

Lit and Phil Report

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Macclesfield Literary and Philosophical Society

Committee Report for 2022 – 23

Committee members: The following committee members have served during the past season:

Lyn Walsh
John Walsh
Roger Noble
Walter Houston
Fleur Houston
Lindy Brett

This was our first season since the pandemic began at which we held all our meetings back at Macclesfield Library. No Zoom meetings were held, although we may still use it in the future for speakers who are a long way off or are unable to travel.

Currently we don't have a permanent secretary and so we would welcome any extra hands on the committee. Please let us know if you can help.

The committee's work includes treasurer, membership, collecting money at the door, serving or organising tea and coffee and biscuits, record keeping, speaker hunting, and publicity. We meet once a month, usually using Zoom, during the season.

We hope you enjoyed last years talks and will enjoy the upcoming ones.

Here is a round-up of last years talks, with dates and attendance:

Date	Attendance	Topic	Speaker
Thu 22 September	18	Exoplanets	Roger Noble
Tue 18 October	26	News	Tony Harcup
Thu 17 November	41	Antikythera Mechanism	Adam Wojcik
Tue 17 January	28	Mary Worsley Montague	Jo Willett
Thu 23 February	31	Idealism and reality	James Tartaglia
Tue 21 March	43	Northern portraits	Brian Groom
Thu 20 April	28	Police and crime	David McCaddon
Tue 23 May	20	Shrewsbury Castle	Nigel Baker
Average	29		

The average attendance of 29 is still somewhat down on pre-pandemic years, but is a big improvement on last year's figure of 19. There was not a significant difference between attendances on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In common with most years the lowest attendances were for the first (September) and last (May) talks. We are considering trying to move the September talk to a slightly later date.

Membership of the society was 29, the same as last season.

Roger Noble
for Macclesfield Literary and Philosophical Society Committee **October 2023**

MACCLESFIELD LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Accounts for Season 14 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
Income	£.p	Expenditure	£.p
Member subscriptions and Guest fees received	1,005.00	Public Liability Insurance	100.80
		Speaker fees and expenses	652.57
		Macclesfield Library room hire @£50 x 6 (to March 2023)	300.00
		HSBC Bank charges for September & October 2022	10.40
Total	1,005.00	Total	1,063.77
Deficit for the season £58.77			

BALANCE SHEET			
Assets		Liabilities	
As at 14 September 2022:		As at 31 July 2023	
Cash float	£ 24.00	Library room hire for April and May 2023 (invoice not yet received)	£100.00
Bank Account:	<u>£1,109.17</u>		
	£1,133.17		
As at 31 July 2023:			
Cash float	£ 24.00		
Bank Account:	<u>£1,050.40</u>		
	£1,074.40		
Net assets as at 31 July 2023 £974.40			

Examiner: Richard Todd Treasurers: Thab Wald Date: 9 October 2023
27-9-23.