



# Southam Heritage Collection

**Annual General Meeting**  
Congregational Church Hall  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

# Agenda

- Apologies
- Chairman's report
- Presentation of accounts
- Election of management committee
- Any other business
- Browse, chat & a drink!

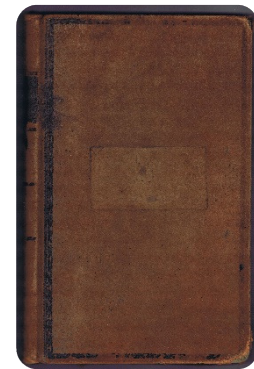


# Chairman's Report

- **11<sup>th</sup> Year**
  - **Charity Commission Recognition**
    - Name change, some small additional admin work
  - **Steady Progress – No dramatic changes**
    - Funds are healthy, although not excessive!
      - Need to think carefully about expenses
      - Getting a better grip on where to access funding
    - Visitor numbers increasing – premises access is a growing issue
    - Some terrific comments in the visitors' book
  - **Word is spreading further and further**
    - Many fascinating items being offered
      - Some great loan contributions for 2016/7 exhibitions
      - Donations – items, deeds, photos etc.
    - Other groups appreciate our involvement
      - e.g. Harbury Blue Plaque, WW1 2018 invitation

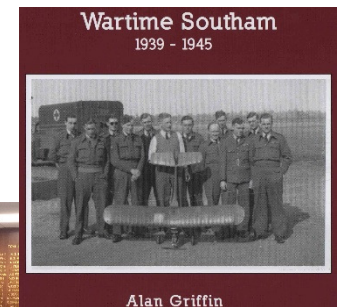
# Chairman's Report ...

- **2016/7 Achievements**
  - **2 more successful Exhibitions**
    - “Transporting the Wounded” - photographic
    - “Pint of Ale” – Southam and hospitality
      - Terrific stewarding work by Chris Holding
      - Linda – major success at Tesco
  - **Centenary Archive Project**
    - Steady stream of contributions
    - Massive amount of work – the survivors
      - “Roll of Honour”
      - Val Brodie, Chris Jerome
    - Request from WCC Libraries
  - **Schools**
    - Southam College – Geography Course!
    - St Mary's – local history morning



# Chairman's Report ...

- **Getting the message out**
  - Leamington Local History Fair
  - Invitation to “Warwickshire Words”
  - Tithe Lodge talk – suitability issues
- **“Wartime Southam 1939 - 1945”**
  - A new book by Alan Griffin
- **German students – again**
- **John Turner – again**
- **2018 Calendar – sold out last year**
- **Talks to a variety of groups**



# Chairman's Report ...

- Success Story of the Year – Southam Local History Show





# Chairman's Report ...

- **Tithe Place – still an unknown quantity**
  - **No date for a move**
    - Building is occupied !
    - Library is operational !
    - Police room occupied !
    - Many apartments occupied, but not all !
    - Vandalism has been an issue !
  - **Have now taken out new 5-year lease for Vivian House starting Jan 2017**
  - **Have engaged with District Councillor Andy Crump**
    - Cannot get any information – GCHQ would be less secretive
    - Rowan fell down the stairs!
  - **WCC are actively encouraging us to apply for funding for Tithe Place, but we cannot take advantage!**



# Chairman's Report ...

- **Web Site – well received**

- Take a look

- [www.southamheritage.org](http://www.southamheritage.org)

- More feedback welcome

- Facebook page

- **Southam History section**

- Could you write an article?

- We'll help
  - Not a major task

- **WCC Libraries**

- Asked for print - VAD section

The screenshot shows the website's header with social media icons (Facebook, Email) and contact information: "Contact Us Today! 01926 613503 | southamheritage@hotmail.com". The main navigation menu includes: Home Page, About Us, Contact Us, Getting Involved, Publications, **Southam History** (circled in red), Events, Illustrated Talks, and Archives. Below the menu is a large historical photograph of a street scene with a horse-drawn carriage. To the right of the photo is a search bar and a "Donate or volunteer today!" link. Below the photo are three columns of text: "Membership" (Join the Friends of the Cardall Collection...), "Volunteer" (Want to help with our work? There are many possible ways...), and "Exhibition" (Cementing). At the bottom, there are logos for "Cementing" and "Southam Heritage Collection". On the right side of the page, there is a section titled "Southam Heritage Collection" with a description of the charity's mission and a "Latest News" section mentioning the "Annual General Meeting".



