

Chairmans address 2026

2025 was a busy year as usual

During the winter of 25/25 the Oyster Display was refreshed. The grey material was replaced with the red which makes everything much brighter. The cabinet with Model yachts downstairs has also been revamped and a Burnham during WW11 display was put in the cabinet in the entrance hall.

The boat Alicia which was in the Lower Gallery has now been returned to the owners in Northumberland. The boat had been on loan and on advice we do not now accept loans. The Bell family who own the boat did not want to donate Alicia to the Museum so they arranged to take it away in February. As a result, an exciting new space has been created

The museum will be opening at Easter.

Fund raising is continuing as we are always short of money for repairs. Michael Head did 2 talks at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, one on Farming and the other on Transport. They were very well attended and raised much needed money.

The roller shutter to the front of the Museum had to have the motor replaced and our laptop finally died which has now been replaced. Unfortunately, the gas heaters in the Cole Gallery were condemned and we are currently working on replacing them. As you know we are raising money to complete this work and also our electrics need updating.

The monthly talks continued with A Journey Through Burnham, Bradwell Power Station, The Anniversary of the End of WW11 80 years ago. Peter Burton also gave a talk on the Roman Barrow at West Mersea in the autumn

The Barrow was the venue for our summer outing and include a visit to the West Mersea Museum. It was an inspiring visit and the West Mersea Museum volunteers were most welcoming.

Sadly several stalwarts of the museum have died this year: amongst them, Kevin Bruce, Alan Dorrell, John Randall and Bronwen Cook .

The Museum would not be able to open without all the helpers and I give thanks to all the volunteers:

Jill Taylor and David Lambert for continuing to keep the ephemera up to date with lots of carnival photos coming in from John Randall.

The work group on Mondays for all the maintenance, the Stewards for manning the museum. Michael Head for fund raising and Donald Neale for keeping the shop going .

Thank you all for coming and supporting the History Society and the Museum

Margaret Smith

BURNHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	2025	2024
Members Subscriptions	£ 1,106.00	£ 451.00
Meetings and Members' Donations	£ 216.00	£ 490.00
Meetings guests' Donations	£ -	£ 29.00
Public Donations	£ 173.50	£ 181.40
Essex Community Fund Grant (U3A dig finds)	£ -	£ -
Research/family history	£ 20.00	
Cole (Lower) Gallery donations	£ 1,060.00	£ 778.00
Fund-raising Events and Activities	£ 1,669.21	£ 1,016.92
Museum Entrance	£ 1,256.02	£ 1,336.59
Museum sales, books etc	£ 367.11	£ 536.63
Interest on COIF Deposit Account	£ 366.07	£ 417.46
Bequests and Donations	£ -	
Easement	£ 25.00	£ 25.00
Outing	£ -	
2026 Subscriptions paid early	£ -	200.00
u3a Booklet	£ -	£ 12.29
	£ 6,258.91	£ 5,474.29

EXPENDITURE

Speakers' Fees / Room Hire	£ -	0.00
Subscriptions	£ 126.00	126.00
Publicity Advertising and Website	£ -	171.00

Stationery Postage	£	-	0.00
Water	£	334.69	227.55
Gas	£	925.04	700.95
Electricity	£	864.96	970.02
Inspections and maintenance	£	952.72	1,108.42
Materiels	£	102.40	47.50
Stock purchases	£	103.79	440.00
Capital expenditure	£	1,768.58	330.00
2025 Subscriptions for transfer to 2025 account	£	-	150.00
Insurance	£	2,109.73	2,058.77
Printing Material	£	171.00	22.53
Sundries/Housekeeping/Refreshments	£	15.00	31.47
Essex Community Fund Grant spend	£	317.88	275.06
	£	7,791.79	£ 6,659.27

Surplus Expenditure over Income

-£ 1,532.88

-£ 1,184.98

Brought forward 31.12.24

Current Account £ 16,054.17 £17,656.61

COIF Deposit Account £ 8,565.39 £8,147.93

At 31.12.24 Total £ **24,619.56** £25,804.54

Surplus Expenditure over Income

-£ 1,532.88

-£1,184.98

Total £ **23,086.68** £24,619.56

Current Account 31.12.25 £ 14,155.22 £16,054.17

COIF Deposit Account £ 8,931.46 £8,565.39

At 31.12.25 £ 23,086.68 £ - £24,619.56

Signed:

Peter Burton - Hon Treasurer

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account and it is in accordance with the supporting records and papers of the Burnham History Society for the year ending 31 December 2025

Signed:

Jim Cousins FCCA