

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022**

Last year our AGM took place by zoom: thankfully restrictions have been lifted this year and we are able to hold our meeting in Pembroke Town Hall.

First, sadly, I should like to pay tribute to Rita Hyam who passed away in December. Rita has been an invaluable help and her contribution to the work of the Society has been immense – dedicated volunteers like Rita are hard to find and she will be greatly missed. Husband John has donated a lovely memorial chair to the Museum in her memory.

## **Pembroke Museum**

There comes a time when all organisations have to examine where they are going. Since we formed in 2010 we had made Monkton Church Hall our base, renting a room in the Hall. Last year, the Church wanted the room for their outreach programme and we were forced to re-examine our direction. It was decided to concentrate our efforts on developing the Museum and base our activities around that.

We have made great progress since we began this museum from scratch 8 years ago. So much so that I, as Curator, have applied to put the Museum on the road to accreditation. My application was successful and I have been busy putting systems in place to run the museum along professional standards. Mark Lewis of Tenby Museum has been assigned as our mentor on this journey.

Throughout the year, the Museum has been closed: it was not possible to admit visitors, as there was not enough space to socially distance. However, work has continued and improvements made to the displays of artefacts. A big thank you to Ron Rees, Roy Smith and George Palmer whose work has quite transformed the Museum.

I would also like to pay tribute here to the generosity of donors and especially of Judy and St John Stimpson who have contributed important collections to the Museum including the collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Welsh costume, an extensive collections of postcards and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century engravings. It was with great sadness therefore that we heard that Judy Stimpson passed away last year.

## **Programme of Events**

This past year, the Society's programme of events had again to be put on hold because of restrictions. Planning ahead was difficult, as one could be sure if another lock down was ahead. However, this year on February 19<sup>th</sup>, we opened up the Museum and held our first public event in almost 2 years. Although a stormy day, we were really pleased that so many people came – it was like getting back to normal, meeting friends and acquaintances not seen for so long. The Museum has undergone many changes since last opening and we were pleased with the public response and positive comments. We invited other heritage groups to join us and set up displays in the George Lewis Hall – Penvro Modellers, Sunderland Trust, Cosheston History Society, Chapel Bay Fort, Carew Control Tower and the West Wales Maritime Heritage Society. The accompanying coffee morning proved popular which, along with a raffle, enabled us to raise some much needed funds. Thank you to all involved and to all who supported the event. It was a really enjoyable morning.

## **Projects**

### **i) The William Marshal Statue**

I am pleased to report that the statue of William Marshal is close to completion. Our sculptor, Harriet Addyman, has created a very impressive life sized sculpture of William Marshal mounted on a horse which was approved by Trustees of Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society last June. Following this, the mould was made and transported to the Castle Fine Arts Foundry, near Oswestry, where the statue is being cast in bronze.

Meanwhile, back in Pembroke, the site where the statue is to be placed (on the north side of the Castle opposite Westgate Chapel) has been surveyed for the installation of the plinth, which will be erected by Pembrokeshire County Council. Many thanks to Pembroke Town Clerk Suzie Thomas who is coordinating all concerned with bringing this about.

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> had been earmarked for the unveiling but, because of circumstances beyond our control, we have had to postpone it for another month. The unveiling will be performed by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and we are very grateful to Jon Williams and the Trustees of Pembroke Castle for allowing us to stage an opening event in the Castle. We are working with Pembroke Town Council on organising a celebration, which will include re-enactors, singing, stalls, competitions etc.

Thank you to our funders - Mr Richard Evans, Pembrokeshire County Council (Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant), Valero, Pembroke Male Voice Choir and the many individuals who have donated and raised funds.

### **ii) Inspirational Dragons Project**

As reported in last year's Report, the aim of our project is to build a fountain in Pembroke Millpond: the vision is to develop a fountain in the form of a dragon, inspired by Llandrindod Wells 'Fabulous Water Beast'. A grant of £13,587.00 from LEADER (which is administered by Planed), funded a schools project to involve children in the design and technology involved. Golden Grove and Monkton Priory Community School participated in this. Unfortunately, lockdown meant that we were unable to complete the project with Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School. The project was to have formed part of coursework for GCSE, but closure of the schools put this on hold, although the school offered the work to pupils on its online portal during shut down.

Although the maquette has been constructed by Gideon Petersen, we have not been able to advance this project. However, once the William Marshal statue is installed, we will be looking at it again and planning a fundraising campaign.

## **History Projects**

It is an important function of our Society that we carry out research and make the results accessible; to preserve aspects of our history that would otherwise be lost. To date, we have published five books.

When we began the Society many years ago in 2010, we began with the Monkton History Project, which resulted in a Sense of Place leaflet, funded by Planed, which outlined the history of Monkton. It has long been the intention to produce a history of Monkton and I am pleased to report that we are well on the way to writing this. Keith Johnson and myself are leading the project and I was successful in obtaining a grant of £4,500 from the Heritage Lottery Wales to cover the cost of publication.

To conclude, Pembroke and Monkton Local History Society continues its work in promoting Pembroke's great history despite the Covid restrictions. Therefore, a

big thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who make this possible.

Linda Asman  
Chairman, March 2022

PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
2021 ACCOUNTS  
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR END

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/F 2020	£5,831.25	HALL RENTAL	£0.00
SUBS	£3.00	EVENTS	£0.00
DONATIONS	£5,266.50	EQUIPMENT	£1,164.48
FUNDRAISING	£0.00	MUSEUM	£575.69
OTHER SALES	£0.00	PETTY CASH	£0.00
WM MARSHAL DONATIONS	£51,706.80	WM MARSHAL STATUE	£40,523.46
BOOK SALES	£161.00	FEES	£375.97
GRANTS	£10,050.00	EXPENSES	£37.93
		RESOURCES	£80.82
		TRANSFER TO RESERVES	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£73,018.55	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£42,758.35

SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£30,260.20
RESERVES	£4,023.81
BANK BALANCE MONTH END	£30,244.20

PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET 2021  
FIXED ASSETS

		2021	2020
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1132.74	1258.61	
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	439.17	487.962	
START UP EQUIPMENT	838.88	932.094	
TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTER	485.61	539.568	
PAVS GRANT DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	846.95	941.058	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		3743.36	4159.29
CURRENT ASSETS			
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,023.81	4,023.59	
CURRENT ACCOUNT IN BANK	30,244.20	5831.25	
CASH IN HAND	16.00	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	34,284.01	9,854.84	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,284.01	9,854.84

TOTAL NET ASSETS	38027.37	14014.13
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
FIXED ASSETS	3743.36	4159.29
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURPLUS	30,260.20	5,831.25
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,023.81	4,023.59
PETTY CASH		24.78
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES	38027.37	14014.13

We certify these documents are correct and in accordance with documents presented



Treasurer

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