



Chairperson's Report 2013-14

Committee, Members and Friends

This is a very brief report.

You have before you the Newsletter for 2012-13 and a list of proposed Officers and Committee members for next year to represent you. You also have a Programme for the thirty-eight session of DDAHS and a copy of the membership form.

Firstly, an apology I am unable to attend this AGM as I will be abroad in France during this week. This will be my first AGM of this society that I have missed in eight years as Chairperson.

Usually the annual Chairman's Report review the previous year's events and items for your consideration. At last year's AGM a new Constitution was passed with a 65% majority of the members present. As outlined in your Newsletter we have had a varied and interesting range of topics and good attendance of members and guests culminating in a trip to Bletchley in June. On your AGM Agenda for tonight's meeting there will be 10 minutes allocated to discuss a change of the Society's place of venue.

Some Committee members have expressed an opinion that Northbourne Centre is unsuitable for our Society meetings and that an alternative venue must be chosen for future monthly meetings. In Didcot, there are only two possible choices of venue (i) The Didcot Civic Centre and (ii) The Cornerstone. At our Committee meetings over the last year, this has led to various divided opinions on costs, change of date, suitability and availability. As a result, we have decided to put this to you and the results of this meeting now will be assessed by the new incoming coming Committee & its findings will be presented to you at the 2014 AGM next October.

Secondly, on a personal level I am stepping down as Chairperson of the Society after eight years and the Vice-Chairperson David Taylor has agreed to go forward as your new Chairperson. I wish him the best and look forward as a Committee member.

I would like to thank you and the Committee for your continuous support and encouragement over the last eight years.

Eugene Coyle