

THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Community Fire Station, Radipole Lane Weymouth

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Present: Cllr Kevin Brookes (Mayor of Weymouth and Portland), Mrs Anne Brookes (Mayoress of Weymouth and Portland), James Buxton, John Fannon, Joyce Fannon, Ben Buxton Barbara Cohen, Richard Cropper, Rhona Hurd-Wood, Anne McKechan, David Mannings, Trefor Morgan, Elizabeth Morse, Liliane Mutton, Lynwood Newman, Anna Viccars-Barber.

Apologies: Christine Buffrey, Isabel de Pelet, Elisabeth Orrell, Anne Lindley, Trevor Lindley, Janet Marlborough, Jeremy Parkinson, June Rust, Patricia Thoyts, Michael Watson, Carl Whitehouse

Welcome: As Honorary President of the Society, Cllr Brookes welcomed the attendees and asked for a minute's silence in memory of members who have died in the previous year: Mr Michael Martin R.I.P and Mr Julian Wathen R.I.P.

Cllr Brookes then commented on how much he and his wife, Anne, had enjoyed being involved in all our Society initiatives in 2017 and how they had been so warmly welcomed by Society members. He cited how he had been instrumental in advising us about a forthcoming Poole Conference that focused on trafficking. Subsequently Society representatives attended and manned a Stall. Amongst other outcomes of that day, is the Society presentation to Bournemouth University students on 23rd February by John Fannon.

Trustees' Report (See Annex 1): This was presented by the Society's Chairman, James Buxton. David Mannings suggested that a group of observers was needed to report on the Buxton Monument, in the light of the quatrefoil damage at the end of 2017. Richard Cropper, who lives near to the Monument, was happy to be considered, but pointed out that local residents were already fulfilling this function.

Treasurer's Report (See Annex 2): This was presented by the Society's Treasurer, John Fannon, who picked out many of the highlights of expenditure. There had been generous donations amounting to £3,394. Membership subscriptions amounted to £1022, of which £700 were for life membership. The grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund had enabled Society to hold a very successful dedication ceremony in June. The Draper's Hall Dinner organised by James Buxton and Joe Buxton was held in February 2017. It was highly successful and raised over £5000. There have been extra costs for landscaping the monument, but having paid off all outstanding bills, we had a surplus at the end of the year of £1,431. Looking into the new financial year, we have had a good response to our request for membership subscription and standing orders and more members have taken up life membership. There has also been a wonderful response to help with repair of the monument and our sincere thanks to everyone who rallied round. As of the 13th February, our bank balance was £2404 with all bills paid including repair of the monument.

Education Issues (See Annex 3): This was given by Joyce Fannon, the Society's Education Officer.

Vote to accept the reports: Cllr Brookes called for a vote to accept the reports. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Programme of Events (See Annex 4): John Fannon explained that the trustees and committee had compiled a calendar of Society Events for 2018. This had been distributed to all members and a further copy had been given to attendees at this AGM. Events towards the year's end were still to be agreed. The meeting agreed that the short service to commemorate Buxton's birthday would take place at the Buxton Monument on Easter Monday at 2pm. There would be subsequent picnic if the weather permitted.

Resignation of one of trustees: In accordance with the Society's Governing Document, each year one of the trustees should resign, (though in principle could stand for re-election). Joyce Fannon said that she wanted to stand down, but did not wish to stand for re-election. She would continue to offer her services in the Society. James Buxton thanked her for her work as a trustee over the past few years.

Election of trustees: Cllr Brookes called for nominations for new trustee as a minimum of three trustees are required by the Charities Commission. Trefor Morgan had indicated his willingness to be appointed. He was proposed by John Fannon and seconded by David Mannings. The meeting elected him unanimously. The current trustees stand as, James Buxton, John Fannon and Trefor Morgan. Cllr Brookes called for more members to consider offering themselves as trustees.

James Buxton resigned, not as trustee, but as chairperson and the meeting agreed that temporarily there would be a revolving system put in place so that people might try the position and maybe put it on a more permanent basis.

