

**North Duffield Local History and Conservation Society**  
**Archaeology North Duffield**  
**Minutes the 29th AGM held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Present**

Tony Stevens (Secretary), Bob Wells (Treasurer), Jean Apperly,  
Richard Baker, Deirdre Busfield, Rodger Carter, Beryl Clayton, Brian Elsey,  
Maureen Fernyhough, Ron Hinwood, Phyllis Holling, Winnie Kraft, John Leake,  
David Mc Sherry, Roberta Pullen, Betty Raper, Angela and Simon Stallard,  
Roger Weatherall, Rhonda Wells, Jean Wilkinson and Val Witty.

**Apologies**

There were apologies for absence from John Ellwood (Chairman),  
Paul Allison, Joyce Bains- Holgate, Connie Bolton, Mark Simpson,  
and Elaine Wells.

**Address**

Tony took over the chair in the absence of John. He paid tribute to John and Robert Ellwood for the contribution they have made to the society and to the archaeology project in particular. He mentioned this year's two week dig and the transport and storage of the materials as well as help and support at every stage of the build.

Without the support of the family, the provision of land, materials and equipment this project would not have been the success it has proven to be.

We thank John, Rob, Mary, and Cyril for all their help support and encouragement.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the AGM held on the 19th November 2013 were circulated and were accepted as correct.

**Matters arising**

The Duke of York Community Initiative award had been sited in the village hall as was proposed.

Brian reported on the situation regarding the Young Archaeologist Club.

**Chairman's Report**

John remembered Eileen and her contribution to the society as treasurer over many years and several members agreed that she was sadly missed. He then thanked Bob for taking over as treasurer at short notice.

He listed our meetings throughout the year and the summer visit. He thanked Maureen for her efforts in organising the visits. Maureen said that only one visit had been done this year, to Dragon Willow, but one good one was better than several poor ones.

He also spoke of the archaeology, and thanked Brian and Tony for their efforts.

He reported that two round bales of hay, donated by Ros. Forbes-Adams from her wild flower meadow in Riccall, had been rolled out on the grass verges of Cornelius Causeway in the hope of many wild flowers next summer. Cornelius Causeway is the road from Skipwith south to the crossroads on the A163 one mile west of North Duffield. Its name possibly commemorates Cornelius Vermuiden the

Dutch engineer who was responsible for digging many of the dykes in the local area to relieve flooding in the seventeenth century.

He circulated a notice of tree planting on 29<sup>th</sup> November in Three Hags Jubilee Wood near the wild flower meadow and invited anyone interested in taking part to contact him for a lift.

He then thanked our catering ladies who are always so prompt with our refreshments.

He said that he had made some progress in tracing the original video tapes of members talking about the village in the 1960s. Yorkshire Television said they were thought to be in the archives but not catalogued. Our set of video tapes seem to have gone missing but Richard said he thought David Owen may have them as he (David) was going to try to retrieve the sound which had been obliterated on some of the tapes.

Tony said he would contact David.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob said the accounts were only presented from March as he had had a considerable problem sorting out the paperwork. The Statement of Accounts showed a net profit of £178.84 for the General Fund, with a total figure of £1,323.23. The account total for the HLF grant was £4,279.30. A separate Archaeology Account made up from donations and sales stands at £516.33. It was agreed that the subscription would remain the same at £5-00 and that the entrance to meetings be £2 for everybody.

#### **Election of Officers**

As John Ellwood was absent and Bob had replaced Eileen members were asked to nominate candidates.

John had agreed to continue as Chairman; he was nominated by Rodger Carter and seconded by Brian Elsey—Carried.

Tony agreed to continue as Secretary; Nominated by Robertta Pullen seconded by Jean Wilkinson.—Carried.

Bob agree to continue as treasurer but as he had a prior commitment on Tuesday evenings he would not be present at most meetings. He offered to continue with support at events. Members accepted these conditions and he was nominated by Maureen Fernyhough and seconded by Beryl Clayton—Carried.

