

Annual Reports

Chairman's Report

2020 has been a very difficult year for all of us. We did manage to have our first meeting, when Dr Richard Churchley spoke to us. However, like all the rest of such societies we have been unable to have face to face meetings including the AGM. This restriction also applied to your committee meeting. However, we have remained in touch with one another discussing items of importance for the society. One of the items was the chance of holding some sort of 2020 AGM. By now members should have received information on how this is to be achieved.

Your hon. Secretary must have run an enormous electricity bill, plus all other sorts of expenses. Your hon. Treasurer has handled the accounts with the usual aplomb and balance sheet, audited by Gill Barlow is available. My thanks on your behalf go to those mentioned and all the other members of the committee

Hopefully, we may be able to meet up again in about April 2021. The committee are determined that your society will not fade away but continue with its regular monthly meetings on a variety of topics.

Don Vincent,
Society Chairman
October 2020

Secretary's Report

We managed to complete our 2019/20 season (April 2019 to March 2020) and we had some excellent presentations and activities. We then came to an abrupt stop....

Since then it has obviously been difficult for everybody, and I hope that you are all managing in these strange times.

I have succeeded in producing three newsletters so far during the closure, and I hope to continue to produce one every two months until we resume. Then it will, of course, go back to monthly. I hope that you found them interesting.

In addition to our Newsletter, our online presence has been an additional method of keeping in touch and letting everyone know that we are still here.

During the closure website visitor numbers have varied considerably from over 900 when I produced a Newsletter, to about 500 visitors in months when there was not. Last month the highest number of visitors came from the United States (46.07%), UK (18.81%), Germany (8.25%), Sweden (4.80%) and France (3.84%).

Our Facebook page 'Redditch History Society' has 1324 followers (1103 in 2019, so a 20% increase). The number visiting posts has increased during our period of closure.

Anthony Green,
Society Secretary
October 2020