**Notes of a BLHS Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025 at 25 Church Street**

**Present:**

Richard Storey Chairman/Secretary

Barry Jobling Deputy Chairman

Nicky Gibbs Treasurer

Les Button

Clive Thompson

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The previous minutes from the meeting held on 24 April 2024 were accepted as a true

record.

3. **Matters Arising**

It was agreed that the website continued to provide good value for money.

3a. **Committee Meeting 24 April 2024**

The books that had been offered to the Society never materialised. **Action Closed**.

Barry’s personal archive. Barry passed his database to Richard and Nicky but unfortunately neither were able to open it owing to its out of date programme.Barry is trying various alternatives.  **Barry is still organising his history books and documents and will revert in due course.**

3b. **AGM 5 Jun 24.**

The Village Hall confirmed it was not willing to store a lectern if one was bought so it was decided not to pursue. **Action Closed**.

4.  **Chairman’s Report.**

There was nothing to report.

5.  **Secretary’s Report**

Speakers for the new 2025/26 programme had already been contacted. It was agreed that **Richard would:**

* **Follow-up on the Norris Museum for 2026**
* **Contact the St Ives Civic Society for possible speakers.**

7. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Society financially was looking healthy. The committee congratulated Nicky on the hard work she had done to recover the situation after Eric’s departure (which involved ‘drawing a line’ under the discrepancy and paying the hall for an outstanding payment) and for the clarity and accuracy of the accounts. The refreshments had proved a success and were more about getting people to socialise than to make money. The raffle had proved to be a success but it was agreed that:

* **The raffle would be held annually at Christmas.**
* **Richard was to give notice and encourage home bakers.**

8. **Fees**

It was agreed that:

* **additional fees were not necessary.**
* **New members joining after January would be asked to pay a pro-rata rate for the remaining year.**

9.  **Re-Election of Committee Members**

All committee members agreed to stand for re-election.

10. **Summer Visit**

A number of potential venues were considered with action to follow-up:

* [Elton Hall, Peterborough](https://eltonhall.com/visiting/) - **Barry**
* [Intelligence Museum, Chicksands](https://www.militaryintelligencemuseum.org/visit-us) - **Richard**
* [Cromwell Museum](https://www.cromwellmuseum.org/plan-a-visit) - **Nicky**
* [Pathfinder Museum](https://raf-pathfinders.com/our-partners/pathfinder-collection-raf-wyton/), RAF Wyton - **Richard**

11. **Any other Business**

Richard reported that:

* He may be away sometime in the autumn and early 2026.
* A USB device to remotely advance Powerpoint projections would be useful.  **It was agreed that Richard would buy a remote USB device for presentations.**

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The AGM was to be held on 4th June 2025 after the presentation

Richard Storey

Chairman/Secretary

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