

Annual Return to the Charity Commission 2018

Bishop's Waltham Society 1170683

REPORT

Membership

At the beginning of 2017 the Trustees set a target to rebuild membership of the Society to 300 members and by January 2018 we had 307 members. We then chose to take the more difficult approach to the General Data Protection Regulation by asking all members to positively sign up for membership. We were aware that this would lose us some members. However, we are pleased to say that at the beginning of 2019 our membership numbers are now more than 340. As always we would ask all existing members to continue to promote membership of the Society to friends and acquaintances.

Members' Meetings

We've had another successful programme of monthly meetings this year with an average attendance of around 60-70 people. Some of the best attended were "Pew Rage", "Buster Crabb - the real story" and "Harlots, Dung and Glory - the history of Portsmouth". We were delighted that more than 60 attended our midsummer evening at the Museum in the Palace grounds, and that 70 members and guests joined the Christmas Party! A similarly full programme is planned for 2019 - details are provided in the current newsletter and are also printed on a small card for wider circulation.

Newsletters

The Society published three newsletters during the year: Winter (with an insert about our views on plans to demolish Abbey Mill), Spring and Autumn. The Summer issue was delayed until the autumn because attention was devoted to the Society's new book *We Will Remember Them* which had to be published before 11th November - the 100th anniversary of the Armistice (see more below).

Planning

During 2018 the Society's Planning Committee has again been very active. Letters with comments and/or objections have been submitted on proposals for: Abbey Mill, Albany Farm, Coppice Hill Phase 2, Locks Farm Standby Generator, Malt Lane and Postmead (both proposals). They are all detailed responses that seek to be constructive wherever possible. The committee continues to argue that developers should abide by the Bishop's Waltham Local Plan and Design Statement, as well as wider planning rules and guidance. We would again like to thank Pauline Mousley who, whilst not a trustee, makes a continuing contribution to the work of the Planning committee.

Finances and Grants

These are covered in the Treasurer's report, but we are pleased that we were able to increase the amount of grant aid this year.

Publishing

A great deal of effort went into the publication of our new book *We Will Remember Them*. The book tells the stories of the 61 servicemen from Bishop's Waltham who died in the Great War. It is based on very detailed research by Peter Ridley and we are grateful to him for allowing us to publish it in book form. We would also like to thank Alan Inder, whose idea started the whole project. The initial print run of 300 copies sold out within a month. With Christmas demand high, we printed a further 150 copies and a good number of these have already been sold too. We have covered all our costs and will be sending all surplus revenues to the Royal British Legion in due course.

It is planned to continue to publish new informative books, relevant to Bishop's Waltham and its residents, in the coming year(s). The next project is likely to be a book on the history of Bishop's

Waltham High Street. A number of other, shorter books/booklets are under consideration. Revenues from our publications is a significant factor in our ability to fund our wider activities.

Website


A lot of work has been going on to overhaul our website and it should be launched by the time of the AGM. It is designed to continue attracting new members and to be an easy place for current members to keep in touch with what we are doing. It can be found at

www.bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk.

Trustees

The chairman again wishes to express his gratitude for the hard work and dedication shown by the Society's trustees during the year. We are delighted that Anita Taylor, the Registrar of Bishop's Waltham Museum, has agreed to be co-opted as a Trustee again. We now have 9 of our permitted 12 trustees.

ACCOUNTS

					
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 30th DECEMBER 2018			BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 30th DECEMBER 2018		
	2018	2017		2018	2017
	£	£		£	£
INCOME			ASSETS		
Net subscriptions	2,008.88	1,793.00	Bank account	5,677.33	5,585.00
Donations	260.74	176.00			
Meetings	262.55	445.00			
Publications	317.00	20.00			
Gift Aid	400.36	355.00			
Net Changing Face of BW	1,134.12	5,376.00			
Net We Shall Remember Them	2,235.39				
Total	£6,619.04	£8,165.00	Total Assets	£5,677.33	£5,585.00
<small>Net means any paypal fees already deducted</small>					
EXPENDITURE	£	£	REPRESENTED BY	£	£
Administration	734.78	262.00	Brought forward	5,584.71	5,194.00
Newsletters	139.00	159.00	Excess of income/expenditure	92.62	391.00
Meetings	1,678.91	1,394.00			
Purchases	293.05	202.00			
Grants	963.35	320.00			
Changing Face of BW	692.34	5,437.00			
We Shall Remember Them	2,024.99				
Total	£6,526.42	£7,774.00	Total	£5,677.33	£5,585.00
Excess of income/expenditure	£92.62	£391.00	Carried forward	£5,677.33	£5,585.00

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiners
report to the trustees of
Registered Charity Number
1170683

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Bishop's Waltham Society
on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Name: P R Emmerson, 7, Siskin Close, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1RP

Date:

Signed:



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