

WEST HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

May 2012 – April 2013

It is with great sadness that we must report the sudden death of our founder, Mary Wiley, on 25th November 2012. Mary was our inspiration and the driving force behind the publishing of the written history of the village: *Windsor Hakeborne: the Story of West Hagbourne*. She is a great loss to the History Group and we miss her greatly.

As reported in the previous Annual Report, the Group had decided to gradually wind down its activities in the absence of new members. It was agreed that we would continue to maintain an archive and complete the house project. Two working party meetings have been held in the past year.

Annual General Meeting, 2012

The AGM took place at 7.30pm on 21 May 2012 at Silva Felix, York Road. There were no members of the public present. The audited financial report for the year ending 31 March 2012 was accepted. All office bearers agreed to continue in their roles. Chairperson: Josie Hill; Secretary: Val Walton; Treasurer: Linda Thompson.

History Group Photographs:

- The Group has provided historical photographs for display on the walls of the Horse and Harrow to promote our collection in a public space
- A photographer has produced high resolution electronic files from our negatives in order to reproduce good quality prints in the future
- All our b/w photographs have been mounted into an historic photo album, together with captions and reference numbers.

Ongoing Activities:

- Recording of memorial trees planted in the village. When approached, the Parish Council said that it continues to seek out land where further memorial trees could be planted
- Archiving of village newsletters, St Andrew's Hagbourne Parish Magazine and newspaper cuttings
- Documentation of village events through photographs
- Contributions to village newsletters and village website where appropriate.

Date of next AGM to be confirmed.