

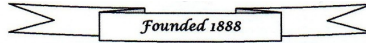


2024 AGM



of the

Great Yarmouth Local History & Archaeological Society



17th May, 2024

GYLHAS 2024 AGM

Please note that the 2024 AGM of the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society will be held on 17th May, 2024. The meeting will be held at Christchurch, Deneside, Great Yarmouth and will start at 7.30pm.

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**Great Yarmouth Local History and
Archaeological Society
Annual General Meeting
17th May 2024 at Christchurch, Deneside at
7.30pm**

- 1) Apologies for Absence
- 2) Minutes of last year's AGM
- 3) Move that the minutes be accepted
- 4) Report on last year's activities – the Secretary
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Move that the accounts be accepted
- 7) Election of Committee:

The following have completed their three-year term and are seeking re-election:

P Day, A Fakes, C Silver and J Smail.

M Wadsworth is seeking to join the committee.

Nominations requested and vote to be held.

- 8) Any Other Business notified to the Secretary via three weeks in advance of the AGM

Paul Davies: Chair

Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society 2023 Annual General Meeting

The meeting was opened at 9.00pm on Friday 19th May 2023 at Christchurch, Deneside. All documents were previously emailed out to all members and were available to review at the AGM.

1) Apologies for Absence

Hugh Sturzaker, Kevin Mace, Gareth & Janet Davies, Paul Godfrey, Tony Harris. Colin Tooke

2) Minutes of last year's AGM (20th May 2022)

Minutes were proposed as correct by Peter Jones, seconded by Michael Wadsworth and accepted by members.

3) The Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report on last year's activities was proposed to be accepted by Michael Wadsworth, seconded by John Smail and accepted by members.

4) The Treasurer's Report

This was proposed to be accepted by Derek Leek, seconded by Stuart Burgess and accepted by members.

5) Election of Committee

The following had completed their three-year term and sought re- election: Paul Davies, Alan Hunt, Ben Milner, Gareth Davies. All candidates were proposed by Pat Ashbourne, seconded by Michael Wadsworth and elected by members.

6) Vote of Thanks

Trevor Nicholls thanked GYLHAS committee members for the organising the events and lecture programme throughout the year.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at 9:10pm

Patricia Day

Secretary's Report on the Society's 2023 Activities

Committee Changes

The GYLHAS is managed by an elected committee which meets quarterly at Christchurch, usually on a Thursday evening. Committee tasks include planning lectures, excursions and occasional events; keeping financial records; maintaining the website and social media presence; and ensuring the group adheres to the regulations laid out by the Charity Commission. Committee members undertake these roles voluntarily on behalf of the membership to preserve the Society's 136-year record of providing a place for '... people to meet, discuss and share their interest in heritage, history and archaeology...'

This year, P Day, A Fakes, C Silver and J Smail have been nominated to serve for another three years, while Michael Wadsworth has been nominated to rejoin the committee. Members will be asked to vote on these nominations at the AGM.

Sadly, Ann Dunning has decided that this year will be her last in the role of Excursions Organiser. The committee, on behalf of all members, would like to thank Ann for providing the Society with a variety of entertaining and inspiring trips which have resulted in many memorable expeditions over the past twelve years. Meanwhile, Paul Davies and Andrew Fakes have notified the committee that they wish to stand down as Chair and President at some point in the coming year.

To ensure that local history, heritage and archaeology continue to be available for people to enjoy during the next 136+ years, our Society must remain open to new ideas and explore different ways of working. Therefore, with an eye to the future, current members are warmly invited to come forward and join the committee. No previous experience of committees or vast historical knowledge is required, just common sense and occasionally a sense of humour! If any member would like to find out more about what this entails, please contact myself (the secretary) via info.gyhas@gmail.com or ask any current committee member before the AGM.

Membership

Membership rates are the major source of income for the Society, and this year numbers have increased to 137 (69 individual, 64 family and four honorary) bringing in £2037 to the general funds. We extend a warm welcome to our new members, and along with our longstanding members, thank you for your continued support.

