

*** Stop Press: Bosworth Links feedback meeting for the 2019 digs 1st March 2020 at**



**2:00pm in St. Peter's Parish
Hall, Park Street. All welcome**

February 2020

Dear Member



I am delighted to inform you that tickets for an “Audience with Henry VIII” will be ready for distribution at the Annual General Meeting, on the 19th March 2020. If you are unable to attend the annual General Meeting you will be able to reserve tickets by email: info@marketbosworthsociety.com or by telephone 07930149408. Reservations are not to be attempted until after the Annual General Meeting. Your committee has agreed that the fairest way to provide tickets is on a membership first bases with public sales being allowed after that, we obviously cannot guarantee to meet all

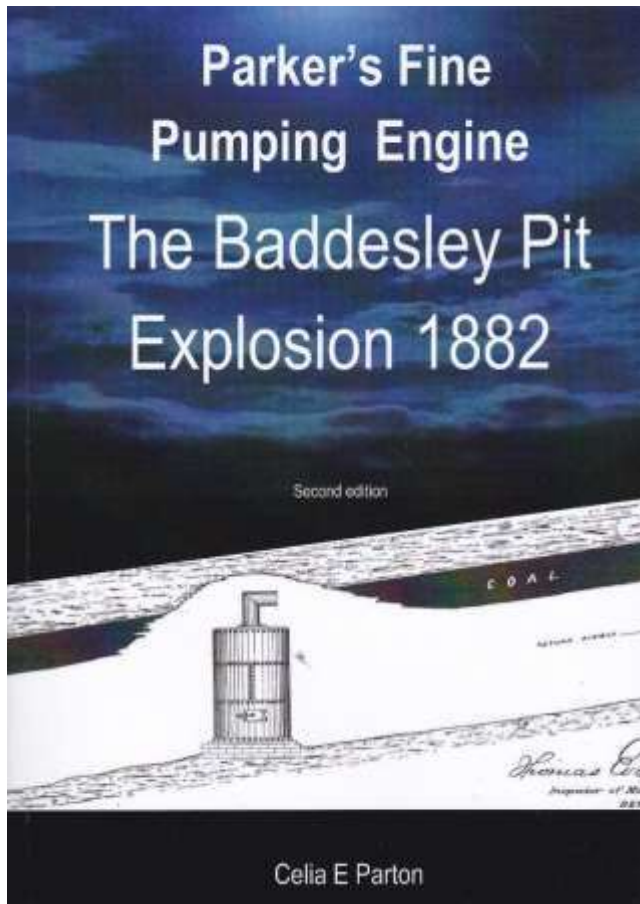
requirements but will do our best. Furthermore, joint members will receive two tickets for the event free of charge and single members will receive one ticket for the event free of charge. Should you wish to acquire more tickets for family or friends, for example, they will be sold on a first come first served basis at a price of £5.00 per ticket. Tickets are not to be resold and no refunds will be made. Tickets are also available from The Graphic Print for purchase and I would like to thank Dean and Nicky for their kind help. This is the first time that your Society has attempted to host an event of this nature and your support will be greatly appreciated. We have arranged for a full bar to be available during the evening. After the event the audience will be able to remain and chat.

Meeting Report



At our February meeting we heard from Eddie Smallwood, Eddie is a very active member of the community, supporting many projects in and around Market Bosworth. At the meeting, he told us all about the Baddesley pit disaster of 1882, a fire ironically caused by water. The pit was unusual in that the coal did not contain chemicals which produced gas and so the miners were able to use candles (which they had to pay for themselves). The pit flooded badly. The installation of a boiler to supply steam to another, much needed pump, caused the 5th Worst pit disaster in the whole Midlands area. The boiler was positioned in the return airway shaft, to fit the boiler in a piece of

Eddie Smallwood the roof had to be removed to allow the boiler to stand upright. Soon after the boiler was lit, for the first time, the stokers noticed that the coal roof immediately above it was burning and so they doused the roof with water. Later, a system was put in place to spray the area with water, but all this did was to turn the coal black. Deeper layers of coal were still burning. On that fateful night the shafts filled with smoke from the burning coal and once the flashpoint was reached the coal dust ignited causing an explosion. Eight men and a 13-year-old boy were killed or badly burned. As rescuers tried to reach them there were more explosions and in all 32 lost their lives, 23 were rescuers who died in the subsequent explosions. The whole community was badly affected as there were 20 women widowed and 46 dependent children left without support. Eddie told the story well giving a lot of background information in his narration. All very sad.



