan Harlow (reviews editor, booklets editor, and member of the publications and grants teams).
9. The meeting expressed its thanks to the President for his many years of service to the Association. Mr Angerson replied, emphasising the usefulness of the Association as an umbrella group for local groups and societies, whose numbers had more than doubled since ALHA's inception, and expressing the hope that ALHA would continue to support and assist the promotion of local history and archaeology in the area.
10. The President paid tribute to Dr Betty for his massive contribution to local history in the area and beyond. As Dr Betty would soon be leaving the area, he had suggested that the lecture following the annual general meeting should no longer be named after himself. It was agreed to refer the suggestion to the executive committee.
11. The President thanked all for their attendance.

Following the meeting Dr Madge Dresser, honorary professor of history at the University of Bristol, delivered the 2019 Joe Betty Lecture, entitled *Landscapes of slavery - some new reflections on investigating Bristol and the wider Atlantic slave economy*.

Appendix: Committee elected at 2019 annual general meeting: Veronica Bowerman (Facebook); Jane Bradley (Bristol Central Library); Ian Chard (Frampton Cotterell & District; events, archive); Catherine Dixon (Gordano Civic Society, secretary); William Evans (treasurer, membership secretary, Newsletter co-ordinator and distributor, grants, publications); Peter Fleming (UWE: events); Mike Hooper (Knowle & Totterdown: summer walks); Bob Lawrence (Bristol and Avon Family History Society: website manager; publications; events; grants); Jan Packer (Knowle & Totterdown: summer walks, facebook); Sandy Tebbutt (Gordano Society: editor, *Walks, Talks & Visits* list); Olive Woolcott (Keynsham & Salford).

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Secretary's report 2019-2020

Membership of ALHA was 88 groups and 69 individuals.

Trustees continued in office from the previous year. Volunteers not on the committee included: Isla Kouassi-Kan (Facebook); Jonathan Harlow (reviews editor, booklets editor, publications, grants); Lesley Bowman (Facebook); and Keith Nickless (summer walks).

Activities continued previous practice:

1. The 2019 local history day, *Getting about*, attracted just under 100 attendees.
2. A grant was pledged to be made to Historic Towns Trust towards the publication of a revised historic map of Bristol.
3. A new edition of the Walks, talks and visits list, edited by Sandy Tebbutt, was published.
4. Four new ALHA books, edited by Dr Jonathan Harlow, were published: by Michael Whitfield on *The surgeons and the Bristol school of artists* and *The Georgian RMO (resident medical officer) The resident apothecaries of the Bristol hospitals 1735-1835*; by Brian Vincent and the late Raymond Holland on *The Butlers and the coal-tar distillery at Crew's Hole*; and by Alan Clarke on *Taking the pledge: the temperance movement in Bristol 1830-1914*.
5. The ALHA newsletter was published quarterly, and monthly e-mail updates in between.
6. Bob Lawrence continued to improve the ALHA website and maintained it.
7. The ALHA facebook page was continued to be maintained by a team consisting of Veronica Bowerman, Lesley Bowman of Nailsea and District Local History Society, Jan Packer of Knowle & Totterdown LHS and Isla Kouassi-Kan of UWE. Numbers of visits to the page have continued to increase.
8. With Keith Nickless, Jan Packer also helped Mike Hooper organise the 2019 summer walks at Glenside hospital and museum, Saltford brass mill, Old Market (Bristol) and Thornbury, which were mostly well attended.
9. The 2019 annual general meeting was held at St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford. The Joe Bettey lecture was delivered by Dr Madge Dresser, then a visiting senior research fellow at UWE, on *Landscapes of slavery - some new reflections on investigating Bristol and the wider Atlantic slave economy*.
10. Plans were made during the year for the 2020 local history day, the topic for which was to have been *Conflict in the west: war and the civilian population*. Restrictions on gatherings imposed as a result of the coronavirus meant that the event had to be postponed, and it is now hoped to stage it in 2021.