

Malmesbury History Society Trustee Annual Report

Year end 31 December 2024

Chair's Report 2024

The Year 2024 for Malmesbury History Society and indeed for history in Malmesbury, was busy and action packed. We were pleased to be able to support Athelstan 1100 in 2024 during the celebrations marking the year Athelstan became King.

Our meetings for the year January - December 2024

January - **Barry Dent** gave us a talk on Henry Goodridge and Malmesbury Abbey's West Window. **Anne Goodyer spoke on her research into the Malmesbury Chasse** - a reliquary chest now in the Museum of Art in Toronto. Anne also gave us an Athelstan 1100 update.

March AGM and talk by historian and MHS member Tony McAleavy - How Bishop Roger of Salisbury seized control of Malmesbury Abbey in 1118.

May - **Hazel Humphries** gave us a talk on her horse thief relative from Malmesbury; he was transported to Tasmania and eventually became a policeman on mainland Australia.

July - **Tony Hack** gave us a talk on the **Wiltshire Medieval Graffiti Survey of Lacock Abbey**

September - **MHS member David Witt** spoke to us on his research into **The Artwork in the Whole Hog** and it's connection to Henry III and Henry Tudor. David followed this with the research into the places worldwide that have the Malmesbury name and why that might be. Christina Staff brought in some of her field walking finds from Rodbourne for handling.

November - Dr Catherine Spence archivist gave a presentation on Joseph Priestly and the Discovery of Oxygen at Bowood.

Membership Report

At the end of the year the Society had 82 members, a decrease of 10 members over the previous year. Of these 82, 11 were life members. Renewals remain due on April 1st since the membership year runs from April to March for everyone. Membership remains at £10.

Treasurer's Report

The society ended the year with a healthy bank balance of **£6,523.37**, a decrease of £245.50 over the previous year's balance of £6,768.87. The income came from membership and publication sales. The largest expenditures were on grants (to Athelstan 1100), meetings, events, and the website. There is £170 cash pending deposit.

The CIO account details for the society are:

Name:	Malmesbury History Society
Sort code:	20-68-15
Account:	33305465

2024			
Category	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss
Grants		-£900.00	-£900.00
Meetings		-£65.00	-£65.00
Membership	625.00		£625.00
Publications	277.50		£277.50
Societies		-£75.00	-£75.00
Website		-£108.00	-£108.00
	£ 902.50	-£1,148.00	-£245.50
2024 Year End Balance			£ 6,523.37

Book Title	2023 Count	2024 Count	Asset Value
Aldhelm / Faricius	44	25	£78.75
Castle	92	55	£201.85
Lull	0	0	£0.00
Moravian	59	46	£104.65
Hannah	70	49	£60.96
Hobbes	90	69	£348.80
Witches	102	80	£178.24
	Total:		£973.25