

AGM MINUTES Tuesday 24th September 2013 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies: Paddy Thompson, Linda & Phil Wilson, Barbara & Martin Cowell, Muriel Mudie, Deanne Silmon, Hilary & Terry Napper, Sharon Lawton, Julie Hilman, Hean Howard, Mary Matthews, John Morland, Susan Monaghan, David Atkins Marianna Clark.

- 1. Minutes of AGM held Tuesday 25th September 2012** Confirmed as a correct record : Proposer Angela Southern. Secunder Michael Browning.
- 2. Chairmans Annual Report** To receive: Secunder Chris Hill. Secunder Carol Bobbett.
- 3. Treasurers Report.**To adopt accounts: Proposer Colleen Hinde. Secunder Nina Swift.
- 4. Election of Honorary Officers.** Nominees from the floor proposed **Angela Southern**. Forms already held . All Officers formally elected.
- 5. Election of Members of Executive Committee.** Existing Committee to continue: Proposer Nina Swift. Secunder Catherine Atkins.

AOB HN has written a letter of thanks to Peter Cabble from the Society

AGENDA for AGM to be held on Tuesday 23rd September 2014 at 7.30p.m.

- 1.Apologies**
- 2.Minutes of 2013 AGM**
- 3.Chairman's Annual report**
- 4.Treasurer's report**
- 5.Election of Honorary Officers**
- 6.Election of additional committee members**
- 7.AOB**

To be followed by a talk by Martin Horler on the Role of a Royal Mail Guard, it will be well worth hearing. He comes complete in costume and with his post horn!!

Chairman's Report 2014

With the help of the committee in jogging my memory, here is a catalogue of some of the things with which we have been involved.

First of all, good networking has meant a close working relationship with the staff at Street's new archive office run by The Alfred Gillett Trust. They have been very supportive and we have even been able to change the venue of our monthly committee meetings to meet at The Grange.

We also have a good working relationship with Street Parish Council, and as part of that relationship we have been involved with the Civic Pride movement to raise the profile and look of Street.

We have made representations to Street Parish Council to get the war memorial upgraded, possibly even moved to a more suitable position in Street, and once Merriman Park comes back to parish ownership we will work closely with SPC to help with that project too.

We celebrated Civic Day on 21st June by linking up with Neighbourhood Watch to provide information in The Library Gardens. A list of things that residents found that are good and bad about Street are included with these papers.

2014 is a landmark year for Heritage Open Days. For the last two decades HOD has enabled millions of people to visit thousands of places that are normally closed to the public which helps to put local heritage at the forefront of community life throughout England. Yet again The Street Society has again joined this movement; we liaised with The Shoe Museum to have it opened on Sunday 14th September (it is normally closed at weekends) and also The Friends Meeting House. Thanks to all involved in enabling this to happen.

The most significant thing this year has been the excellent work undertaken by Paddy Thompson and Catherine Atkins in conjunction with Street Parish Council, to produce such a wonderful exhibition in the library... Street Remembers..... and if you haven't already visited do it quickly as it has to be removed at the end of August. I hope we can find a more permanent home for it.

Finally I would like to say I have enjoyed many years chairing the society, but am not seeking re-election this year as I feel it is time for a change; so my best wishes to my successor!

Nina Swift July 2014

Events Annual Report 2013-2014

The Heritage Open Weekend in September began our year. There were talks in Strode Theatre on Quaker Women and Quakers in History. Tours of the archives in the Grange, Street were also organised.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a talk by local businessman Pete Cabble. He spoke of his charity work and the experience of carrying the Olympic Torch through Street. In October Monty Saul talked about Kilver Court in Shepton Mallet. She and her husband have developed the gardens and a retail shopping outlet.

Sarah Villiers was the November speaker. She is a former teacher and has researched old methods of teaching.

The Christmas Event took place in Strode Theatre. Neil Clarke showed his films of the Heritage Open Day in 2013 and the behavioural patterns of starlings. This was followed by an afternoon tea with a Christmas flavour.

In January Judith Green took us through the life change from Dairying to growing lavender. The February meeting hosted Andrew Pierce from Cosyfeet. He spoke of the development of the business and Cosyfeet today.

In March the Reverend Robin Ray gave us fascinating talk on the Hood Family History. Christopher Bond was the speaker at the April meeting. He and his wife have developed a garden in the Mendips, they issued an invitation for us to visit in the future.

April also saw some Society Members going on a tour of the Cosyfeet business.

A visit to Kilver Court took place in May. Members had a short talk followed by time to walk around the gardens.

The June summer outing was a coach tour around Avonmouth and Portbury Docks. A guide accompanied the group. Information was given on all the activities taking place on the docks.

The final outing this year was a coach trip to the Somerset Lavender Farm at Faulklands on the Mendips so that members had the opportunity to see the lavender about which Judith Green spoke on 28th January, growing.

Barbara Cowell
Events Secretary
July 2014

Street Society Statement of Accounts to 30th June 2014

<u>Opening Balance</u>	£2638.86
 <u>Receipts</u>	
Membership	833.00
Visitors	10.00
Donations	12.00
Christmas Tea	434.00
Bookl Sales	494.78
Heritage Open Weekend	900.00
Summer Visits	656.00
Savings Account Interest	5.32
Total	£3345.10
 <u>Expenditure</u>	
Projector	333.97
Society Expenses	200.91
Insurance & Subscription& Web Hosting	184.33
Refreshments	13.10
Speaker Donations	260.00
Room Hire	140.00
Christmas Tea	358.00
Heritage Open Weekend	898.00
Summer Visits	566.20
Total	£2954.51
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£3029.45



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Questionnaire – completing this will help the society committee

1. What do you think are the most important issues for The Street Society ?

2. How would you like the society to change?

3. What would you like to see unchanged?

4. Is there any way you can offer help to the society?

Please return this with or without your name (we would prefer you to put your name if you are offering help!!!)

To **Nina Swift, 4 Wessex Close, Street BA16 0ES** or email your reply to nina.swift@yahoo.co.uk by 20th September 2014

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Nomination form – please either post to above address or bring to the AGM on 23rd September 2014

(you can self- nominate – seconders can be canvassed at the AGM. You do not need to nominate all candidates for all the posts)

I wish to nominate the following people:

_____ as Chairman
_____ as vice Chairman
_____ as Secretary
_____ as Treasurer

And the following people for the committee
