



Suffolk Records Society



Registered Charity No 1084279



“A PRISON WITH A Milder NAME”

You are warmly invited to the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Society on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church, Station Road, Melton, IP12 1PX

Volume 62 in the General Series ‘The Loes and Wilford Poor Law Incorporation, 1765-1826’ will be introduced by the editor, Dr John Shaw.

Between 1660 and 1841, some 149 “corporations of the poor” were created in England through local acts. By uniting a number of parishes, these “corporations” hoped to deal more effectively with the growing problem of pauperism. This volume, focussing on 33 parishes in the hundreds of Loes and Wilford in east Suffolk, is the first detailed exploration of a rural incorporation. The incorporation's approach towards the poor was truly revolutionary: setting the able-bodied to work in the purpose-built house of industry, educating the children, punishing the indolent, and caring for the sick and impotent in a humane way. By charting the incorporation's complete history, this volume allows for the exploration of the wide range of social policies implemented during those years. Through a wealth of documents, we witness the zeal of the initial promoters in the 1760s; the construction and management of the House; the development of medical services; the problems faced by the economic crisis during the 1790s; and, as costs continued to rise, the gradual disillusionment of the local elites, leading to the institution's demise in 1826.

Dr John Shaw obtained his PhD from the University of East Anglia for research into the East Anglian Poor Law Incorporation, 1696– 1834. He was formerly director of studies at a public school in Essex.

RSVP If you are coming to the AGM you may collect your book then, otherwise it will be sent to you by courier [DPD] in a box marked ‘WILEYS’ and will require a signature on delivery. The difficulties that occurred with the change to this system have largely been resolved but please get in touch with me if your book has not arrived by mid July.

Unless you pay by Standing Order [and we hope you have remembered to increase your annual payment to £15], members may pay their subscription at the AGM or post it to the Membership Secretary, 8 Orchid Way, Needham Market, Ipswich IP6 8JQ.

NB If you elected to receive this invitation by email, then the AGM papers are now available to download from the website: www.suffolkrecordsociety.com. Click on the ‘About Us’ tab, select ‘About the Society’ from the drop down menu and the 2019 AGM documents will be on the right hand side of the page.

WINE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING AND MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING A GUEST

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Claire Barker, Hon Secretary, Westhorpe Lodge, Westhorpe, Stowmarket IP14 4TA



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I am able/unable* to attend the AGM at St Andrew’s Church, Melton on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

Name

Address/Email [please show changes or corrections]

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I WILL BE BRINGING A GUEST

YES/NO*

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Claire Barker
Hon Secretary

A G E N D A

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting (attached)
2. Trustees' Report for the year 2018-2019 (attached)
3. Financial Statements for 2017-2018 (attached)
4. Report on volumes in progress: *Mr David Sherlock*, Co-ordinating Editor
5. Election of Chairman: *Mr Victor Gray*
6. Election of Officers: the following are eligible for re-election:
Hon Membership Secretary: *Mrs Tanya Christian*, Hon Secretary: *Mrs Claire Barker*,
Hon Treasurer: *Mr Clive Mees*, Hon Co-ordinating Editor: *Mr David Sherlock*,
Hon Charter Series Editor: *Dr Nicholas Karn*
7. Election of Council Members: the following are eligible for re-election:
Dr David Dymond [President] *Rev Professor Sir Diarmaid MacCulloch, Kt*
Dr David Allen *Dr Jane Fiske* *Dr Nicholas Amor*
Mr Bob Malster *Ms Kate Chantry* *Professor Richard Wilson*
Dr Harvey Osborne
8. Election of Vice Presidents:
Mr Clive Paine
Mr Kim Gibson-Wynes
9. Election of Independent Examiner:
Mrs Rosemary Unthank is proposed as Independent Examiner
10. Votes of thanks
11. Volume 62: ***The Loes and Wilford Poor Law Incorporation, 1765-1826*** will be introduced by the editor, Dr John Shaw.

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MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK RECORDS SOCIETY IN THE COACH HOUSE TEA ROOMS AT HELMINGHAM HALL ON THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM

The Chairman welcomed Lord and Lady Tollemache, Edward and Sophie Tollemache and all members of the Society. He also extended a warm welcome to the other visitors, promising that the AGM would be brief.

Apologies had been received from David Dymond, the Society's President, Revd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Nicholas Karn, Dr Nicholas Amor, Mr Clive Paine, Mr Peter Clifford of Boydell & Brewer, Mr and Mrs K K Gibson-Wynes, and 157 members of the Society.

1469 Minutes

The minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh had already been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

1470 Trustees' Report for the year 2017-2018

The Chairman introduced the Report which had previously been circulated. The new website was now up and running and members were encouraged to have a look at it. Members were now able to purchase subscriptions and books online as well as read electronically published items in the Digital section. Membership was still falling slowly and there was always a need to encourage new members. There were no questions on the Report. Its adoption was proposed by Harvey Osborne, seconded by Paul Fincham and carried unanimously.

