



The Fane Road Archaeology Group (FRAG)
Minutes of Sixth Annual General Meeting 8th April 2024
The Howe Room, Peterborough Museum

1. Welcome:

The Chairman, Welcome

2. Apologies: Rosalind Brierley

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting: Approved and signed off.

4. Chairman's Report:

Welcome to the AGM for 2024, I hope that this will be short affair and we can soon move on to our talk this evening. Thank you for making your way to the museum as our usual venue is not available this week.

Thank you for your support and attendance at talks since September and the change to the lecture theatre at University Centre Peterborough, it has been very kind of them to offer this at no cost. I hope that the introduction of tea and coffee has made up for the lack of an on-site bar though we no longer must contend with darts matches. Everything has a pro or con.

Summer saw FRAG interacting with Roman enthusiasts at the Roman Fest held at the Chester House Estate, FRAG has had an invite to have a stand again this summer. Also, during the summer months, Peterborough Museum and Archives are considering an archaeology festival in July. Other summer activities are being investigated.

I have to ask if there is anybody who feels they would like to take more of a role in the running of the group. It is not overly time-consuming and it is understood that sometimes other commitments get to take precedence. All interested in seeing what the committee does will be welcomed with tea (or coffee).

5. Treasurer's Report:

The bank account held £3597.24 and there was £100 cash in hand. Outgoings had been about £1000. New arrangements with TSB had proved complicated but were almost resolved. The committee had decided to hold the membership subscription at £20, due each April. New members joining in January would have their first 3 months free.

Membership is continuing to grow with now 90 members

6. Field Officer's Report

No report to submit at this time as no field work completed in 2023.

7. Election of FRAG Officers

As it stands, the 2023 committee is happy to stand for the coming year, this is as follows.

Julie Gray – Chair.

Daphne Mair – Secretary.

Tamsin Foster – Treasurer.

Daniel Peeroo – Communications / IT support.

Sam Dixon – committee member / newsletter

Nick Coneybear – committee member

Wendy Gamble - committee member

Rex Gibson - to stay on as webmaster.

Sue Deoraj - to stay on as safe-guarding officer.

Kevin Redgate (Field officer) has decided to step down but will assist in a handover if required.

8. Programme for 2024

13th May Dr Ellie Blakelock with a talk on The Secrets of the Anglo-Saxon Goldsmiths

9. AOB:

Suggestions for talks going forward were invited.

Received were details on Keith Grimwade, Keith has been investigating the watermills of Huntingdonshire and is currently co-authoring a book Modelling the Impact of Watermilling in a Lowland River Landscape.

Keith.grimwade@btinternet.com or 07833 224949

Recommendation to contact Linda Ball of the Collyweston Historical Society, who has recently published a book on the Friars of Stamford.

<https://www.stamfordfriars.co.uk/#:~:text=about%20the%20book,the%20Crown%20at%20the%20Dissolution.>

Tony Camplin gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work over the past year when it had looked a year ago as if FRAG might fold. This was endorsed with a round of applause from those present.

10. Next Committee Meeting:

Monday, 15th April