

2013 – 14 TREASURER'S REPORT

I will start by personally thanking Marion Yeldham, who is retiring from the Committee after serving for over twelve years as Vice Chairman of the Society. She has, at all times, been cheerful and uncomplaining and it has been a pleasure serving along side her. In addition to the normal Vice Chairman's duties, Marion has been the first to volunteer when other tasks arise and has for many years written regular reports on presentations at the monthly meetings of the Society for publication in the quarterly magazines. She will be sorely missed and a hard act to follow. Luckily she is remaining a member of the Society and will still attend the monthly meetings, although perhaps not quite so often and because she chooses to rather than thinking she has to.

At a recent meeting the Committee agreed that the time had come for an increase in the Society's subscription, details will be discussed later as a separate item on the agenda.

As you will see from the copies of the balance sheets there has been an increase in income and a decrease in expenditure leading to an overall improvement to the Society's finances.

Subscription income is higher due to a small increase in membership, the first for five years. A large microfiche order for almost £160 was a welcome surprise and turned what would have been a reduction in their sales to an increase. Unfortunately meeting donations were down, but this was more than offset by the profit on raffle tickets sales at the meetings, thanks to the donations of prizes by members.

Turning now to expenditure: More has been spent on postage mainly due to a stock of 250 second class stamps being purchased in April. The lower costs of printing have been brought about by not being charged by the printer for the September magazine and by more being done on computers by members of the Committee - mainly Terry - hence the increase in the cost of printer cartridges. The large reduction in the cost of hiring the room for the monthly meetings is thanks to the strong bargaining powers of your Secretary in negotiating with St. Hugh's after there being no heating at the December meeting. It is no real surprise that speakers' fees have increased as their costs increase every year.

You will have noticed that I have not commented on each individual item as the figures speak for themselves, but if anyone has any questions I will be happy to answer them.

After which may I ask that the accounts be accepted as presented.

Keith Feltham.

