

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for 2012 – 2013

The society has enjoyed another successful year, we continue to recruit members and hope they enjoy all the activities that are planned for the year ahead.

The meetings have been diverse, ranging from the frankly funny of Joanne Brunt's "Can we afford the Doctor?" to the erudite lecture of Dr.Phil Judkins on "Richard of York", and Malin Holst's dissertation on local bones.

Numbers of members have visited Limestone Hill Farm and Imelda and Duncan Dewar have kindly shown groups around the newly restored watermill.

The organised summer outing to Wentworth Woodhouse, on a beautiful summer day whetted appetites for another visit in the future – maybe after more restoration following the hoped for compensation monies. Also, a guided walk around Tickhill was well supported and enjoyed.

Hazel Moffat continues to produce excellent Occasional Papers, for which we are very appreciative, and the Dewars have written about their Mill restoration.

The Society Archive is available to members by request and additional material has been catalogued. The website grows and is frequently used, and we have had visitors to the village and our meetings as a result. Both these resources will increase in importance as more people become technology wise.

Financially the Society is sound and although lecture fees continue to increase – mainly because of transport costs – the Treasurer and Committee feel there is no need to increase the membership subscriptions.

However, there is a new book in the pipeline which will incur publishing costs. This is to be a high quality edition that we hope will educate and interest future generations.

The Society has a strong Committee and I would like to thank them for their support over the last year. Thank you to Carol Hill, Linda Mayes and Hazel Moffat, who continue to contribute and to you, the Members.

Without you, there would not be a History Society, so please keep coming!