

# Oldbury-on-Severn Village History Group

The Oldbury-on-Severn Village History group was started in March 1992 by Jane Bradshaw and Mary Jennings, with Jane acting as the Chair for many years. It has held regular, well attended, meetings in the Autumn and Spring seasons at the Oldbury Village Memorial Hall ever since and has been a continuing successful Village community event.

At the last Annual General Meeting, held in February of this year, the Secretary, Kim Blanchard resigned. Roger Howell and Robin Pitman agreed to continue as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. However, no nominations or volunteers for any remaining position on the Committee were forthcoming at that time and Meg Adnams, therefore, kindly offered to fill the gap as acting Secretary. The Secretary is vitally important being responsible for booking speakers, taking minutes of Management Committee meetings and writing summaries of talks for publication in 4Ward magazine

The last regular meeting of the Group was held on 10 March this year. In normal times the 2020 Autumn season with speakers already booked would have begun with a meeting this September. The COVID crisis and rules for public gatherings have, of course, had an impact on these plans and the Committee has reluctantly taken the difficult decision that further Group meetings cannot be held until 2021 at the earliest.

Like many in these strange times, the current members of the Management Committee have been reviewing their positions and, consequently and inevitably, the future of the History Group. Unfortunately, both the current Chairman and Treasurer have decided that for pressing personal reasons they will not be able to continue in their present roles. This means that the Group will shortly be without a properly elected Committee. It has, therefore, very reluctantly been decided that unless a minimum of three volunteers come forward for the vacant Officer positions on the Committee the Group as it stands is no longer viable and will have to be wound up.

According to the Constitution this must be done by a Special General Meeting. The Committee is therefore calling such a meeting in February 2021 to discuss the future of the Group. The exact date of the meeting will be announced in the December 2020 edition of 4Ward. This note hereby gives the required notice of the SGM.

In the meantime if anybody is interested in joining the Committee and taking on a role they should leave a note at the Oldbury Community Shop addressed to the Secretary OVHG.

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