#### **Any Other Business**

John had left more menus for the Christmas lunch on the 20<sup>th</sup> January at Swallow Hall. This is the same date as our next meeting.

#### **Speaker**

For our entertainment we watched a presentation by Mr Dave Williams from the Milestone Society about Milestones in Yorkshire.

## MEMBERS ACTIVITIES 2013/14

### REPORT FOR AGM NOVEMBER 2014

2013

8 Nov Meet Simon Lucas from Allerthorpe Country Park to advise about Round house build

9 Nov Presentation with model village to Fulford History Society

12 Nov Several members planted daffodil bulbs along A163 grass verge

14 Nov Presentation to disability groups with Jon Kenny Scott Rd Community Centre

10 Dec Presentation to Halton (Leeds) Historical Society

13 Dec Meet members of Leeds Archaeological Society and show roundhouse

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8 Jan Meeting with Jon Kenny-planning

Jan—May Made swords, shields, helmets spears to go with Iron Age costumes

13 Jan Meet Ian Panter at York Archaeological Trust re pottery conservation and Ironwork x rays

20 Jan Inaugural meeting re YA Club

26 Jan Presentation at Crossgates (Leeds) History Society

4 Feb Meeting with Monday Club and Jon Kenny re future plans

13 Feb Presentation at Cowick to Snaith History Group

Do Presentation to 2<sup>nd</sup> year students at York University

25 Feb Presentation to Acaster Maibis History Society

27 Feb Presentation to Tadcaster History and Archaeological Society

8 March Pole lathe demonstration at Southburn Museum Open Day

15 March Timeline meeting Dringhouses

26 Mar Attend Prehistoric Ceramic Research Group meeting at DIG York

9 Apr Attend pottery course Holme-on-Spalding Moor

12 April Attend 1 day blacksmithing course Portsmouth

30 April Presentation on Selby Abbey to Snaith Men's Group

6 May Meeting with Brian Burgess and Volsung Vikings

10 May Planted wild flower seeds

13 May Lesson at school with model village

16 May Meet Catrina Appleby CBA to discuss digitisation of hand drawn plans

- 25 May Demonstration of pole lathe turning at Allerthorpe Country Park
- 31 May YAT lab visit
- 6 June At school with costumes re Viking Festival teaching children skirmishing skills
- 7/8 June Several members helping at Viking Festival on village green
- 10 June Made lectern for Conference
- 11 June Presentation Snaith Mens Group
- Do Archery course Selby
- 14 June Archaeology Conference village hall
- 17 June Set up electric fence for Dig
- 21 June – 4 July Big Excavation 2014
- 28/29 June Pole lathe demonstration at Stamford Bridge Viking Festival
- 2 July Copied and identified several photographs of old inhabitants of N D
- 8 July Big School Dig
- 18 July Attend Digability Conference, York
- Do. WW1 Commemoration Evening. Several members provided material
- 19 July Roundhouse open day Festival of Archaeology
- 24 July Presentation East Cottingwith on road verge conservation
- 1 August Pole lathe tuition at Jorvik Woodturning Group
- 19 Aug Group visit to Dragon Willow Weaving
- 27 Aug Pole lathe demonstration at Selby Abbey Medieval Fair
- 1 Sept Identified space and planned for suitable facility for storage of archives and equipment
- 6/7 Sept Demonstration of pole lathe turning at Fangfoss craft festival
- 13 Sept Report to Timeline meeting. King's Manor York
- 30 Sep Cycle safety checks at Primary School
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- 1 Oct do
- 11 Oct Presentation at York Archaeology and History Fair Guildhall
- 13 Oct Rolled out two hay bales with wild flower seeds on Cornelius Causway
- 15 Oct Lesson at school with model village
- 20 Oct Take flint assemblage to Peter Makey at Driffield
- 31 Oct Made and fitted cabinet/notice board for school PTA
- 15 Nov Purchased daffodil bulbs for planting on grass verges