

Wickham Skeith History & Film Group
Chairman's Report to APM Mon 14 May 2018

Our finances are in a good state and income & expenditure were closely matched this year. However, this does mask a longer term decline in attendances which does cause us some concern. My thanks go to Ann Syrett, our treasurer, & to Rosie Bassett who checked the accounts.

Our entrance fee, which has been at £2 now for 12 years & is our only source of income as we don't have membership fees, would not cover our costs if we did not have some "home-grown" productions. We celebrated 100 years of the Village Hall Trustees last May & in September Kevin Knights told us about the archaeological dig at Hoxne in 1978. In January we had an emotional evening when Alistair showed his video of interviews with Charmion Pearmain.

We've also had a varied selection of outside speakers. Horry Parsons has been twice telling us about his experiences in charge of building the Millennium Tower in Bury; Chris Turland took us on a nostalgic ride through the history of road transport in Suffolk. We also had two talks with links to WWII: Mike Levy told the moving story of the Jewish kindertransport children who stayed at the Dovercourt holiday camp & Geoffrey Kay talked about the American Airforce in East Anglia.

We had 2 summer visits: a small group had a fascinating evening viewing Mike Baker's collection of large stationary engines at Surwood Farm & in August we spent an afternoon finding out about Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich.

Finally, many thanks to all of you who support us & to the committee, for their continued help over the last year.

Pete Davidson

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**Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 28 Feb 2018**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Entrance Fees	342.10	Speakers & Presentation Fees	237.00
		Hall Hire	108.00
Total Income	342.10	Total Expenditure	345.00

Balance Sheet at 28 Feb 2018

	£		£
History Fund as at 28 Feb 2017	643.79	Bank Account	630.07
Excess Expenditure over Income	-2.90	Cash Account	10.82
Total as at 28 Feb 2017	640.89		640.89