In addition to lectures and access to summer excursions, membership also includes subscription to the Council for British Archaeology and the British Association for Local History. Publications of note, events of local interest or online lectures are regularly circulated to members and the printed journals of BALH are available at each meeting for members to borrow.

Journal

John Smail, the journal editor, produced yet another excellent edition of Yarmouth Archaeology last year. Most members chose to receive this as part of their membership last year which indicates how highly the quality and content of journal is regarded. If you wish to catch up on local history, earlier editions of the journal, along with other GYLHAS publications can be accessed via the Society's website free of charge at: <https://www.greatyarmouthlocalhistoryandarchaeology.com/publications>

Blue Plaques

There was one new plaque unveiling last year at the Royal Mail Sorting Office which was the site of the First Methodist Chapel in Great Yarmouth. By the end of 2023 there was a total of 111 plaques installed by the Society, making snippets of local history available to everybody in the town.

The Digital Map Trail of Blue Plaques continued to be popular and encouraged both tourists and locals to explore the rich heritage of the town. Ben Milner and Glen Johnstone did a magnificent job in keeping seafront hotels stocked up with leaflets to complement the map trails. The interactive map trail can be accessed via a smartphone and uses QR codes to guide the reader around the town. The map can be explored here: https://www.blue-plaques.co.uk/blue_plaques/ and leaflets can also be downloaded from our website at: <https://www.greatyarmouthlocalhistoryandarchaeology.com/blue-plaques>

Newsletter, Website, Social Media and YouTube

The Society is delighted to report that Michael Wadsworth reprised his role as editor of the newsletter which continues to be a regular source of information. The Society's Facebook page has over one thousand followers and the website has responded to a steady stream of enquiries from far and wide. Last year also saw the creation of a GYLHAS YouTube channel which currently hosts four films and can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/@gylhas8529>

The Society's digital activity ensures that our group maintains a presence in today's digital community and most importantly, enables members and non-members, from all over the world to share the Society's accumulated local knowledge of history and heritage.

Lecture Programme

Once again Andrew Fakes did a splendid job in organising a varied and stimulating series of Friday evening lectures for 2023 which included two supplementary lectures in June.

January, The Winter Gardens Project by Rachel Daniel; February, North Sea Floods of 1953 by Neil Storey; March, The Midland & Great Northern Railway by Adrian Wright;

April, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson by Mark Mitchels; May, AGM 4 South Quay by Stuart Burgess; June, Wreck of H.M.S. Gloucester by Professor Clair Jowitt; June, A Child's Life in the Middle Ages by Imogen Corrigan; September, Excavations at Caistor St. Edmunds by Natasha Harlow; October, 19th Century Industrial Activity in Norfolk & its Market Towns by Adrian O'Dell; November, The Mayflower and its Norfolk Connections by Dr Robert Knee; December, A Christmas Quiz followed by buffet and social.

Thanks to all our speakers for their contributions, and to Mrs Smith and her helpers for providing the refreshments for the Christmas Social.

Excursions

Ann Dunning provided the Society with a memorable swansong last year. Members and guests enjoyed a coach trip to Leiston Longshop Museum where they explored advances in agricultural practice and the impact these had on the wider farming community. A visit to Framlingham followed, where some opted to visit the castle and others enjoyed a tour of the church. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Trafalgar Dinner

In October the Society remembered our fellow countryman at the annual Trafalgar dinner. At this sociable occasion, members savoured a meal at the Imperial Hotel and generously toasted Vice-Admiral Nelson with the traditional tot of rum.

Young History and Archaeologist Club

The YHAC group, now in its eighth year, is led by Patricia Day and Stuart Burgess who are regularly supported by GYLHAS members Glenda Wells, Una Watson and Ann Dunning. The group meets monthly, usually at the Time and Tide Museum and offers history to young people in an accessible and informal way.

As older members moved on, the group was able to welcome a new cohort of young people to the sessions. Topics covered in 2023 included Fossils on the Norfolk Coast which involved a cold and wet field trip to Cromer. In contrast, the group visited the

HMS Gloucester exhibition on a sweltering day in July to discover what life might have been like in medieval Great Yarmouth.