Another relative of a victim, Celia E Parton has written a book about the disaster. Here is the front cover which shows how the boiler was installed and the roof of the shaft was altered to accommodate its height. The book, now in its second edition, costs £6.00 and if you would like a copy, let me know.

NAME	NO OF DEP.CHILDREN	AMOUNT
1 Hannah Bates	4	15s 0d (75p)
2 Sarah Ann Evans	3	12s 6d (62½p)
3 Mary Smith (formerly Evans)	3	7s 6d (37½)
4 Annie Besson	4	15s 0d (75p)
5 Elizabeth Clay	2	10s 0d (50p)
6 Sarah Parker	1	7s 6d (37½p)
7 Eliza Knight	1	7s 6d (37½p)
8 Ann Day	4	15s 0d (75p)
9 Eliza Smallwood	0	5s 0d (25p)
10 Mary Horton	4	15s 0d (75p)
11 Eliza Atkins	3	12s 6d (62½p)
12 Emma Ross	0	5s 0d (25p)
13 Elizabeth Smith	3	12s 6d (62½p)
14 Catherine Radford	0	5s 0d (25p)
15 Sarah Boonham	2	10s 0d (50p)
16 Ann Day	1	7s 6d (37½p)
17 Emma Archer	4	10s 0d (50p)
18 Harriet Ball	0	5s 0d (25p)
19 Emma Evans	4	15s 0d (75p)
20 Eliza Blower	3	12s 6d (62½p)

Celia E Parton "The Baddesley Pit Explosion 1882"

Some money was raised for the widows and children, by subscription and here is a table showing the initial payment which had to cover, among other things, the cost of a funeral.



Memorial to the miners of Baddesley Ensor with the plaque situated nearby

Next Meetings:

19th March 2020 Annual General Meeting & 'From Battlefield Search to the Gods of War' the discovery of the Bosworth Roman Temple.

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7:00PM sharp and I have attached a notification from Beth detailing the agenda. Doors will be open at 6:30 to facilitate the renewals of membership which fall due at the AGM. With Henry VIII tickets at stake you do not want to overlook renewing your membership!



Our lecture for the evening is not the one advertised in your membership card. Regrettably David Woolerton has been forced to withdraw and I am sure you will join in with me in wishing David a speedy recovery. David has promised to come and see us and tell us all about Richard Dawes in the future.

I heard about this lecture at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park Roman Weekend. I was unable to attend the full lecture and so I was really pleased when Richard Knox offered to give it after our AGM.

I cannot guarantee that the Bosworth Temple will look anything like the image I have used to illustrate the lecture, but we will have to wait and see. I know that a number of members had attended one of the Inspiring Bosworth lectures on a similar subject so will be just as interested as me to find out more.

Inspiring Bosworth (1485 Art Trail)



I am almost certain that you will have heard of "Inspiring Bosworth" and the 1480 Art Trail which links the Battle of Bosworth villages together with the battle site on the Fenn Lanes. Many of you will have taken in the free talks put on by the project on a variety of subjects from The Battle itself, Public Sculptures (probably one of the most interesting lectures I have ever attended) to the Reign of King Henry VII. There were also guided walks led by our friend Eddie Smallwood. Bosworth will have its own sculpture; the location is yet to be finalised. I attended the launch event of the Inspiring Bosworth Art Trail Exhibition which is now on display at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and country Park. The exhibition is located next to the Souvenir and Bookshop and is free to enter. The pupils of St, Martins and St. Margaret's in Stoke Golding had produced a wonderful mosaic which really

has to be seen. We are lucky in Market Bosworth that we enjoy such a rich Heritage.