Refreshment interval: This was organised by Anne McKechan (co-ordinator) and Anna Barber. During it David Mannings and Liliane Mutton covered raffle sales and Joyce Fannon manned the retail stall. **Total takings amounted to £68.50.**

Presentation: The presentation, *The Growth of Weymouth; changing boundaries*, was given by Trefor Morgan. He explained that in an attempt to save "town green" land from being developed for housing, he had been involved in trying to prove that "Weymouth existed in law". Having consulted historical records and map evidence, he took the meeting from Anglo-Saxon times through to the present day. At the end of his presentation members could peruse the maps. Trefor has agreed to have some of the maps available as a display at the Society's Black History Month in October, so that members can have more time to investigate them.

James Buxton thanked Trefor for his very interesting presentation.

Close of meeting: Cllr Brookes then closed the meeting.

Trustees Report for 2018

2017 was an Annus Mirabilis for the Society. It didn't end with the June 5th Civic Reception, Monument Dedication Service, reception at St Mary's and the Commemorative book launch. The rest of the Heritage Lottery Fund's "Approved Purposes" had to be fulfilled.

This involved producing a week-long display for the Mulberry Gallery at the Weymouth Library. After consultation with members, the content of the new Society leaflet, that outlines the way forward post-monument, was agreed and the leaflets printed. Lastly, the Society's free online Primary Schools' Pack, linked to *Fairtrade Fortnight*, was completed and launched in October. The trustees would like to thank all those involved in any way with all of these initiatives.

Towards the end of the year, news came through that a temporary Museum at Hope Square would expect to feature TFB in a gallery display. This will be a first. In addition, the Civic Society gave the Society and Weymouth College awards for the Buxton Monument.

As 2018 is 200 years since TFB was elected to parliament, plans were put underway to celebrate this with a service at St Mary's followed by a presentation on *Georgian Elections* by Carl Whitehouse. Lastly, an application has been put in for a Buxton exhibition in Westminster and a possible presentation to be given there in this bicentennial year.

The trustees and advisory committee have tried to put together a 2018 calendar to help members plan for the year ahead. Copies of the calendar are available this afternoon.

Finally, 2017 ended with the disappointment of damage to one of the Buxton Monument's quatrefoils. This has been made good by Albion Stone. The Society is indebted to the many donors who contributed to its repair. So ended what has proved to be a very busy year.

James Buxton (Trustee and Chairman)

ANNEX 2



Thomas Fowell Buxton Society
Treasurer's Report

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period	01-Jan-17	To	31/12/2017
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	322	-	-	322	274
Life Membership	700	-	-	700	800
Presentations	-	-	-	-	240
Donations	3,394	-	-	3,394	7,508
Books	630	-	-	630	520
Badges	34	-	-	34	-
Drapers Hall Dinner	13,750	-	-	13,750	1,525
Bonus Ball	48	-	-	48	1,037
Events	426	-	-	426	137
HMRC Gift Aid	1,312	-	-	1,312	263
HLF Grant	4,900	-	-	4,900	1,188
Other	84	-	-	84	6,785
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,600	-	-	25,600	20,278
Total receipts	25,600	-	-	25,600	20,278
A3 Payments					
Postage (Includes £43 for 2016)	201	-	-	201	-
Venue Rentals	440	-	-	440	130
Coach Hire	-	-	-	-	650
Drapers Hall Dinner	10,243	-	-	10,243	-
Westminster Abbey Exp	30	-	-	30	-
Piano Recital	-	-	-	-	295
Monument Extra Materials	-	-	-	-	1,799
Monument Base and Spine	-	-	-	-	19,211
Monument Build	8,705	-	-	8,705	18,000
Landscaping	3,655	-	-	3,655	-
Information Board Build	1,156	-	-	1,156	-
Information Board Design	240	-	-	240	-
Insurance	392	-	-	392	385
Dedication Ceremony Exp	1,439	-	-	1,439	-
Solicitors Fees	-	-	-	-	509
Catering and Prizes	-	-	-	-	25
Printing	1,501	-	-	1,501	-
Website	98	-	-	98	-
Paypal Fees	1	-	-	1	21
Parking	24	-	-	24	-
Loan Repayment	6,785	-	-	6,785	-
HLF Refund	322	-	-	322	-
Bonus Ball Winners	75	-	-	75	-
Other	44	-	-	44	-
Outstanding at 31/12/2017	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,351	-	-	35,351	41,025
Total payments	35,351	-	-	35,351	41,025
Net of receipts/(payments)	-9,751	-	-	9,751	20,747
A5 Transfers between funds	0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,182	-	-	11,182	31,929
Cash funds this year end	1,431	-	-	1,431	11,182

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Opening Bank Balance 1 Jan 2017	1,431	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,431	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Repair to minor monument damage	Unrestricted Fund	540	01 January 2018

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr John A Fannon	31-Jan-18

John Fannon (Trustee and Treasurer)

Education Issues

Our Society's constitution is "to educate the public about the life and achievements of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, 1818-1837".