# Chairman's report ...

- **2017/8 Plans, still work in progress**
  - WW1 Centenary Archive work continues – Tuesday AM
  - 2018 Exhibitions reversed
    - Spring – “Collection Objects” – curated by Chris Holding
    - Final WW1 Centenary Commemoration – major effort
      - Will work with Southam Town Council, British Legion and Galanos
  - Another Ramblers walk with local history content
  - Portable version of various exhibitions – Galanos House
  - Leamington LHS Fair, Talks in Southam, German Students, John Turner, Evening group talks, Cardalls Corner, Web stories etc

# Accounts



## SOUTHAM HERITAGE

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2017

#### INCOME

Sales	1907.27
Subscriptions	605.00
Donations	376.85
Walks & Talks	235.00
Fundraising Activities	1103.20
200 Club ticket sales	795.00
Grant Funding	4707.50
Exhibition Income	96.00
Bank Deposit Interest Received	1.45
Gift Aid Received	0.00
Business Sponsorship (Calendar)	570.00
Petty Cash Transfer in from Sales Receipts	8.55
	<u>10,405.82</u>

#### Balances @ 01/09/2016

Bank (HSBC Current)	9,542.88
Bank (HSBC Deposit)	5,006.30
Bank (Lloyds)	16.00
Petty Cash	19.08
	<u>24,990.08</u>

#### EXPENDITURE

Exhibits & Displays	1238.03
Equipment	31.75
Service Charges	2520.00
Rates	-1380.58
Water Rates	0.00
Electricity	214.21
Building Maintenance	0.00
Sundries	26.90
Insurance - Contents / Public Liability	340.01
Fund Raising Expenses	661.41
Membership Fees	16.00
Advertising & Promotion	13.99
200 Club	230.00
Legal Fees	297.00
Transfer to Petty Cash	8.55
	<u>4,217.27</u>

#### Balances @ 31/08/2017

Bank (HSBC)	5,941.52
Bank (HSBC Deposit)	0.00
Bank (Lloyds)	14,820.48
Petty Cash	10.81
	<u>24,990.08</u>

### AMOUNTS HELD FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR PURCHASES

Environmental Monitoring Project	194.97
Trevor Rogers Memorial Donation	1,000.00
Val Brodies Talks Income for WW1 Book	682.53
Southam Town Council Tithe Place Move	2,900.00
Tesco 'Bags of Help' Grant (Pint of Ale Project)	798.50
	<u>5,576.00</u>

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have examined the books, records, information and explanations supplied to us, and can verify that no material errors have been found.

13th September 2017

*Grineaux Accountants Ltd.*

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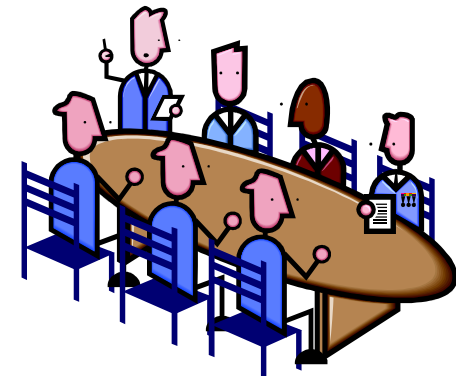
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# Election of Committee

- Helen Morris stepping down
- No new nominations
  - **Need** some new blood
    - Interested? Come along to a meeting – no obligation, come along on a Tuesday morning
    - **Tell** your neighbours, friends – anyone retiring? newcomers to the town?
    - It's not painful !!!
    - We **desperately** need a minutes secretary
- Vote



# Any Other Business

- **Membership subscriptions due – Gift Aid**
  - Forms available – 25% extra from HMRC
  - Student membership - £5
  - A standing order would help us, and you
  - Like to increase membership numbers – target 200
- **Corporate Member Warwickshire Local History Society -**  
<http://www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk/>
- **Cardall's Corner – any volunteers – short story**
- **Could you write an article for our web site?**
- **Re-iterate – we need to see more members,**  
**AND** new faces on the Management Committee – it's a great time to join!





# One last thing





# Wrap Up



- Thank you all for coming
- And now ...
  - An opportunity to pay your membership sub!
  - Buy your copy of “Historic Southam” 2018 Calendar, or two!
    - Remind friends, relations of all they are missing
  - Buy some Christmas Cards
  - Bring up any issue you wish – Volunteer even!
  - Have a drink on us!!