Community Tapestry also on view in the Inspiring Bosworth Exhibition.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) Heritage Forum

I recently attended the annual meeting along with representatives of over 20 Parish Councils and Heritage Groups. The big news is, like Market Bosworth, Hinckley Town Centre is in need of regeneration. Luckily, Hinckley have been selected by Historic England to join with their Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) programme. These programmes offer an array of projects to help safeguard and celebrate heritage. The programmes are funded at fifty percent from Historic England. The agreement by HAZ to help fund the work needed was agreed in September 2019. A programme design document was prepared and submitted in December 2019 and whilst it is currently being assessed hopes are extremely high for a positive response in March 2020. Work will then actually begin in April 2020. What great news for our nearest neighbour town to be given support to preserve its heritage and history We then heard from Daniel Britton also of HBBC. Daniel talked us through the Environmental Improvement Programme funding. This programme has a budget of £35,000 to help support local improvement programmes. This is great news if you are looking to raise funds for a programme as some help is available. Here is a list of the programmes for 2019/2020:

Hinckley Town Centre Heritage Nameplates

Finial Repairs Market Bosworth Memorial Garden and Parish Field

Town Heritage Street Lighting Sibson

Rural Heritage Trail (part of the Inspiring Bosworth project)

Horsepool Information board Burbage

Hinckley and District Museum signs

St. Margaret's Churchyard wall repairs Stoke Golding

Shenton War Memorial Cleaning

John Sketchley Blue Plaque

Wykin Lane Cemetery Improvements, Stoke Golding

Ashby Canal Bridge 20 "Frieston Bridge" towpath repairs Replacement of 6 noticeboards to heritage style Desford.



I was really pleased to hear all about the work being done to preserve heritage items within the Borough and if you belong to any club or society looking to raise funds for a project there are numerous funding opportunities as well as the one mentioned here. The new finials, at the Memorial Garden, mentioned above, are in place and look really good, matching the walls almost perfectly, they just need a little weather to blend them in. I will also be attending the Annual Parish Meeting to represent the Market Bosworth Society. The meeting will take place in the Dixie Grammar School Hall on the 19th May 2020 commencing at 7:00pm. There will be some information there regarding funding for groups and societies so do come along and support me and the other chairs as we tell you what we have been up to (and plan to get up to).

Graffiti Last Month's mystery



There I did not forget, shame on you. I cannot say that my inbox has been bursting to the seams, but I can reveal that the initials belong to none other than our very own John Thorp and his father and are of course, on the English Masters House on Park Street. Give yourself a point if you got it right.

If you have any information about the church graffiti, if you recognise any of the initials or even want to own up, do get in touch. I promise I won't tell....

Programme of Events 2020/2021

Now for the exciting news. Or at least I hope it is exciting. Your Committee has worked very hard in putting together this programme which I hope you will find both varied and interesting. It has been necessary to move some of the events from our traditional third Thursday evening slot to avoid clashes and to secure access to the places we want to visit. For those who wanted to visit Middleton Hall, that, as can be seen, is not possible for the forthcoming Society year. We were unable to make suitable arrangements, but we will continue to keep in touch and are hopeful that it will be included in the 2021/2022 year. I will expand upon each of the items and provide more information as we get closer to them but please note that the visit to the John Taylor Bell Foundry is a morning visit. This will be followed by a luncheon rather than a cream tea.

2020		
March 19th	'From Battlefield Search to the God of War': the discovery of the Bosworth Roman Temple	Richard Knox
April 16th	Field Walking Tips and Discoveries!	Roger Thomas
May 21st	A Life Behind Bars	Ken Lowles
June 11th	HENRY VIII AT BOSWORTH HALL!!!!!!!!!!	John White
July 9th	Leicester Cathedral Stained Glass Windows & a guided tour of the Guild Hall, (including a cream tea).	N/A
August 20th	Visit to the John Taylor Bell Foundry and Museum followed by luncheon	N/A
September 17th	Bosworth Fire Service - A Personal Account	David Aylesbrook
October 15th	Those Television Times	Robert Leake Presenter
November 19 th	Ashby Canal 'Past, Present & Future'	Geoff Pursglove

2021		
January 21st	The Late Roman Army - an illustrated lecture	Nick Marshall
February 18th	VIKINGS!	Marianne Whiting
March 18th	Tweaking the Dragon's Tail - ZEBRUGGE RAID	David Humberston

I hope that you will find the programme interesting and please remember that we are always open to lecture and visit suggestions. We do have to book speakers in quite early as their diaries fill up quickly. We have already had to defer two to later in 2021 for that very reason. As ever, please let me know what you think about the programme and any items you would like to be included in 2021 and 2022.

