



**North West Kent Family History Society.**  
**(Covering N. W. Kent and the ancient parishes now in S.E. London)**  
**Founded 1978. Registered Charity No. 282627**

**Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at Dartford Science and Technology College Heath Lane,**  
**Dartford**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 12 noon**

**Present:**

David Cufley, President with 100 members and 8 visitors.

Minute Secretary: Angela Bevan

David Cufley, Chair of the Meeting, welcomed members. Vera Bailey, the Secretary of the Society was asked to convene the meeting.

**1. Notice Convening the Meeting**

Read by Vera Bailey

**2. Apologies**

Ron Anthony, Christina Barnett, Robert Barnett, Joan Field, Pauline Heathcote, Shirley Kell, Rosemary Lathey, Jean Radford, Claire Muscat, John Musket, Janet Thorne, Alan Stapleton, Ann Webber, Lyn Woodward, Angela Veralls

**3. Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the heading of the minutes should read Dartford Science and Technology College instead of Dartford Technical Girls School. In item 2 Joan Stirk should read Jean Stirk.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Trevor Allen and seconded by Margaret Furlonger. The minutes were unanimously agreed.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 2013 AGM**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

**5.1 Gift Aid**

Pat Gooding the treasurer explained that the accounts showed a deficit of £504. Last year the Inland Revenue had altered the way that gift aid was claimed. In order to comply with the new rules the gift aid form's new wording had been included in the December journal. Members should contact the treasurer if they did wish their gift aid donation to be included.

The gift aid for last year will be claimed this year. It will be approximately £2000.

**5.2 Standing Orders**

There had been an increase in standing order forms by over 100. The Society was continuing to ask members to complete standing order forms as this saved cash being carried around and the bank charges, when cheques were paid in.

**5.2 Acceptance of the Accounts**

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Alan Griffiths and seconded by Tony Lathey. The accounts were approved unanimously.

6. **Report of the Committee for 2013 (circulated with the March 2014 journal)**

There were no questions from members regarding the report.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Fran Rogers and seconded by Jean Stirk. The report was unanimously accepted.

7. **Josephine Birchenough Memorial Awards**

David Cufley spoke of the quality of the articles submitted for the journal. The journal contains the criteria for judging the awards. The Presidents panel had agreed that a third prize and two joint first prizes were awarded.

**Cliff Scottow** was awarded third prize for his two articles with a boxing theme. In volume 13 no 2 (p 77-83) he produced "Tommy Martin 1916 – 1987, A South London Sporting Hero", which he followed up with volume 13 no 3 (p103-104) "Tom Cribb 1781 (Bristol) – 1848 (Woolwich SE London), Prize fighter and bare knuckle boxing champion". £30 was awarded to Cliff Scottow for third place.

The joint first prizes of £60 each were awarded to **Guy Nevill** for his two part article, "The Postal Career and Political Activities of Edwin James Nevill", part 1 in volume 13 no 1 (p13-16) and part 2 in volume 13 no 2 (p58-65) and **David Turner** for "Carrie on round in Circles" in volume 13 no 1 (p17-23).

Guy Nevill in receiving his award expressed his thanks to Pauline Heathcote for the editing of the articles.

A full report will appear in the June 2014 journal.

During the year the trustees had been asked if projects could be supported in the same way the original bursary was conceived. This was agreed by the Trustees and the leaflet explaining the three categories of the bursary has been produced and was available at the meeting.

The agreed award three categories are:–

1. To person or persons who wish to follow some form of research or carry out a specific family history project, which fulfils the objects of the society. Members wishing to be considered for this award needed to complete an application form to be submitted to the President.
2. Articles in the Society Journal. This category would use the same criteria as this year's award. Members in this category do not need to apply.
3. To recognise or support significant work that contributes to the Society and its objects. Recommendations for such an award can be made to the Society Committee or the President's Panel by any two members.

Fran Rogers asked if the project reports would be in the journal. The President explained that they could be either presented at a meeting, put in the library or included in the journal. It depended upon the nature of the project.

8. **Honorary Members**

Walter Eves informed members that the Society Committee had unanimously agreed that Stella Baggaley would be made an honorary member of the Society as an acknowledgement of her support and hard work over many years.

**9. President and Vice Presidents**

Walter Eves informed the members that the Society Committee had reconfirmed David Cufley as President and Vice Presidents, Joan Field, Joyce Hoad, Susan Pittman and Ron Anthony.

**10. Election of Chair**

Walter Eves was proposed by Lorraine King and seconded by Hilary Waters. He was elected with a majority vote there being one vote against and no abstentions.

**11. Election of Vice-Chair**

There were no nominations for the Vice-Chair. David Cufley asked for nominations from the floor but none were forthcoming.

Fran Rogers asked what the position of Vice-Chair involved. Walter Eves explained that it often involved chairing sub-committees and working with the Chair and Treasurer. The constitution allowed for the job to be flexible to meet the abilities and time the candidate brings to the role.

**12. Election of Secretary**

Vera Bailey was proposed by Hilary Waters and seconded by Lorraine King. She was elected unanimously.

**13. Election of Treasurer**

Pat Gooding was proposed by Lorraine King and seconded by Hilary Waters. She was elected unanimously.

**14. Election of Other Committee Members**

The members agreed to vote for other Executive Members en bloc Janet Rose acting as Librarian, proposed by Pat Gooding, seconded by Sheila Elisak.

Barbara Phillips acting as Publications and Project Co-ordinator, proposed by Robert Barnett seconded by Angela Bevan.

Michael Weeks acting as Publicity Officer, proposed by David Turner, seconded by Lorraine King.

Barbara Attwaters proposed by Karina Jackson, seconded by Barbara Stead.

Tony Codling proposed by Lorraine King, seconded by Colin Willeard.

There were no nominations from the floor for the sixth committee member position.

The meeting elected the five committee members unanimously.

Mike Weekes agreed to continue to act in the Vice-Chair position as well as publicity officer until the vacancy of Vice-Chair could be filled.

The Chair explained that there was a vacancy should anyone wish to apply.

The Chair explained that the individual branches elected the three Branch Representatives and these people would form, with the above elected members, the Society Committee.

The committee is also made up with two ex-officio members, this the Chair explained means they are full members of the Society Committee by the jobs they undertake on behalf of the Society.

Pauline Heathcote was confirmed as Journal Editor.  
Christina Barnett was confirmed as Membership Secretary.

The Chair confirmed that all the Society Committee members were the Trustees of the Society in answer to a question from Margaret Furlonger.

**15. Election of Independent Examiner**

David Williams, proposed by Tony Codling, seconded by Walter Eves was appointed unanimously by the members as the Independent Examiner.

**16. Any Other Business**

**16.1** The Chair explained that the trustees appreciated the ideas and comments that are being put forward by members. One such idea was the emailinfo-service set up by Tony Codling which now had 386 member subscribers.

**16.2** The Chair also explained Steve Archer with the help of Tony Codling had set up the website facility for back journals to be downloaded freely.

**16.3** Janet Rose the Society Librarian and Chair of Dartford Branch thanked all those who helped at the library every Wednesday and to those that have contributed to the workshops.

**16.4 David** Turner thanked the committee and trustees on behalf of the members for doing a fantastic job. The members applauded this thanks.

There being no further business David Cufley closed the meeting by thanking the members for their attendance and the Society Committee and all the taskholders for their hard work over the past 12 months. He congratulated the new committee on their election and wished them all the very best for the coming twelve months.

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm