

# Chadderton Historical Society

Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT for the Year June 2021 - May 2022**

### **(1) Programme during the Past Year**

As the Coronavirus pandemic eased the Society recommenced its activities in July 2021. A programme was put together for 2021-2022, and distributed to members. It was as follows: No Meeting in June as lockdown was still in place. Talks by visiting speakers covered the following topics: 'The History of Domestic Sanitation' by Linden Milner; 'Manchester's Lost District – Life before the Arndale' by Keith Warrender. Talks by our own members: 'Seats of Learning' (repeat from 2009 - Mark Johnson and Michael Lawson); 'Cardinal Langley of Middleton', (Peter Briggs); 'Bygone Buildings of Chadderton', (Mark Johnson and Michael Lawson).

Visits were made to Milnrow Town Centre, and Shaw Parish Church; whilst the local history ramble was to Foxdenton Park to learn about the history of the Hall and the Radclyffe Family. The themed party in March was 'Wartime 'Forties', members enjoying ukelele music by member Roger Cullen, and a period quiz. Christine Dennis prepared period food, first providing an outline of Wartime Food, etc. Most members came in costume, either civilian or military, which was wonderful to see. The Programme was completed in its entirety with two exceptions. The meeting scheduled for January, which should have been an Archives Evening on the industry of Chadderton, was cancelled because of an upsurge in Coronavirus. Keith Warrender was unable to attend in April because his daughter was shielding from Coronavirus. In his place members Mark Johnson and Michael Lawson gave the talk on 'Chadderton's Claims to Fame', first presented in January 2008.

### **(2a) Membership and Attendance**

Since May 2021, no new members have joined the Society, either Full or Associate. Full Membership is 48, in addition to 12 Associate (Country) members who don't pay the full subscription. There are also 12 Honorary Members who are no longer able to attend meetings and pay no subscription fees.

Attendance at the talk given by the visiting speaker was 17. The three talks by the Society's own members attracted the following numbers of people: 'Seats of Learning' 28; 'Cardinal Langley' 27; and 'Chadderton's Claims to Fame' (replacing Keith Warrender) 26. This gave an average of 27, which was a decrease of 7 on the year 2019-20.

Average attendance on the two visits to places of interest was 18, which was a decrease of 6 on the average attendance in 2019. The highest attendance was 23, when the Society visited Shaw Church.

The local history ramble to Foxdenton Park attracted 19 members (with a further 8 visitors from 'Chadderton Together') on what was a most pleasant evening. This was a decrease of 2 members on the Busk ramble in 2019. Afterwards, refreshments were provided by CT in the new Lydia Becker Tearoom.

The annual themed party in March 'Wartime 'Forties' was attended by 20 members and no visitors, a decrease of 7 on the last party which was held in 2020.

### **(2b) Honorary Membership and Deceased Members**

No-one has been made an Honorary Member during this past year but several members who can no longer attend meetings await this procedure. It is sad to report that during the past two years we have had a number of deaths associated with the Society. The Chairman's mother, Lily Johnson, passed away in April 2020. A lovely lady who will always be remembered for organising the teas at our meetings. In April 2021, our Vice-Chairperson, Christine Dennis, lost her husband, Keith, who often attended special events organised by the Society. Doug Ashmore, a lovely gentleman, and a Founder Member of Royton Local History Society, also died in April 2021. In early June 2021, I was informed that Sir David Black had died, aged 92. He was the husband of the late Lady Maureen Black, nee Radclyffe, who was once Patron of our Society. They lived near Reading, Berkshire, but visited Chadderton in 1992, for the Chadderton Festival. Condolences were sent to the families of all the above. I was also informed in June 2021, about the death of Susan Butterworth, an Associate Member who lived in Abingdon, now in Oxfordshire. She was an old school friend of Member Diane Crossley. Plaques in memory of recently deceased Members are planned to be affixed to our Memorial Lectern.

### **(2c) Members' Celebratory, Get Well and Condolences Cards**

Congratulatory Cards continue to be sent to Members celebrating special birthdays and anniversaries. Such events are also acknowledged in the appropriate edition of the Society's Newsletter 'The Griffin'.

### **(2d) Trustees' and Executive Committee Meetings**

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was convened following the March Party. It was unanimously agreed to send a letter to 'Chadderton Together' supporting their bid for funding for a survey of Foxdenton Hall, followed by its ultimate restoration. Present were Mark Johnson (T), Michael Lawson (T), Christine Dennis (T), Denis Barrott (T), Michael Scallan (T), Wendy Cockram, Tim Cockram, Arthur Chorley. Trustees of the Society

# Chadderton Historical Society

Founded 1975

Registered Charity No. 1003804

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 2 YEARS ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## RECEIPTS

|                        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Members' subscriptions |        |        |
| (Full 37 Associate 7)  |        | 601.00 |
| Donations:             |        |        |
| Visitors               | 13.00  |        |
| Foxdenton visit        | 6.50   | 19.50  |
| Raffles                | 139.00 | 759.50 |

## PAYMENTS

|                                  |        |         |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Speakers' fees                   |        | 30.00   |
| Donations:                       |        |         |
| British Assoc. Local History (2) | 150.00 |         |
| Lancs. Local History             | 8.00   |         |
| Friends Real Lancs               | 16.00  |         |
| Holy Trinity Church, Shaw        | 30.00  | 204.00  |
| Rents: - Chadderton F.C. (5)     |        | 175.00  |
| Secretarial Expenses:            |        | 542.68  |
| Historical Items                 |        | 59.31   |
| Poppy Wreaths (3)                |        | 56.50   |
| Catering                         | 60.00  | 1127.49 |

Excess Payments over Receipts 367.99

759.50

1127.49

Examined and found correct:

Independent

Examiner

M. M. Vennart

Date: 20-4-2022

Balance at Bank f 3,725.21  
(including £500.00 on Trust for  
Foxdenton Hall)

Chairman:

M. J. Johnson

Treasurer:

Dennis Barrett