

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

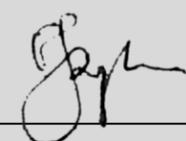
The financial position of the Society reflects the effects of the pandemic in that we were unable to hold any physical meetings in the year. This meant that we had no room hire costs and no income from donations at the door. The MA Treasurer paid for most of the speaker fees this year as we attracted a wider audience to our virtual meetings.

The profit and loss report is below and compares this year with the previous year.

The branch remains in an adequate financial position. We have a satisfactory working capital in the bank and therefore there is no need to increase the suggested donation at the door. However, with the decision to retain virtual meetings in the winter months, we will lose income from this source.

The most significant change to our future financial position is the imposition of bank charges by HSBC from December 2021. We are losing funds because of this decision. We are currently in the process of moving our account to another bank that does not charge charities.

Chris Sykes
Honorary Treasurer
April 2022

Midland Ancestors (MA)	Kenilworth & District Branch	
Income Expenditure Statement	Year Ended 31 December 2021	
	2021	2020
Income		
MA Room Hire Funding 2020	£0	£90
MA Room Hire Funding 2021	£0	£0
MA Grant	£0	£0
Donations (Members & Visitors)	£0	£49
Total	£0	£139
Expenditure		
Room Hire	£0	£90
Speakers	£35	£170
Newsletter & Printing	£0	£28
Refreshments & Consumables	£0	£7
Stationery	£0	£0
Other Items	£0	£0
Lost Cheque	£40	-£40
Donation of MI Booklet to MA Library	£5	£0
Less Un-presented Cheque	-£5	£0
Total	£75	£255
Opening Bank Balance	£1,890	£2,006
Net Income / (Expenditure)	-£75	-£116
Closing Bank Balance	£1,815	£1,890
Notes		
Approved	Examined	
		24/01/22
<small>C.J Sykes Hon Branch Treasurer</small>	<small>Committee</small>	<small>Date</small>



KENILWORTH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Midlands Ancestors: Kenilworth & District Branch

28th Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, 11 May 2022
at The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End, Kenilworth

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AGENDA

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2. Minutes of Previous Annual Business Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Committee Report (HE)
5. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts (CS)
6. Election of Officers & Committee
[Please note that only current paid-up members of BMSGH can nominate or second nominations of candidates, and/or vote]
7. Motion

"Kenilworth Family History Society will be renamed
MIDLAND ANCESTORS KENILWORTH BRANCH"
[papers circulated by email and provided]
8. Any Other Business

2021 ABM Report

There was no ABM in 2020 or 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The 2021 ABM was cancelled, in line with the Chairty Commission recommendations. A 2021 ABM report was circulated to members by email on 13/04/2021.

The 2019 Minutes have therefore never been approved and will be approved tonight.

2019 Minutes

Minutes of 27th Annual Business Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 at the Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, Kenilworth

Present: 18

Acting Chair: Lesley Plant

Committee: Lesley Plant (Programme Secretary), Chris Sykes (Treasurer), Helen Eldridge (Contact/Publicity), Nick Parker (Research & Technical Matters)

Apologies: Brian Stote

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Business Meeting: read and approved

Matters Arising: None

Committee Report: The Committee Report was presented by Helen, with a full written copy made available to everyone. Helen summarised the report, which reviewed our meetings and activities of the year, in particular our change of venue from the Senior Citizens' Club to the Kenilworth Centre, and Lesley explained our on-going work with the Kenilworth Centre to be able to make good use of the WiFi, Internet & Computing facilities that tKC has.

KFHS has continued to promote the group on Facebook and has also launched a website (see all the links below). As explained in more detail in the report, the committee does not have a full-time Chairman, but has shared some of the roles, and managed the group's business with regular meetings, and proposed to continue in the same manner, which the members approved.

Later in 2019, along with the talks from a variety of speakers, we are planning one or two work-shop sessions for the members, to be facilitated by an experienced genealogy tutor.

We have taken note of information provided by our members about their expertise and particular areas of interest, and are using that to target our speakers and workshops wherever possible.

Feedback from our members on any and every point is always eagerly sought by the Committee.

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts: The Treasurer, Chris, presented the report for the year ending 31st December 2018. He explained that our financial position remains quite secure, and recommended that we maintain the suggested donation on the door at just £1. However, he highlighted that the cost of speakers is increasing, so we may need to increase our income from this source in the future. The committee thanks David Hall who has once again examined the Report despite his recent long-term ill-health.

