

Cappagh Historical Society

Chairman's Report April 2022 to March 2023

The Society met for the first time on Monday 17th October 2022 following the Covid19 Coronavirus Pandemic when we didn't meet for two and a half years. It was good for everyone to meet up again after such a long time. Sympathy was expressed at the loss of three of our members, Patrick McKenna, Theresa Monaghan and Harold Livingston.

One of the matters discussed was the closure of the local Dunmullan Primary School which had been attended by generations of local families over many years. Also the strong community feeling that the School Bell, which is part of our heritage, should be kept in the local area in a suitable place where it could be easily viewed. The care of the local air crash sites all came under discussion and the need to find volunteers to keep it tidy and maintained. Sheena McClure spoke at our November meeting on the digitising of the Cappagh Church Births, Marriages and Deaths records and encouraged others to get involved. A letter of concern was sent to the local Council regarding grass cutting at the ancient Graveyard at Dunmullan. Tircur School was another topic. Book sales and places to leave books where they could be accessed by the public were discussed.

We had a very enjoyable get together over Christmas lunch with the Glens Seniors' Group on 6th December 2022. It was so nice for folk to meet and sing carols and chat together over a lovely meal after the long spell of lockdown. One of our members, Helen Wilson produced a book 'The Wilsons of Tattykeel' which included some history of Mountjoy. Our AGM was held on 16th January 2023. This covered the Society's Accounts for the period 2019 to 2022. We are grateful to our Independent Verifier, Mrs Dorothy Roles for examining our Accounts each year. At our AGM Kenny Beattie gave us an interesting account of his experience of opening up his home the previous year and providing accommodation and help to some Ukranian refugees.

Our first year back concluded with the March meeting. Attendance in this first year varied between 6 and 12 people at our meetings and we welcomed new members.

Robin Johnston
Chairman



20th November 2023