1471 Financial Statement

The Treasurer introduced the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 September 2017. This year had seen a deficit of £3455, with an excess of payments over receipts of £4909. While the return on investments was up a little, membership was down and printing costs had increased substantially. Despite this a substantial donation had been made to The Hold project. There was little movement on the Charters Series accounts with no book published this year and therefore it showed a small surplus. The Treasurer proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Richard Wilson and carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report.

1472 Increase in Subscriptions

It has been twenty years since the last subscription increase for members and as a result the accounts show a loss this year. Paper costs alone have increased 3 times in a year and books distributed in the UK now cost £4.70 each to deliver. For the time being the Society will continue to absorb a deficit on each book, since the increase proposed is only from £12.50 to £15.00. This modest increase is designed not to alienate members though Council cannot guarantee that there will not be another rise in the future and certainly sooner than 20 years. All agreed.

1473 Report on volumes in progress

David Sherlock, the Co-ordinating Editor, announced that Volume 62 would be Loes and Wilford Old Poor Law Records edited by Dr John Shaw. The list of current projects that have been approved by Council for future publication is published at the back of volume 61, and a new proposal for a volume on medieval Newmarket had just been accepted. Two volumes on the Priory of SS Peter and Paul in Ipswich were in the pipeline for the Charters series and it was hoped that part 1 would be launched in the late autumn, possibly at St Peter's by the Waterfront in Ipswich. This would be followed by part 2 in 2019.

Mr Sherlock was thanked by the Chairman for overseeing another excellent book for the Society and for continuing to supervise an impressive production line of proposed volumes.

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1474 Election of Chairman

The Chairman vacated the chair which was taken by Mr David Sherlock who proposed Mr Victor Gray. There were no other nominations. The proposal was seconded by Vivienne Aldous and carried unanimously.

1475 Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked all the officers of the Society for their hard work and support, in particular Mrs Tanya Christian who had shouldered most the burden of the new website and was to be congratulated on the final product. He read a list of Officers prepared to stand for re-election:

Treasurer: Mr Clive Mees; Secretary: Mrs Claire Barker; Membership Secretary: Mrs Tanya Christian; Co-ordinating Editor: Mr David Sherlock; Charters Series Editor: Dr Nicholas Karn.

Their election was proposed en bloc by Eric Maule, seconded by Moira Coleman and carried unanimously.

1476 Election of Council Members

The Chairman thanked all the members of Council for their support and assistance over the year particularly for their guidance and consideration of proposed volumes. He read a list of Council members prepared to stand for re-election: Dr David Allen, Dr Jane Fiske, Dr David Dymond, Dr Nick Amor, Professor Richard Wilson, Mr Robert Malster, the Revd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Harvey Osborne, Miss Kate Chantry.

Their election was proposed en bloc by Moira Coleman, seconded by Mr Maule and carried unanimously.

1477 Election of Independent Examiner

Mrs Rosemary Unthank was proposed as Independent Examiner by Robert Malster, seconded by Dr Osborne and carried unanimously.

1478 Votes of thanks

The Chairman expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Society to the Tollemache family for the support of the Society and this particular volume and for allowing the launch to be held in the Coach House Tea Rooms at the Hall. He also thanked Katy Day and Jacquie Bargewell of Helmingham events for all their help.

1479 Volume 61 – Household Inventories of Helmingham Hall, 1597-1741

The Chairman introduced the editor, Moira Coleman who spoke on the family and social background to the production of the four household inventories transcribed and analysed in her volume.

1480 The Lord Tollemache thanked Mrs Coleman for an excellent presentation and for her work over many years on the Helmingham archives, and expressed his pleasure, as a long-standing member of the Society, that the AGM had been held this year at Helmingham Hall.

1481 The Chairman thanked members for their attention and for their endorsement of Council's efforts to sustain the Society's work for many years to come.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

