**CPLHG AGM Wednesday 19th October 2022**

**Chairman’s Report for 2021-2022**

We have had a full programme of varied and interesting talks since Alan Pilbeam’s wonderful ‘Gloucestershire Paths’ in October last year through to Camilla and John’s fascinating one about this Christ Church last month. July saw a group of members having a lovely walk around Oakridge guided by John Loosley. There are reports on all of them on our website – just Google CPLHG. The first use of our new clip-on microphone was with Sue Jones in the Frith Youth Centre in June and was great and I am hoping that we have now sorted out the small problems we had in September.

I would like to give a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to everyone on the Committee for their many contributions and I would especially like to thank our Secretary Hilary and Treasurer John who between them really share the main burdens of running the Group.

In June, Vesta and I went to visit Margaret Mills and after a nice cup of coffee came away with hundreds more of Mike’s slides, prints and negatives. A group of us are busy most Wednesday mornings sorting and cataloguing them. Storage is becoming a problem – if anyone has some ideas, I would be most grateful.

In July, Pete Drover contributed to the Stroud Local History Society exhibition at the Museum in the Park with a display about The Ram in Bussage.

*Return to War*, about WWII in this area, is not strictly one of our Group books. However, it was published in November 2021 and, having covered its costs, we will shortly be making a donation of over £1,300 to the Royal British Legion.

*Brownshill and Bussage Heritage Trail*, under Hilary and Camilla’s guidance, was published earlier this year in June and is available at the usual places – Eastcombe Stores, Chalford Village Shop and The Parish Centre.

*Chalford Parish in 42 Stories* and *Chalford Heritage Trail* have been reprinted and so are also available.

The other main activity has been to catalogue the Fred Hammond Collection at the Gloucestershire Archives. Starting in February, several members joined the weekly sessions to first sort the documents in the 45 boxes [that was two full days work] and then catalogue them directly into the Archive online catalogue Epexio – fortunately, not sheet by sheet but at what is known as ‘Item level’. This was completed in August and is now live in their online catalogue – with a reference to us at Chalford Parish Local History Group for doing the work.

We now have a new project! We need help from as many members as possible. We have in mind to publish another book similar to *Chalford Parish in 42 Stories* – a miscellany of chapters about any topic of interest to do with the local history of the area, this time we have widened the area to include Eastcombe as well. Please see any of the Committee if can offer to help with this. We have no publishing date in mind at the moment.

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**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer (John Dawson) reported that CPLHG had operated at a small loss over the past 2 years due to lower income during Covid 19. The loss was offset by sales of publications. With the modest rise in attendance fee for the forthcoming year it is hoped we will balance the books.

**Elections**

The Committee was re-elected unanimously.

Hilary Burgess

Secretary