Bosworth Hal Gates



A short while ago some photographs were published on the Facebook page, Bosworth News. They were of the gates to Bosworth Hall and the occasion was that they had been pressure washed by one of the caretaking/grounds keeping staff. This prompted a question about the age of the gates. I

know that former chairman Peter Loseby has been researching them.

In an email to Peter Foss, where I was discussing some other matters, I mentioned the gates and invited Peter to share his opinion or any information he might have about the gates with me. This is what Peter had to say:

Here are some further thoughts on gates.

1. The outer gate (the one newly painted) I feel sure is 20th century - possibly even constructed at the same time as the Nurses' accommodation. It may be that the entrance to the area was made more secure at that time, since the route was previously a public way. The cast iron piers do not seem to me to be an old feature on iron gates, so certainly not 18th and probably not 19th century.

If anyone has any information about the gates or knows of anyone with information, please get in touch. But for the time being the mystery continues.



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Bosworth Links 2020 to 2023

I hope that by now you will know that we are planning to carry on with our work (labour of love) over the next three years at least. Someone asked me why we were doing this, and I thought I should explain why we are going out to the villages and how you might help.

To be honest we had so much fun over the last three years we did not want it to stop. Perhaps we had forgotten all about the hard work we went through to set up the digs, secure the grants and organise all our wonderful volunteers. Not dissimilar to the way in which it never rained in the Summer when we were kids (and we always had snow for tobogganing every Winter, too).

We did have a lot of fun our hosts were all fantastic, and we worked with some truly wonderful people. We have been asked several times if we were doing any more digs and other people said that it was shame, we were not going to dig in their villages. Put together the fun we had, the loyalty of our volunteers and the willingness of nearby friends to take part and well.... what can we say but yes?

There is a very good archaeological case as well. Apart from all the fun in the community there is a serious side to all of this. I will ask Peter Foss and Mathew Morris to explain, they can do it far better than me.

This image was taken from an article written by Peter Foss (with his permission, I hasten to add) Its full title is

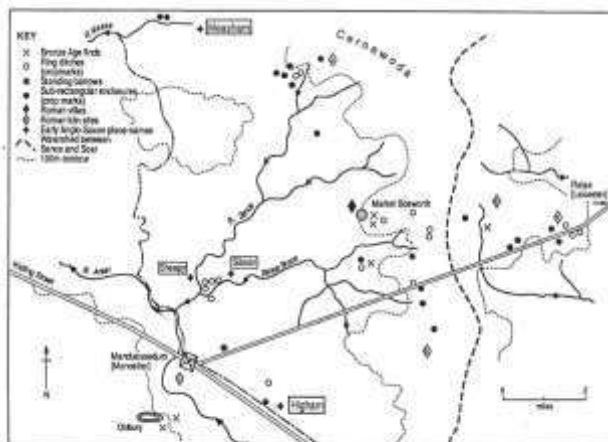


Fig. 2. Map of Sence basin, showing Bronze Age to Roman archaeology and early Anglo-Saxon place names.

is “Market Bosworth and its Region – Clues to its Early Status and Connections”. Peter writes, for an area which was the heart of the Mercian Kingdom of the 8th and 9th centuries there is a lack of sources of information. The archaeological picture is similarly limited mainly relying upon chance finds over the years. More recently evidence of Viking activity and habitation has been discovered between Cadeby and Sutton Cheney, which needs to be followed up. Whilst we may not be able to answer all of the questions we will aim to answer as many of them as we can.

