

	MILL ROAD HISTORY SOCIETY
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DATE	May 12 th 2024 7.30pm. Ross St Community Centre
Present	From the current committee
	Nicky Morland
	Simon Middleton
	Lucy Walker
	Caro Wilson (Secretary)
	Also:
	Kieran Gleave
	Helen Hills
	Mary Joannou
	Claire Martinsen
	Charlotte Todoff
	Sally Parkinson
	Maggie Rogers
	Barbara Oliver
	Anthony Bullock
	Stephen Hewett
	Sophie Smiley
	Dodie Carter
1.Apologies	Apologies were received from Julia Ewans, Ila Chandavakar, and Mary
and	Naylor
Minutes	In the absence of Mary Naylor, Nicky Morland took the chair
	The minutes of the General Meeting on 09 .06.23 were accepted. There
	were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.
2 Chair	In the absence of Mary Naylor. Nicky read the Chair's report which is filed with these minutes. The main points were

- -Shahida Rahman is leaving the committee due to a promotion. Her contributions to the committee have been invaluable; we thank her for all she has done and wish her well
- -We welcome Kieran Gleave whose PhD will be, in part, about the impact Mill Road's industrial heritage has on present day communities and individuals. We welcome the links he will help us make with the CU Heritage Research Centre
- -The pattern of zoom talks in January and February will continue as it has proved popular. Most other events are held at Ross St
- -Past events can be found recorded on mill road history YouTube
- -The committee is pleased to have supported Mary Burgess of the Cambridgeshire Collection in the exhibition of Allan Brigham's photographs displayed there. Funds were made available from those we hold to commemorate Allan and we will be exploring ways to further support this institution which Allan so valued.
- -Our 20th and 21st building reports have now been published: <u>Hick's Houses (Covent Garden)</u> has been written by Ian Bent and Sue Howson. This is Ian's third report. <u>Greville Road</u> is by John McGill and is his 5th report for us Both reports can be found on <u>Capturing Cambridge | Discover Cambridge through the ages</u>, The committee is very grateful for the many ways in which John and Ian have contributed to our research. Ian has edited every one of the 21 published reports
- <u>Capturing Cambridge</u> | <u>Discover Cambridge through the ages</u> the website started in 2014 by the Mill Road History Project (later the Mil Road History Society) has grown enormously over the last ten years. We are very grateful to Simon and Roger Lilley of the Museum of Cambridge for all they do to keep it live and in good shape
- The chair thanked all the committee but paid special tribute to Julia, the treasurer, for all her work on our behalf from the Society's earliest days, and indeed throughout the HLF funded project that preceded it, to Nicky for everything she does to organise the programme, and to Simon for all the work he puts into booking the rooms, sending out the newsletters/hosting the zooms/liaising with speakers over their IT requirements, and managing all the recordings

3. Treasurer

The Annual Accounts were displayed. These had been circulated before the meeting and are filed with these minutes

A statement from the Treasurer was read aloud

We started the year with £2,467.58 in hand and ended the year with £2,265.56 in hand.

Costs are increasing in all areas especially venue hire and Zoom fees. However, this is also a measure of our success. The experiment with holding meetings 'on-line' in the darkest and coldest months proved so popular that we had to increase our Zoom capacity. We also use Zoom for our monthly committee meetings thus saving on room hire.

Our income, which comes entirely from donations including 'door money' at talks, has held up so that our overspend was only £14 in our General Fund. However, we will have to consider request for those attending events to pay a little more.

We still hold money donated in memory of Allan Brigham and are currently in discussions with the Cambridgeshire Collection about donating it to its work which was so very highly regarded by Allan. The money held is shown in a separate column,

The accounts were formally adopted by all present.

Discussion followed and it was **agreed** that when the Committee felt the time was right a **£4 voluntary donation at talks would be acceptable, provided it was always made clear that it was <u>voluntary</u>.**

Nicky thanked Julia for all her hard work for the committee.

4. Election of 2022/23 Committee

All present agreed to elect the following:

Ila Chandavarkar

Julia Ewans (*Treasurer*)

Simon Middleton

Nicky Morland

Mary Naylor (Chair)

Kieran Gleave

Lucy Walker

Caro Wilson (Secretary)

There being no further business the AGM was concluded. It was followed by a talk entitled 'The Newnham summer Schools 'given by Mary Joannou