

# **BLAKENEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2.30pm  
at Cley Village Hall & on Zoom**

**Following the AGM, Alison Dow will give a talk, The Remarkable life of  
Thomas Fowell Buxton: the 'Liberator'**

## **AGENDA for the 28th Annual General Meeting to be held before the above Lecture**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 27th AGM held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of Management Committee 2023/2024
5. Annual Accounts 2023/2024
6. Outgoing Management Committee:

<i>Chairman*:</i>	<i>Diana Cooke</i>
<i>Secretary*:</i>	<i>Andrew Otterburn (acting)</i>
<i>Treasurer*:</i>	<i>Andrew Otterburn</i>
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	<i>Bridget Candy</i>
<i>Lecture Programme:</i>	<i>Jonathan Hooton</i>
<i>Website:</i>	<i>Sarah Poppy (acting)</i>
<i>Equipment at lectures:</i>	<i>Andrew Otterburn (acting)</i>
<i>Publicity:</i>	<i>Caroline Holland</i>
<i>Publications:</i>	<i>Richard Kelham</i>
<i>Glaven Historian editor:</i>	<i>Roger Bland</i>
<i>Sales Organiser:</i>	<i>Jan Semple</i>
<i>History Centre:</i>	<i>Diana Cooke, Bridget Candy, Sarah Poppy</i>
<i>Committee member:</i>	<i>Susan Gallo-Traill</i>

*\*officers*

7. Election of Management Committee for 2024/2025:
  - 7.1 Received nominations
  - 8.2 Election
8. Election of Scrutineer
9. Any Other Business

**\*\*\* Please Note that those who vote, propose or second are  
required to be paid-up Members for 2024-2025 \*\*\***

**BLAKENEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting on**  
**Tuesday, 28th November 2023 in Cley Village Hall**

Before the AGM, Dave Wiseman gave a Talk entitled:  
**Sir John Fastolf – Our Norfolk Knight**

On behalf of the Chairman who was indisposed, Roger Bland welcomed Members & Visitors.

**1 Apologies:** Madeleine Collet, Penny Jack, Richard Jefferson, Caroline & John Holland, Richard Kelham, Michael Medlar & Rachel Nicolle

**2. Minutes** of the 26th AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed.

*Proposed by Jan Semple, seconded by David Ford*

**3. Matters arising:** There were none.

**4. Report of the Management Committee for 2022/2023:**

Richard Kelham prepared a Report which was circulated with the AGM documentation, since when it has been amended. The new version was handed out to attendees. The acting Chair read out the last couple of paragraphs. These highlighted the fact that the future of the Society was in jeopardy, unless new volunteers came forward.

A crisis has arisen because *Richard Daley* is unexpectedly moving away from the area in the New Year and, therefore, resigning from the Committee. At the last Committee Meeting *Diana Cooke* let it be known that she wishes to stand down as Secretary by the next AGM. *Roger Bland* wishes to stand down by the end of the current financial year and *Richard Kelham* is forever hopeful that someone will take over his role as Chair.

**5. Constitution**

Now that the Society and History Centre accounts had been combined, Richard Daley informed the meeting that the Constitution needed to be 'tweaked'. A draft copy with amendments was circulated with the AGM papers. There were no queries and the amendments were **adopted** 'nem com'.

Roger Bland then paid tribute to the full and varied contribution which Richard had made to the Society since 2009. Without his efforts, we would not have an extensive website and he has prepared all the recent digital Newsletters. He has also managed the History Centre 'utilities' and helped with the Speaker programme, as well as set up the technical equipment.

**6. Annual Accounts for 2022/2023:**

The Treasurer was in attendance on zoom. Richard Daley acted as Scrutineer this year and was on hand to answer any queries. There were none and the Accounts were duly **adopted**.

*Proposed by Hilary Daley, seconded by Jonathan Hooton*

Following this, Richard took the opportunity to pay tribute to Roger Bland and Diana Cooke for all their respective contributions to the Society and the History Centre.

**7. Outgoing Committee:**

*Chairman\*:*

*Richard Kelham*

*Treasurer\*:*

*Andrew Otterburn*

*Secretary\*:*

*Diana Cooke*

*Lecture Programme Organiser\*/s:*

*Roger Bland, Diana Cooke & Richard Daley*

*History Centre Manager\*:*

*Management Committee*

*Publications Manager\*:*

*Roger Bland*

(\*Society officers)

*Sales Organiser:*  
*Membership Secretary:*  
*Minutes' Secretary:*  
*Website Organiser:*  
*GH Commissioning Editor:*  
*Publications:*  
*Committee Member:*

*Jan Semple*  
*Bridget Candy*  
*Diana Cooke*  
*Richard Daley*  
*Roger Bland*  
*Richard Kelham*  
*David Ford*

**8. Election of Management Committee:**

There were no new Nominations. The outgoing Committee, with the exception of Richard Daley, was **re-elected en bloc**. *Proposed by John Wright, seconded by Jonathan Hooton*

**9. Appointment of Scrutineer:**

After many years of serving the Society as Scrutineer, Mary McLean and her husband moved South in July to be near their daughter. On behalf of the Society, a greetings card was sent to the new address, expressing our grateful thanks and wishing Mary well in the future. The Secretary suggested that Members accept the Committee's judgement to appoint someone with appropriate qualifications, as soon as possible. **Agreed**

**10. Any other business:** There was None.

## BAHS Committee AGM Report 2024

The Committee has had a busy year with several changes in its composition. This has led to reflections on the role of the Society & History Centre, along with discussions about the benefits of membership.

