



# Collingham & District Local History Society

Charity Number: 1164058

## Trustees Report: 2023

**Membership:** 137 members. This is a small increase since last year. A word of thanks from our membership secretary for the prompt return of renewal membership forms with 55 received so far.

### **Finance:**

Our financial position continues to be in good shape; however we have increased the membership subscription for the first time in many years. The Treasurer will give his annual report as the next meeting item.

### **Events:**

20223 has been another year with many varied events organised by your Trustees. We are delighted with the excellent attendance at each of the five lectures and talks given in the hall. Some speakers have been most impressed as they don't usually have such a sizeable audience. The first event of 2023 was Come A-Wassailing at Holme Church which was a great success. There was two outdoor events, the annual Collingham village walk plus a enlightening Besthorpe village walk. We took part in a number of other events in the village where we either had a stand or table at:- Collingham May Fair, Collingham Community Fair, the Coronation celebrations on the cricket field, Collingham Show and finally the Opening of the Platinum Field and tree planting. We will be at three of these events again in 2024. We have developed further our involvement with John Blow School with visits of small groups to the Jubilee Room and a village walk round parts of Collingham identifying buildings of interest.

### **Research:**

Research on various local history themes continued throughout the year and we continue be aided by the work of the U3A Local History Research Group. During the year we have been invited to look inside one or two old properties of interest and we will be continuing to expand on the Collingham Uncovered initiative. We want to build up a good research resource that throws light on aspects of the history around us where currently little is known. A good example of this is the ongoing work on local blacksmiths and windmills. Aside from these projects, our team are constantly fielding questions from public usually on a wide range of topics. Enquiries continue to come in from far and wide via our website and other links.

### **Archaeology :**

Two more successful digs this year. One at John Blow School on the sports field. Nothing of great interest was found but the interest and questions asked by the students who came to see the action was most rewarding. The village test pit this year was at The Barn, 12 The Green and we are most grateful to our hosts, Maggie and Paul for giving all the people who came along such an enjoyable day. The dig which turned out to be the one of great national importance was the one at Brills Farm where Phil Docherty, David Barker and Christine

Hasman took part, often in very hot sunshine. The unexpected and surprising find of the dodecagon will be something they will remember for the rest of their digging careers.

### **Archive news:**

We are working with the Parish Council who are the owners of the Jubilee Room, to obtain planning permission to refresh the entrance and appearance with a new entrance door, larger signage, exterior lighting and improvements to the entrance area in front of the building.

The JR was opened once a month on Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm in May, June, July and August; visitors included new village residents, passers-by and current members. We will repeat this in 2024 and also be able to open by request by arrangement. Visits are usually to look through the archive collection, either for general interest or specific research.

Some good progress has been made in our efforts to digitise the collection. Initially users will be able to search for things using this facility which will enable the user to go to the box and file where the information is stored.

### **Donors to the archives**

Thanks are due to all the people who have donated items to the archives over the past year. In particular we are very pleased to record the donation by Mrs Pat Holland of the North Collingham Pre-Enclosure 1790 map drawn by William Attenburrow. We have now deposited it with the Nottinghamshire Archives who are currently cleaning and restoring it. The plan is to have a full sized high definition copy made which will be on permanent display in the JR.

One of our most important tasks is to provide a safe and enduring depository for historical artifacts from the area we serve. We only have provision for documents and quite small items such as photographic plates and pictures by notable local artists. Please get in touch with one of the trustees if you have something you wish to donate.

Our thanks for all our loyal members for their continued support for our Society. We look forward to seeing you at our 2024 events.

Nigel Priestley (Chair) and all the CDLHS Trustees.

**AGM: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm**

Standing down to be re-elected:

Phil Docherty, Jeremy Lodge, Charlie Stothard



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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Subscriptions	828.00	782.00	
Irregular Sales	365.00	295.00	
Raffle-net	313.00	249.70	
Visitors, Meetings & refreshments	170.45	184.00	
Grants (Nottinghamshire Local History Assn)		200.00	
Credits from EDF	2.08		
Donations	223.48	403.25	
Bank Interest on Savings	37.83	2.56	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1939.84</b>	<b>2,116.51</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Archive materials & Exhibitions	305.07	367.01	
Hire of Hall	231.00	146.00	
Cost of Speakers including Wassail 1685 Music	320.00	130.00	
Administration	181.02	246.91	
'Irregular'		484.00	
Jubilee Room – electric	171.00	109.53	
Donations		323.25	
Gazebos	410.95	757.15	
Dig Insurance	190.54	190.54	
Other: Sign, Wireless presenter, Gratuities	70.39	137.99	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1879.97</b>	<b>2,892.38</b>	
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>59.87</b>	<b>(775.87)</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2,241.11</b>	<b>2,244.73</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>10,041.95</b>	<b>10,004.12</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE TOTAL 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>12,283.06</b>	<b>12,248.85</b>	

N E PRIESTLEY TREASURER: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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**AUDIT CERTIFICATE-** Having examined the cashbook and limited available documentation, I am of the opinion that based upon this evidence, the above accounts give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Collingham & District Local History Society for the year ending 31 December 2023.

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