Datchet Village Society

Annual General Meeting 2024

7pm for 7.30pm, 9 May 2023,
WI Hall, The Green, Datchet SL3 9EH

Agenda

1. Welcome and thanks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
4. Treasurer's Accounts
5. Chair's Review
6. Membership and Election of Committee
7. AOB & Questions
8. Presentation: ***The History of Old Windsor, Tony Howe***
9. Drinks and nibbles

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2023

Held on 17th May 2023, at 7.30 pm, WI Hall, Datchet

1. Welcome

Alison Crampin, the chair, welcomed 44 members and guests to the 2023 DVS AGM. In addition, she welcomed our president, Janet Kennish, and also Harry Clasper who was deputising for the treasurer this evening. She thanked the WI for making us so welcome.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from 8 members, including Lesley & Adrian Giddins, Glenda Croft, and Sandra & Adrian Needham.

3. Minutes of last AGM, held on 14th May 2022

Minutes were declared a true record and signed. Proposer H. Clasper, Seconder A Corcoran

4. Treasurer's Accounts

The Accounts for 2022-2023 were presented by Harry Clasper on behalf of the Treasurer. Harry reported that the DVS accounts had a healthy balance, although the following should be noted:

- Life memberships could no longer be offered as the amount of money which had been set aside was empty and we still had 40 life members to support.
- Annual members were sporadic in paying their membership fees on time, and sometimes there was no payment at all. This obviously created problems for us.
- The DVS holds funds for Wild about Datchet. This is purely as a convenience as DVS has no responsibility for WAD.

Finally, Harry summarised some of the main expenses this year.

The Accounts were accepted. Proposer H Clasper, Seconder Ian Bacon

5. Chair's Review

Alison highlighted the outings and activities of the year which included Datchet walks to identify local heritage assets, the memorials in St Mary's, visits to History on Wheels and the Battle of Britain Bunker, and a planned visit to Cumberland Lodge. We have been liaising with St Laurence's Church to prepare future talks on a former Lord of the Manor of Upton who lived in Datchet, and have plans to take part in the Ellis Journey event.

The society has also been working with local authorities to place a pavement plaque to mark the former position of the Datchet Milestone, and to refresh the archaeological finds in the Library. To date these projects have not been completed. Some members have been heavily involved with producing the Datchet Design Guide and also the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan which was successful at referendum earlier this month.

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Another important part of our work is research, the outcomes of which are reported to you in the DVS Newsletters. The chair looked forward to plans for the coming year, and thanked members for their continued support and membership fees which keep all our events, displays, website, newsletters, publications and purchases going.

6. Election of Committee
All the Standing Committee had agreed to continue and had been nominated and seconded. Their continuation was approved. No other nominations had been received, although they would be welcomed. Therefore, the committee for next year will be: Alison Crampin (chair), Adrian Needham, Marjorie Clasper, Adrian Giddins, Glenda Croft, Lesley Giddins and Sandra Needham.

7. AOB and Questions
There was a query about the source of information about the bombs dropped on Datchet in WWII which had been included in a newsletter.

8. Presentation: Extracting the past: Early settlement and monuments in the Middle Thames Valley by Gareth Chaffey, regional manager of Wessex Archaeology.
Alison thanked Gareth for a fascinating presentation of these very important finds in Datchet.

9. Drinks and nibbles
In addition, there were displays on 'What is the DVS', update on the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan, Datchet Bridges, and some examples of Datchet memorabilia.

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Income & Expenditure for Year Ending 31 March 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
General Fund Income and Expenditure	£s	£s
Income		
Donations	49.36	8.00
Events	37.08	
Bank Interest	37.03	8.07
Membership Subscriptions 22-23	462.50	510.00
Life Membership Subscription	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
Grants /Project Account/BBHT Newsletter Grant	0.00	0.00
Sales Receipts	65.73	67.01
Visit Fees	130.00	0.00
Total Income	**781.70**	**593.08**
Expenditure		
Administration		
Postage	0.00	0.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Donation Out	135.00	50.00
Administration - Other	62.10	0.00
Total Administration	**197.10**	**50.00**
Events Costs		
Photocopying	0.00	0.00
Refreshments	0.00	0.00
Events Costs - Other	46.50	231.71
Visit Fees	120.00	0.00
Total Events Costs	**166.50**	**231.71**
Insurance	96.00	96.00
Leaflets	0.00	0.00
Merchandise for Resale	0.00	55.22
Miscellaneous Expense	25.00	0.00
Newsletters	0.00	0.00
Travel	59.55	0.00
Website	0.00	35.99
Total Expenditure	**544.15**	**468.92**
In Year Surplus / (Deficit)	**237.55**	**124.16**
DVS Project Fund Expenditure	418.00	0.00
BBHT Restricted Fund - Newsletter Expenditure	72.00	140.61
Restricted Funds Expenditure	**490.00**	**140.61**
BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account - Santander	220.68	747.06
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Savings Account	4401.50	3164.47
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**4622.18**	**3911.53**
Fund Balances		
General Fund	1086.34	1748.79
Life Membership Account	0.00	0.00
Project Fund	1177.00	695.00
Datchet Village Society BBHT Newsletter Grant	685.39	757.39
DVS Total Funds	**2948.73**	**3201.18**
Wild About Datchet Held in Trust	1673.45	710.35
Total Funds	**4622.18**	**3911.53**

Approved by the Members at the Annual General Meeting
Held on

Signed:

Datchet Village Society Annual Accounts - Internal Review

DVS Member Examiner's Report

To the Members of The Datchet Village Society

I report on the accounts of the society for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are attached.

The society's constitution requires the Treasurer to prepare the annual accounts and for a non cheque signatory member to conduct a review of the accounts before they are presented to the AGM. The accounts presented to the AGM will be covered by my report.

My responsibility is to conduct that review on behalf of the members to examine the accounts. Specifically, I have established the opening and closing balances and checked the supporting paperwork associated with the accounts. This process does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit or formal independent examination and consequently I give no opinion as to whether the accounts present an absolutely "true and fair view". My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

DVS Member Examiner's Report

In connection with my examination, I report as follows:

1. The opening balance as at 1 April 2023 was £3911.53 (inclusive of £710.35 held in trust for Wild about Datchet).

2. The closing balance as at 31 March 2024 was £4622.18 (inclusive of £1673.45 held in trust for Wild about Datchet).

3. I have reviewed the supporting paperwork for the accounts and believe that they properly represent the society's income and expenditure.

4. The society expenditure has been authorised in accordance with the Finance Policy.

5. There [redacted]/ are not other matters which I should draw to the attention of the members.

Signature: H.Cl

Name: H Clasper

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Date April 2024