It is important that the Society continues to encourage and support these young people who are future custodians of our local heritage.

History Fair

GYLHAS hosted a History Fair at St George's Theatre in September as part of the 2023 Great Yarmouth Arts Festival. Thanks to meticulous planning by Gareth Davies, representatives from several local groups were present including Great Yarmouth Cemeteries, Lowestoft Museum, Great Yarmouth Civic Society, Gorleston on Sea Heritage

group, the Norwich and Norfolk Medieval Association and GYBC Heritage Walks.

The History Fair showcases the variety and depth of knowledge which is available locally and as it is free to enter and provides an opportunity for the wider community to discover its own history.

Finally

On reviewing the Society's activities and involvements during 2023 I am reminded of the active role our group plays in the local and wider community. Not only does GYLHAS allow us to explore local history at our lectures, our digital offering and 'extra-curricular' activities provide opportunities for our knowledge to be shared with a much wider audience. Your continuing support is appreciated and helps to ensure that these opportunities are available for future generations of historians and archaeologists.

Patricia Day

Secretary Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society

April 2024

Income and Expenditure 2023

GENERAL FUND

Income 2023

Members' Subscriptions	£2,335.12
Guest Entrance fees	£95.00
Grants and Donations	£56.00
Charifund Dividends	£1,132.10
COIF Interest	£166.78
Sales of Publications	£898.25
Gift Aid	
History Fair	

Total Income **£4,683.25**

Expenditure 2023

Speakers' Fees	£887.00
Hire of Halls	£855.00
Programmes and Recruitment	£69.00
Newsletter/Web Fees	£160.79
Society Book Publications	
Yarmouth Archaeology Journal	£483.00
Affiliations (NNAS)	£222.00
Insurance	£110.72
Plaques	
Postage	£260.85
Stationery	£311.70
Bank Charges	£122.63
Other Admin	£55.33
Equipment	£12.99
History Fair	

Total Expenditure **£3,551.01**

General Fund Surplus/Deficit **£1,132.24**

YAC (Restricted Fund)

Income 2023

Expenditure 2023 £172.78

YAC Surplus/Deficit **-£172.78**

NORTH SEA CONFERENCE (Designated Fund)

Income 2023

Bookings & Sponsorship

Expenditure 2023

Speakers Fees and Expenses £115.00

North Sea Conference Surplus/Deficit* **-£115.00**

SOCIAL FUND (Designated Fund)

Income 2023

£881.40

Expenditure 2023

£733.40

Social Fund Surplus/Deficit **£148.00**

Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2023

Liabilities

	B/Fwd 1/1/2023	Surplus/Deficit to date	Balance to date current year
Social Fund	718.34	148.00	866.34
Ted Goate & George Rye Fund	4965.30	-457.21	4508.09
Accumulated Fund [general fund]	25084.76	1287.24	26372.00
Young Archaeologists Club	3004.13	-82.78	2921.35
Conference Fund	336.15	-115.00	221.15
	34108.68		34888.93

Assets

	B/Fwd 1/1/2023	paid in	paid out	Balance to date current year
Cash in Hand	40.38			40.38
Cash at HSBC Bank	10805.22	5397.87	4327.19	11875.90
Investments - COIF	3805.28	166.78		3972.06
- Charifund	19457.80		-457.21	19000.59
	34108.68			34888.93

Notes:

COIF Charities Deposit Fund has interest added to capital every 3 months

Charifund Investment is shown at value as at close of business on 31st December 2023

Charifund is a Unitised Fund. Its value varies according to the market. Reduction this year = £457.21

The value of the Ted Goate & George Rye Fund varies according to Charifund market values

An Independent Review of these Accounts has been undertaken involving checking opening balances, arithmetic accuracy and material transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.

I have formed the opinion that the accounts of the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society represent a true and fair view.

Signed

Date

E. A. Curtis (ERNEST A. CURTIS)

5 APRIL 2024