1. The Buxton Monument with its information board educates the public each day.
2. Our Commemorative Book's 11 articles tell not only the story of Buxton but the story of the Monument and of our Society. (There are copies of *A Monumental Endeavour: The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society 2010-2017* on sale today at £5 each. – only 73 left out of the original 300). Society badges are priced at 50p small size and £1 large.
3. The Society's excellent online Primary School's Pack is available for teachers to download **free**. It comprises 4 lessons: What is Fairtrade?; Sugar; Sugar and Slavery and Thomas Fowell Buxton and Slavery. Two of our local schools are very enthusiastic and will be using the Pack in association with Fairtrade Fortnight. This initiative replaces the previous visits to schools. If you have any influence with our schools do recommend the Pack.
4. We now have an educational team of presenters: our new leaflet indicates topics and how to contact the individual presenter. Our Society calendar, available today, indicates when and to whom they will be giving their talks. For the first time one will be given to students at Bournemouth University. Another presentation will be to a History Group at Castle Hedingham in Essex, where Buxton was born.
5. Our webmaster has started updating the website; the website is a vital educational tool.

Conclusion: In all these ways we fulfil the educational aim as stated in our constitution. Today we are introducing a new idea. There are half a dozen copies of the Black History Month 2017 presentation on *Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire*. Copies are available on the retail stall priced at £1 each. If this is a success other copies of new presentations will be on offer in the same way at Society events.

Joyce Fannon (Trustee and Education Officer)

ANNEX 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

January	Friday January 12 th : Educational Team presentation at Hope United Reformed Church.
	Monday January 15 th : Educational Team presentation to Civic Society.
February	Tuesday 13 th February, 2pm: TFBS AGM at Community Fire Station Radipole Lane. Our speaker will be Trefor Morgan on <i>“The Growth of Weymouth: changing boundaries”</i> .
	Friday 23 rd February, 1pm: Educational team presentation to Bournemouth University on <i>“Heroes of the Anti-slavery movement”</i> .
March	Thursday 1 st March, 7:45pm: Educational Team presentation to History Society at Castle Hedingham, Essex.
	Friday 23 rd March, 11am: Samuel Mico Service at St Mary’s. (Refreshments at the George Inn after the service - wine and hot cross buns).
April	Easter Monday 2 nd April, 2pm: Commemoration of Buxton’s birthday (Buxton’s birthday, 1 st April falls on Easter Sunday this year and it is not possible to organise an event on this day). A short service will be held followed by the Society laying a floral tribute at the Buxton Monument. Members will be advised to bring a picnic if the weather is fine.
June	Tuesday 19 th June, 7:30pm: Presentation to Southill Home Makers
	Monday 25 th June, 2:30pm: Educational Team presentation to Holy Trinity Women’s Fellowship Group.
	Friday 29 th June, 2:00 pm: 200 th Anniversary Celebration of TFB’s election to Parliament. Presentation at St Mary’s on Georgian Elections to be given by Carl Whitehouse. After a refreshment break, Evensong will be led by him. Refreshments available in the Simeon Room.
August	Saturday 4 th August, Afternoon: Annual Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey at 6:15 pm preceded by a Picnic in Victoria Tower Gardens which starts at 3pm. The Memorial Service follows Evensong.
September	Date and Venue TBA: Garden Party.
October	Thursday 18 th October, at 2pm: Black History Month Presentation. Note: this is an afternoon event. Venue: Weymouth Community Fire Station.
November	Date TBA: Society Educational Team presentation to Probus.
Nov/Dec	Date TBA: Society Dinner with Auction (Weymouth).