In writing the design brief for the next stage of Bosworth Links Mathew said “A coherent archaeological study of

a market town and its satellite settlements has never been carried out before and provides an important opportunity to investigate the nature and extent of the town’s influence on the surrounding countryside. For instance, in the medieval period did villages have a symbiotic relationship with their market town (i.e. did the fortunes of one influence the others)? Did manorial ownership affect relationships (some settlements shared the same tenants-in-chief, others did not)? The Black Death in the 14th century appears to have had a major effect on settlement in Market Bosworth, did it have a similar effect in the surrounding villages? Market Bosworth and some of the surrounding villages existed by the 11th century, and are mentioned in the Domesday Book, but others did not. When did these villages develop, and why did they seemingly develop after the 11th century? Villages like Osbaston and Cadeby have Viking name elements. What evidence, if any, is there for Scandinavian activity in these villages?” What evidence indeed.

What can you do to help?

Probably the most obvious answer is to join in. There are roles for everyone, and it is very easy to pick up the tasks. You do not need experience and you do not need to be built like a navy. In fact, if you are fit enough to sit down, you are fit enough to take part. You can volunteer from home by registering on the website. We will then keep you informed of progress and developments.



We really do want to reach out to all ages, everyone. So, if you run a youth group, a drop in coffee morning, any group at all please tell everyone about the project and encourage them to get involved. There are contact details at the end of this article, and we would love to hear from anyone interested and to answer any questions you or they might have. We are happy to come and talk to your group about Bosworth Links. We can tailor a presentation together with a question and answer session to suite your requirements. Over 2017 & 2018 we had over 550 children 140 adult volunteers taking part. What a great way to discover our shared history whilst working with friends old and new across the generations. We want mums and dads, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, nans and grandads, everyone to come together to take part in the project. We also need letters of support to help us with our grant bid requests so if you took part in 2017, 2018, or 2019 or think it would be great for your group to get involved do write to us.

Who knows, if we have as much fun in the next three years as we did over the last three, we might be encouraged to go on for even more years!

Come on, let's go time travelling together!

Roman Mancetter and Boudica Heritage Centre

I mentioned that Eddie was involved in a number of local projects, this is one of them. At the official opening event on the 15th February they had over 450 visitors. The Centre is the culmination of a lot of work of many archaeologists and volunteers and displays the results of many digs over several years and it is pleasing to know that these artefacts will be on permanent view for all to see when visiting the Centre.

The address of the Centre is, St. Peter's Church, The Green, Mancetter, Warwickshire CV9 1NH. Not too far into Warwickshire. Amazing, Boudicca's final battle, Richard III final battle and a serious Civil War skirmish all within a couple of square miles. There must be something in the water around there!

ROMAN MANCETTER & BOUDICA HERITAGE CENTRE

The exhibition lies about 1 mile south of Atherstone along the famous Watling Street Roman road (A5). We are easily accessible from Birmingham, Coventry and Leicester, just 5 minutes from the M42.

Coach parties should book in advance.
events.romanmancetter@gmail.com

Open on Saturdays 10.30am - 2.30pm

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WELCOME TO MANCETTER

The Centre is only open on Saturdays between 10:30AM and 2:30PM at the moment Do try to get along, entry is free, but donations are welcomed. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

Contact Details

Please see the website www.marketbosworthsociety.com for information or email on info@marketbosworthsociety.com or if you would like to call me then 07930149408. Correspondence can be sent to Market Bosworth Society, c/o 29 Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire. CV13 0JU

Nigel Palmer, Chairman.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Market Bosworth Society on the 19th March 2020 in the Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth at **7:00 pm** (Doors will open at 6:30 to facilitate renewals before and after the meeting)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. 2019 - (Previously circulated to members in March 2019)

3. MATTERS ARISING – (Which are not covered elsewhere)

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – **Mr. Nigel Palmer**

5. TREASURER’S REPORT – **Mrs. Marion Lambourne**

6. SECRETARY’S REPORT - **Mrs. Beth Dawes**

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As is required under the constitution all Officers and Members of the Committee stand down at the AGM but may seek re-election. Nominations as at the 23rd February 2020.

