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**Hurstbourne Tarrant Historical Society**  
**Annual General Meeting for the Year 2014/15**  
**Royal British Legion (HbT) 7:45pm on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**Minutes**

Committee

Chairman: Andy Watson  
Secretary: Bryn Evans  
Treasurer: Sarah Gould  
Publicity: Michael Bateman  
Programme: Mike Nash  
Member: Margaret Jensen

**1 Attendance**

The meeting was attended by 26 members. Apologies were noted from Mike & Ann Nash, Malcolm Brock, Bobbie Jenkin, Robert Machesney, Margaret & Jon Tacey, Nick & Laura Bell and Andrew & Louise Barrett.

**2 Minutes of 2014 AGM**

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved by the meeting with no comments or amendments. There were no actions arising.

**3 Officer's reports**

**Chairman:**

Andy said that the full programme of events in the previous year had been well attended in all instances. The membership of the Society had also increased during the year. He thanked the committee for their work and support during and the time and effort they had spent in making the Society's activities a success.

He noted that a document had been produced by Bryn Evans, assisted by Paul Symes, concerning the activities of the village during the two World Wars. It also detailed the lives of those from the Parish who had served and lost their lives in these two conflicts. The information in the document would form the basis of the Society's display at the forthcoming Hurstbourne Tarrant Flower Show.

Andy said that a full programme of events had been arranged for the coming year and he wished to record his thanks to Mike Nash for his work in compiling this programme. Members were requested to pay their annual subscriptions and receive the programme for 2015/16 after the meeting.

It was the intention of the committee to continue to produce publications on various aspects of the village and its' history and for these to be available as widely as possible. Following the document on the 'parish in wartime' it is the intention to

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produce a guide to the village and its history, focussing particularly on the buildings in the village. It is hoped that this could then be used a guide for those who wished to take a walking tour of the village.

Andy concluded his remarks by thanking all those present for attending.

**Treasurer:**

The accounts for 2014/15 were available for members at the meeting and Sarah made a formal report upon them. She noted that there was a surplus of £408 to be carried forward which was £93 larger than the previous year. As a result the committee had decided that subscription rates would not increase but that it was proposed that visitor payments should be increased from £2 to £3 per meeting.

Expenses had amounted to £140 for the hire of the British Legion premises and £339 for the cost of speakers. Sarah noted that cost of speakers was rising year on year. It is the intention to engage local speakers where possible in order to reduce travel expenses. Income for 2014/15 was £571, of which £428 was from member and visitor payments. She noted that this was likely to increase in the 2015/16 with the full year income from increased membership. Fund raising had contributed £144, mainly from the Flower Show bottle stall and the Christmas Raffle.

The meeting was then asked to vote upon the proposal to increase visitor fees to £3 per meeting. This was proposed by Michael Bateman, seconded by Paul Symes and carried unanimously.

**Programme:**

As Mike Nash could not attend the meeting Andy reported on his behalf from notes Mike had prepared.

During the year there had been 3 visits, Jane Austen's house at Chawton, Sandam Memorial Chapel and Milestones Museum, and 5 lectures at the British Legion venue. All had been well-attended with lectures attracting near 30 people and visits averaging 14. Lectures had concentrated on local themes such as the artist Anna Lea Merritt, Joseph Stevens the St. Mary Bourne doctor and David Sullivan on sheep rearing.

The coming year's programme has a similar spread of talks but with only one keynote visit. This will be a visit to Devizes County Museum with a talk by the Museum Director, David Dawson; following which he will accompany the party on a conducted walk along the ancient Processional Way from Durrington Walls to Stonehenge.

Mike was also keen to hear from any of the members with suggestions for topics, speakers or visits for possible inclusion in future programmes.

## **4 Election of Officers**

The members of the current committee all stood down and the Secretary conducted the election of a new Chairman.

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**Chairman:** Andy Watson offered himself for election. Michael Bateman proposed that Andy be re-elected as Chairman, which Trevor Wheeler seconded. On a show of hands Andy Watson was elected unanimously.

The committee members holding the positions of **Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Publicity** and **Member** all indicated that they were prepared to stand for re-election in their respective positions if proposed. Andy asked if there were any other nominations for any of these positions from the meeting. As there were none he suggested to the meeting that in the interest of time these positions would be considered on a block vote. Paul Symes proposed that all the members should be re-elected in their present posts, which was seconded by Richard South and carried unanimously.

## **5 AOB**

There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 8.12pm

## **6 Next AGM**

The AGM for the year 2015/16 will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:45pm at a venue to be decided and notified to members

Signed as a true record

Dr. Andrew W. Watson  
Chairman