Following the last AGM, Richard Kelham continued as Chairman for 3 months - during which time 5 new Committee members came on board and I took over as Chair. This was quite a daunting prospect for me considering that Richard was the inaugural Chairman in July 1997 until 2000. He continued, with the help of a co-Chair, for another 8 years until 2008. Thereafter he served on the Committee but, in 2016, agreed to take over as 'acting' Chair until such time as a new Chair was elected – believe it or not, this arrangement continued happily for 8 more years! Thus, his knowledge of the Committee's history and the local area is boundless, not forgetting his 'desktop publishing' skills which have contributed to 44 printed newsletters over 20 years and 19 *Glaven Historian* Journals. Long may he continue to prepare future publications!

Meanwhile, the other Richard (Daley) moved to Cambridge in the New Year and we, as a Committee, have been picking up the pieces ever since. His digital and practical talents knew no bounds! We would not, however, have been able to do this without the arrival of the new members – Jonathan Hooton, Sarah Poppy, Caroline Holland, Susan Gallo-Traill & Robin Mortimer. Between them, they have been active in arranging the lecture programme & publicity, managing the lecture equipment, updating accessions at the History Centre and circulating the latest Journal.

Concurrently, Andrew, the Treasurer cum (acting) Secretary - along with Bridget, the Membership Secretary - have provided me with invaluable support and back up; thank you both. Roger & Richard have produced another admirable *Glaven Historian* which Jan distributed to local shops. Since last November, thanks to Bridget & Caroline, our digital presence has grown from X (140+ followers) to Instagram (60 followers) and, more recently, a Facebook page has been created.

In April, David Ford stood down. He had served a couple of years but, as a result of work commitments, was not able to attend many Committee meetings. I am glad to say, however, that he is still around to help with odd jobs and lecture afternoons. A couple of months later, Robin moved back down to Kent and so he is no longer on the Committee either.

We now urgently need help with managing the website to relieve Sarah and Richard Daley who have been 'keeping the show on the road' on a temporary basis. The role of Secretary has, similarly, been managed by Andrew on a temporary basis to tide us over a difficult period; this needs to be filled as well, not least in order to separate the role of Treasurer and Secretary.

The Committee has begun to address ways to sustain and increase the number of members; this hovers around 100. There are some challenging questions to deal with concerning the benefits and cost of membership. Similarly, the Constitution is under review again, as is our future strategy for the History Centre. We will inform you of any significant changes by means of the regular group emails and, by next year's annual meeting, hopefully, we will be on an even stronger footing!

Diana Cooke, Chair  
October 2024

## **Blakeney Area Historical Society**

### **AGM – November 2024 – Finance Report**

Our income increased during the year from £2,200 to £2,800. Our subscription income increased by around £200, and we increased our income from our lectures slightly, however the bulk of the improvement was due to better bank interest and also to a one off payment of £200 compensation from our bank.

Our expenditure fell over the year from £2,300 to £1,800, primarily because we were able to release provisions for potential rent and electricity liabilities to the Village Hall.

Overall, we achieved a surplus of just over £1,000 however due to the nature of these positive one-off events our accounts for the current year, to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, are unlikely to be as good. We may struggle to break even, so need to consider looking at ways we might increase the income of the Society.

Andrew Otterburn

Treasurer

Blakeney Area Historical Society		Year to 31st August 2024	Year to 31st August 2023
<b>Income</b>			
	Members' Subscriptions	1,399.00	1,255
	Events/Lectures	684	624
	Sales		
	Glaven Historian	80	112
	Others	63	2
	Activites	-	-
	Miscellaneous	201	27
	Bank & B/S Income	388	195
		<hr/> 2,815	<hr/> 2,215
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Operating Costs	520	484
	Events/Lectures	614	468
	Publications	366	504
	Specials	-	10
	History Centre	194	763
	Miscellaneous	76	25
		<hr/> 1,770	<hr/> 2,254
	<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<hr/> 1,045	<hr/> (39)

**Blakeney Area Historical Society****Year to 31st August 2024****Balance sheet****31st August 2024****31st August 2023**

Fixed assets - cost	732	732
Depreciation	(366)	(183)
Net value	<u>366</u>	<u>549</u>
TSB current account	1,648	1,124
Santander current account	408	509
Santander deposit account	9,365	8,977
Cash	133	400
Floats	70	75
Prepayments	(72)	(72)
Accruals	(392)	(1,080)
	<u>11,526</u>	<u>10,481</u>
Reserves brought forward	10,481	10,520
Surplus for year	1,045	(39)
Reserves carried forward	<u>11,526</u>	<u>10,481</u>

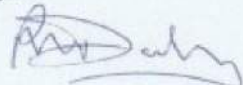
These accounts have been scrutinised and have been found correct

Signed

Date

Signed

Date



10-10-2024

Richard Daley (Scrutineer)



10/10/2024

Andrew Otterburn (Treasurer)