1. Trustees and Council members for the year were Mr Victor Gray (Chairman), Dr David Allen, Dr Nicholas Amor, Mrs Claire Barker, Ms Kate Chantry, Mrs Tanya Christian, Dr David Dymond, Dr Jane Fiske, Dr Nicholas Karn, Revd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Mr Robert Malster, Mr Clive Mees, Dr Harvey Osborne, Mr Clive Paine, Mr David Sherlock, Professor Richard Wilson. Council consisted of six Honorary Officers and ten elected members.
2. At the 2018 AGM, held in the Coach House at Helmingham Hall, Volume 61: *Household Inventories of Helmingham Hall, 1597-1741*, edited by Moira Coleman was launched with an introductory talk by the editor.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** As of 1 January 2019 there were 273 individual members (including 4 life members) and 72 institutional members. We have seen a decrease in members over the year but 13 new ones have joined, eight of whom have joined via our newly enhanced website. In response to rising print costs, a rise in the subscription for general members from £12.50 to £15 was proposed and agreed at the 2018 AGM. This is the first increase for 20 years.
4. **FINANCE:** Our income has shown an increase from subscriptions but there has been a reduction from investments and grants. Warehouse postage costs and the development of our website have contributed to higher expenditure this year. Publishing costs were in line with the previous year. We were very pleased to receive a bequest in the latter part of the year. This is noted in point 8 below. Since then we have received a further £98.56 from the estate of Dr. John Webb.
CHARTERS: There has been a slight decrease in membership subscriptions. The publishing costs show £2150.00 which is 50% of the final cost.
5. **GENERAL SERIES:** Several volumes are in preparation for publication from 2020 onwards, with work well advanced on *The Woodbridge Troop of the Suffolk Yeomanry* edited by Dr Margaret Thomas.
6. **CHARTERS SERIES:** The first of a two-volume edition of the charters of the Priory of St Peter and St Paul edited by Dr David Allen was published in October. The second part is expected to follow during 2019. Dr Vivien Brown's work on the Bury St Edmunds town charters continues.
7. 2018 saw the re-launch of the Society's website www.suffolkrecordsociety.com with the facility to purchase volumes and pay subscriptions online and scope for publishing digital documents, with a view to enhancing the Society's offering to Suffolk historical studies. The first texts have already been published to this site.
8. Former SRS editor, Dr John Webb, who died in 2018, left a generous bequest to the Society, totalling £29,847.46. Council will consider how best to use this bequest to the furtherance of the Society's goals.
9. The Society will meet on Thursday 16th May at St Andrew's Church, Melton for the 2019 AGM, at which we shall launch volume 62, *The Loes and Wilford Poor Law Incorporation, 1765-1826* edited by Dr John Shaw.

Victor Gray, Chairman

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 September 2018

	2018	2017		2018	2017
Subscriptions	5,158	4,958	Boydell & Brewer LTd	7,281	7,375
Sales	551	640	Postage & Stationary	970	514
Investment Income	2,459	2,745	Warehouse Postage	1,344	0
Royalties	974	740	AGM	211	284
Grants	300	1,229	SRS @ 60	360	0
Donations	225	212	Website	4,117	438
Legacy	29,847	0	Leaflets/Printing	304	0
Excess of Payments over receipts	0	4,909	Sundries	1,488	1,353
			Storage	387	469
			Donation SCC (The Hold)	0	5000
			Excess of Receipts over Payments	23,052	0
	39,514	15,433		39,514	15,433
Excess of receipts over payments	23,052	0	Excess of payments over receipts	0	4,909
Gain on sale of investments	0	389	Loss on sale of investments	653	0
Increase in value of investments	0	1,065	Reduction in value of investments	533	0
Deficit to Accumulate Fund	0	3,455	Surplus to Accumulated Funds	21,866	0
	23,052	4,909		23,052	4,909
Balance Sheet 30 September 2018					
	2018	2017		2018	2017
Accumulated Funds	57,4999	60,954	Cash at Bank	30,758	8,683
Surplus/(Deficit)	21,866	-3,455	Virgin Money	3,539	3,522
			Cash at Brokers	2,543	135
			Investments at Charles Stanley	42,773	46,367
			Owed to Charters	-248	-1,208
	79,365	57,499		79,365	57,499
I have examined the books and records of the Suffolk Records Society and from the information supplied to me confirm that the accounts are in accordance with those records.					
Rosemary Unthank					
28 th February 2019					

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 September 2018						
		2018	2017		2018	2017
Subscriptions		407	456	Editor's Expenses	200	404
Sales		30	0	Bank Charges	60	55
Dividends & Interest		295	276	Publishers	2,150	0
Royalties		54	108	AGM		
Grants		36	36			
Excess of Payments over receipts		1,588	0	Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	417
		2,410	876		2,410	876
Excess of receipts over payments		0	418	Decrease in valuation	81	0
Gain on sale of investments		0	69	Excess of payments over receipts	1,588	0
Increase in valuation		0	527			
Deficit to accumulated funds		1,669	0	Surplus to accumulated fund	0	1,014
		1,669	1,014		1,669	1,014
Balance Sheet 30th September 2018						
		2018	2017		2018	2017
Accumulated Funds		20,370	19,356	Cash at Bank	13,763	14,391
Surplus/(Deficit)		-1,669	1,014	Owed by SRS	248	1,208
				Investments at Charles Stanley	4,690	4,771
		18,701	20,370		18,701	20,370
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