Election of Officers and Committee: Lesley invited volunteers and nominations for new committee members, but none were forthcoming. The existing committee members had all previously indicated that they are prepared to continue in their roles, if that was approved by the members. In that event, it was agreed to re-elect the current committee en-bloc - proposed by Norman Madden, seconded by Lynn Hockton, carried unanimously, so the committee remains:

Treasurer: Chris Sykes

Committee members: Nick Parker, Helen Eldridge, Lesley Plant

Any Other Business: On behalf of the Committee and indeed of the whole group, Lesley thanked Pam and Pat for providing our meeting refreshments and presented them with some flowers.

No other matters were raised, so the meeting was concluded, and our speakers for the evening were introduced:

Jackie Cotterill and Caroline Mason, Secretary and Librarian at our parent group, Midland Ancestors, at the BMI in Birmingham, told us how MA can support us, and about the resources available to us both at the BMI and via the members' online website.

Lesley (Programme Secretary & Acting Chairperson)
15/5/2019

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Committee's Review of the Year 2021/22 to be presented at the 28th Annual Business Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End, Kenilworth

The Kenilworth Branch has been running online only meetings since November 2020, having access to the MA Zoom account.

The 2021 programme (published in November 2020 and mostly consisting of postponed talks from 2020) continued to presume that lockdown would end and that there would be a return to in-person meetings, but this was not to be and the Committee maintained constant contact with speakers to confirm whether they would go ahead with an online talk or postpone again, depending on their confidence with Zoom and/or preparedness to share their material. When speakers elected to postpone the Committee either confirmed a new speaker at short-notice or held a 'members' meeting'.

In January 2021 this is precisely what happened and we had an enjoyable discussion about what research the Kenilworth had been doing through lockdown. In February speaker, Mary Bodfish, chose to give her talk online and **The Baby in the Locket** was again advertised on the MA website and well attended by 57 people. In March the scheduled Members' meeting went ahead with a theme of Censuses, which were on our minds as we prepared to complete the 2021 Census. In April our scheduled speaker opted to postpone, but we were fortunate to book Professor Rebecca Probert to talk about **'Marriage law and practice in the Midlands, 1837-1900'** (82 attendees). In May we heard about **'The Blind Postmaster General and the Suffragist'** (Henry Fawcett MP and Millicent Garrett Fawcett) from Alan D Godfrey FRPSL (47 attendees). In June, again as a replacement, Paul Millington spoke about **'My Criminal Past'**, which was actually about that of his ancestor, Edward Millington (47 attendees). In July, which is traditionally our Summer Social, we held a members' meeting with the theme of **'Artists and Entertainers'** and members told us stories they have discovered in their family trees. In September John Frearson talked to us about **'Maundy Rodgers: A Doctor Abroad'** and we were joined by the subject's descendant (30 attendees) and in October another short-notice speaker that was very successful was Vanessa Morgan who talked about **'A Brummie in the Family'** (38 attendees). Sadly, we were forced to cancel our November meeting due to a death in the family of the Committee Member who holds the MA Zoom account license and in December we had a Christmas Social where a member gave a demonstration of using Ancestry DNA.

During 2021 the Committee had a consultation with the group about online -v- in-person meetings and it was agreed that the winter months' meetings would be held online, due to the reluctance of members to drive in the dark, so our 2022 programme began with a continuation of Zoom meetings, with Mary Bodfish returning to talk about **'Beer, Bets and Bull-Baiting'**, the amusements enjoyed by the 'common man', in January (25 attendees). February brought a fascinating talk about a collection of glass slides discovered belonging to **'Fred Hancox - An exceptional Edwardian amateur Coventry photographer'** (37 attendees). March 2022 heralded the second anniversary of our last in-person meeting and brought a return to The Kenilworth Centre for a select few, who had an informal discussion session, including one member who got locked-down in New Zealand and took the opportunity to extend her stay and undertake some family history research on a grave she came across in the far north of North Island, with the help of a member back here!

During 2020 MA Member Jacqui Kirk had provided an excellent newsletter, which sadly ended, so we returned to writing our own newsletter in March 2021, which are now distributed via email on or around the Monday before our monthly meetings.

Like many charities and societies, we have been caught by HSBC introducing charges and fees for use of cash and cheques. We tried to change accounts to Virgin Money as soon as we were notified, but appear to have got lost in their system and we now understand they intend to introduce charges soon, so we are now in the process of moving over to another bank.

After a difficult two years, the Committee is looking forward to getting back to some semblance of order and will be sharing its news and getting feedback & input on the running of the group from our members at the ABM in May.

Helen Eldridge
Contact/Publicity