- a) **CHAIRMAN** Nomination Mr Nigel Palmer
- b) **VICE CHAIRMAN** Nomination Mr. Robert Leake
- c) **TREASURER** Nomination Mrs Marion Lambourne
- d) **SECRETARY** Nomination Mrs Elizabeth Dawes
- e) **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – Nomination Mrs Glynis Oakley (Archivist)
 - Mr Martyn Andrews
 - Mrs Lynne Palmer
 - Mrs Ingrid Davison

8. DATE OF THE AGM 2021

The date of next year’s AGM will be on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7:00 pm. To be held in The Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth.

Mrs. Beth Dawes
Secretary

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 21st March 2019.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Malcolm Cook, Maureen Cook, John and Jean Wastenev, Sally Dowsett, Tony and Audrey Steer, Marion Lambourne, Pauline Leake.

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

(Copies had been delivered to all members, previously) These were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Peter Loseby and Seconded: Dick Bates. Voting passed unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Chairman's report:** I am delighted to be able to deliver my report to you. Once again, our Society has had yet another excellent year. We have been lucky to hear some very interesting guest speakers and two thoroughly enjoyable and educational Summer Visits. I am especially grateful to the members and residents who take part in the ever-popular local history evenings. Do please come along and enjoy these evenings. For the 2019/20 programme, this Summer our Visits will show up some interesting points if not surprises. If you have any suggestions or ideas for future talks or visits do, please contact me.

Bosworth Links completed in 2018 and was, on all fronts a complete success. The archaeological discoveries were matched only by the community spirit demonstrated by those involved. I am immensely proud of what the Society and Bosworth Links has achieved.

We have put the Archive to extensive and effective use supporting local groups such as the Tommies and Bosworth in Bloom, both of whom have had a successful year. The Archive also yielded up many facts unearthed by our researchers culminating in the superb presentation, last November, which transported the audience back to 1900/ 1918. The text and images are available on the website. I would like to thank and congratulate our Archivist Glynis, her researchers Beth and Ingrid and our talented narrator, Robert. May I also remind members that we are always looking for local information and memorabilia, VHS videos, DVDs, photographs and documents,

everything should be considered for addition to the Archive before deletion or destruction.

Your committee keeps a watching brief upon planning application which effect the Conservation Area, vistas, and views together with the entrances to the Conservation Area. This latest year we have commented upon 11 applications and have 3 more under consideration. Your committee works hard to maintain the Conservation Area for the enjoyment of everyone, including future generations. Please tell us what you think to applications and developments within and affecting the Conservation Area. I attend many meetings regarding Heritage Tourism issues representing the Society. Until it became an open meeting, we were the only society invited to attend the 1485 Sculpture Trail Consultation Event last Tuesday.

Whilst you might not be able to see the changes our website has been updated and is now much better protected than it ever was. Threats are increasing and in the last three months alone there have been 175 separate hacking attempts, which thankfully our programmes and policies have thwarted. Last month we had 2042 visits from across the world with "A Brief History of Market Bosworth" coming out in top with 347 hits or roughly 17%, Bosworth Links 3rd at 225 or 11%. Work on the website continues and we are looking into hosting two new sites. One specifically for Bosworth Links and one for our guided walks

My gratitude extends to George Lees who manages our Facebook pages. George ensures that posts are appropriate and removes posts and people if they do not keep to the rules. We currently have 401 members, many of whom do not live nearby but are able to keep in touch with Market Bosworth and the Society.

For the future we are moving forward with our plans to digitalise the Archive. It is now completely housed in the new Archive Room and we are seeking quotes for digitalising equipment. The full project cost is likely to exceed £29,000 so if anyone has that amount spare? No, grant applications it is then.

Your committee have also formed a sub-committee to review our guided walks in light of added information from Bosworth Links and we are currently developing 4 new walks for testing this summer with a full launch next year. The reason? To raise money to support the Archive and the other work we do, where we cannot rely on membership fees alone. The new Town Trail Guide and Souvenir should be available by this May. Bosworth Links is complete but not finished. The Bosworth Links committee are working to put together a programme of further investigations. It would be wrong of me to reveal any more at this point, but I can assure you it is both exciting and has never before been attempted. Stay tuned.

We have a full lecture and visit programme as you will see from the Newsletter and your membership cards. Fantastic value for money! Do tell everyone and encourage them to join.

