

## Chadderton Historical Society

Forty-Ninth Annual General Meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT for the Year June 2023 - May 2024**

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

The Programme for 2023-2024, as printed and distributed to members was completed in its entirety, as outlined here. Talks by visiting speakers covered the following topics: 'Manchester's Lost District - Life before the Arndale' by Keith Warrender; 'Funny You Should Say That - The Origins of Everyday Sayings' by Peter Watson; and 'It Happened in Oldham Pt 1 - Entertainment Stuff' by Christine Herd.

Talks by Society Members were 'Chadderton: Growth of an Industrial Town' by Peter Briggs; 'The Story of Andrew Carnegie' by Les Garner; and 'Gone but not Forgotten' by Mark Johnson and Michael Lawon.

Visits were made to Rochdale Parish Church; Lees - the 'Exclave Village'; and the Weaver's Cottage, Rossendale. whilst the local history ramble was 'Stock Brook Circular'. A traditional Christmas Party was held in December.

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

Since May 2023, three new Full Members have joined the Society, and Full Membership is approximately 35. In addition to 8 Associate Members, who don't pay the full subscription, there are also 14 Honorary Members who are no longer able to attend meetings and pay no subscription fees. At last year's AGM three members resigned from the Society for domestic reasons.

Average attendance at the three talks given by visiting speakers was 19, down 6 on 2022-2023, whilst the three talks by Society members attracted the following numbers of people: 'Chadderton - Growth of an Industrial Town' 22; 'The Story of Andrew Carnegie' 21; and 'Gone but not Forgotten' 28. This gave an average of 24, which was the same as the previous year.

The average attendance on the three visits to places of interest was 16, which was the same as the previous year, with little variation in numbers among the visits.

The local history ramble, which was the 'Stockbrook Circular', attracted 10 people which was a decrease of 7 on 2023. Even so, it was a pleasant evening's stroll, enjoyed by all.

The annual party was held in December and was a traditional Christmas Party, the first such seasonal party held since 1989, and attracted 24 people. This was double the number who attended last year's themed party. Members attended in festive costume and a topical quiz was held.

At the 48<sup>th</sup> AGM in May 2023, 21 members were present plus 1 guest who intended joining. This was 2 down on the Combined AGM of 2022.

Following the AGM a tasteful Coronation Buffet was provided by Christine Dennis. This included a Coronation Cake made to resemble St. Edward's Crown, which was later donated to a local church's celebration. Memorabilia to do with previous Coronations, as presented by Chadderton Council, were on display. It all made for a very enjoyable end to the AGM.

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

It is sad to report that during the past year we have had the deaths of Denis Barrott, our valued Treasurer from 1998 to 2023, Lavinia Exley, an Honorary Member from Kent, and Honorary Member Doris Clegg. We were also informed of the death of Jack Ramsden in August of 2023. Plaques in memory of all deceased members are affixed to our Memorial Lectern.

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

If the Society is notified, Congratulatory Cards are sent to members celebrating special occasions, while Sympathy Cards are sent to families of deceased members. All these are also acknowledged in the Society's Newsletter 'The Griffin'.

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

A meeting of the Trustees and new Membership Secretary was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July to discuss and clarify Society Membership following the confusion caused by the Corona Virus lockdown.

#### **(2e) Society Patron, President, Vice-President, Chaplain**

Currently, Nicholas Radclyffe, grandson of the last Lord of the Manor, Charles Robert Eustace Radclyffe, continues as Patron; Retired Councillor Jim Greenwood is President, and Councillor Colin McLaren is Vice-President. All routinely receives copies of 'The Griffin' and the Society's Annual Reports. The Society awaits the appointment of a Chaplain.

#### **(3a) Society Newsletter 'The Griffin'**

'The Griffin' continues to be published quarterly, in February, May, August, and November, and is sent by post to Associate and Honorary Members. It is also distributed to local councillors and to the wider community.

# Chadderton Historical Society

Founded 1975

Registered Charity No. 1003804

"Preserving and Promoting the History and Heritage of Chadderton"



PATRON: Nicholas Roddyffe (Roddyffe of Fountains)  
PRESIDENT: Retired Councillor Jim Greenwood  
VICE-PRESIDENT: Councillor Colin McLaren

## Income and Expenditure From 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Income		Expenditure	
Member Subscriptions (Full 31 x15 = £465) (Associate 6x£7 = £42)	£507	Speakers Fees	£140.00
Donations	£339.90	Donations	
Raffles	£238.00	Rochdale Parish Church	£60.00
Sales	£50.00	Rosendale Civic Trust (Weaver's Cottage Visit)	£60.00
		Subscriptions	
		British Association for Local History	£90.00
		The Lancashire Local History Association	£8.00
		Rent	
		Rent payments to Chadderton Football Club	£450.00
		Secretarial Expenses	£259.08
		Poppy Wreath	£25.00
		Catering	£100.00
		Memorial Plaques for the Lectern	£170.24
TOTAL	£1134.90	Total	£1362.32

Expenditure	£1362.32
Income	- £1134.90
Excess Payments over Income	£227.42

Examined and found Correct: Independent Examiner <i>N. J. Kennedy</i>	Chairman: <i>M. J. Jones</i>
Date: <i>30.4.24</i>	Treasurer: <i>Michael Smith</i>
	Date: <i>2-5-2024</i>
Balance in the Bank as of the 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Including £500.00 on Trust for Foxdenton Hall)	Cash in hand: £38.00
£3368.08	Grand Total: £3406.08