Thank you to each and every one of you and our members who cannot be here tonight. Without you none of this would be possible. I would also like to thank my colleagues on your committee for their hard work and support over the last year. My thanks also, the free church who make this room available to us for what is most certainly not a commercial rent.

That, members concludes my report

5. **Secretaries Report:** (Read by our Vice Chairman on behalf of the Secretary). I am pleased to report that our membership numbers continue to be strong and stands at 89. This serves to illustrate that a society such as ours has a place within a community such as ours. Having said that I will still remind everyone to tell their friends, neighbours, and relatives about us and to ask them to join us. Anyone wishing to learn more can do so by contacting any of the committee members, detailed on your membership cards, or visit our website or of course, our ever-popular Facebook page.

Over the last year we have continued to give public relations and tourism our focus and our Archivist, Glynis and her team have worked very hard delivering excellent support to local events and societies and creating very interesting and informative lectures. Our chairman has attended many Heritage and History meetings promoting the Society's interests. We have been pleased and grateful to receive a number of items for the archive which is also used to aid individuals seeking information for school projects and family research. If you have any items which you think may be of interest to others or future generations, we would like to take care of them in the archive. Especially, photographs and documents.

We regularly contribute to Aspect and The Graphic and are grateful for the publication of our articles. Sales of our Town Trail Guides continue to be strong with many of the Bosworth Hall Hotel's residents purchasing them whenever they visit. The guide is in the process of being updated and the new guide will be available in May this year. I would like to thank Marion and Ingrid for their work on this project. We were delighted to be support Bosworth Links, our community archaeology project and what a fantastic amount of information was unearthed over the two years, dating from the Neolithic period to 20th century.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a volunteer walk guide, serve on the committee or any of the sub-comities do let us know. Should any member have a suggestion for a lecture, or a Newsletter article then please contact any committee

member. We are offering a Guided Town Trail Tour and Robert will also be hosting his popular church and church yard walk in support of the Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology. You will have noted that we have an extra event in the lecture programme this year “The Great Escape” given by two sons of Peter Hall also in support of the Festival. Thank you for being a member and attending our lecture meetings and Summer Visits.

6. **Treasurers Report.** (Read on behalf of the Hon. Treasurer by Robert Leake) I have produced the accounts for the Market Bosworth Society (*copies were made available to members prior to the start of the meeting*) which are self-explanatory. We have two month’s supplies of Town Trail Guides in stock. The guide has been rewritten and once the final proof reading has been completed it will be printed. The new guide and Souvenir should be available by the end of April. We must remember that the surplus balance being brought forward is to enable the cost of printing to be met. It must also be kept in mind that the projector, laptop, and other equipment is aging, and replacement will be required. There is also substantial work being done in with the Archive. Having moved the archive to the new room, we are now working on making sure that the items are protected by the correct acid free folders and boxes. So far indications are that the digitisation project will cost in the region of £30,000. It is anticipated that a grant will bear the majority of that cost, but we may be required to contribute.

There followed a short question and answer session concluded to the satisfaction of the members present. The Chairman then proposed that the minutes be accepted as a full and accurate record of the Society’s financial year. Seconded by Peter Loseby Those for 29, those against 0, abstentions 1. The accounts were accepted and adopted.

7. **Election of Officers:** All officers and members of the committee are required to stand down at the AGM but may immediately stand for re-election. The Chairman reported that he, together with all the officers and committee members, being fully paid up members of the Society, were prepared to stand again for election for a further year. The Chairman proposed that the officers and committee members be elected en-bloc. Seconded: Judy Buckell

Chairman: Nigel Palmer

Vice Chairman: Robert Leake

Treasurer: Marion Lambourne

Secretary: Elizabeth (Beth) Dawes

Archivist: Glynis Oakley

Committee Member: Martyn Andrews, Ingrid Davison, Lynne Palmer. were all subsequently re-elected Unanimously.

8. Date of the AGM 2020

Notice is hereby given that the date of the 2020 AGM be Thursday 19th March 2020 to commence promptly at 7:00 PM and to be held in The Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth.

Meeting closed at 7:30 PM