

Manchester Microscopical & Natural History Society



145th Annual General Meeting

Held at Manchester University Medical School
on Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7.30pm

- Members present:** Mike Mahon (President/Meetings), Phil Slatter (Treasurer), John Charlton (Slides), Stewart Thompson, Graham Marsh, Chris Power, Ronald Powell
- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (144th) held on 14th March 2024 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising:** Noted that the intended April 2024 meeting at Liverpool World Museum was cancelled due to a strike at the museum.
- 4. President's Report (MM):** Last season finished with an excellent outreach event at Etherow Park in June. Members were updated on this season's events, namely the highly successful move to all day Saturday meetings. Oct Meeting (Visit to Bioimaging and EM Facility, Talk on Blood Cells) - Nov (Phase Contrast, Gibson Slide Collection), Feb (Measurement in Microscopy, Slide Making for Low Power), Mar (Thursday evening AGM & Pollen Slide making). Updates to web site links and images were noted as well as the new MMS flyer for publicity. The President also thanked Mr Stephen Lindsay-Smith (Anatomy Manager) for his continued assistance in arranging the meeting rooms, equipment storage and parking. Members of the Oldham Microscopical and Natural History Society were thanked for their continued support and it was hoped that MMS members would reciprocate. Members noted that we have had no contact with our Membership Secretary nor Newsletter Editor for some time and have no Librarian therefore becoming overly reliant on the President. It was suggested that the President documented current duties, contacts etc so that members could assist.
- 5. Secretary's Report (DH):** None
- 6 Treasurer's Report (PS):** A detailed written report was provided and approved: Finances continued to remain healthy (£6066.38) slightly less than the previous year. Suggest subscriptions remain at zero for now. The Treasurer also noted Lloyds Bank have introduced a monthly maintenance fee (£4.25) so £5500 has been transferred into the Lloyds Commercial Instant Access account which has a small interest payment.
- 7. Subscriptions for 2025/26:** Agreed, no subscriptions next season.

- 8. Librarian's Report:** None. Vacancy.
- 9. Slide Curator's Report:** John Charlton reported that no further slides were received this year.
- 10. Meeting Organiser's Report:** Remaining events this Season
April 12th 2025: Liverpool World Museum to display for World Microscope Day 400– volunteers welcome.
May 17th 2025: Phil Slatter has arranged a Field Trip Meeting & Display
July 2nd 2025: Meetup at MMC event at Manchester Central Etherow Country Park/Sailing Club Rooms. Volunteers welcome.
MMS Meetings this year had been advertised on the Quekett website and Journal. Meeting reports were now placed on our website.
Meetings were to continue on Saturdays, topics were requested. Agreed should include Polarising Microscopy and Geology, Focus Stacking, plus explore Museum visit, joint Meeting with Oldham, Surgical microscopes and Outreach events such as Etherow trip. MM also requested suggestions for celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2030.
- 11: Newsletter Editor's Report:** None.
- 12. Election of Officers:**
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| President | Mike Mahon (President + Meetings) re-elected. |
| Secretary | Derek Haworth (Membership) to be contacted |
| Treasurer | Phil Slatter (Treasurer) re-elected. |
| Ordinary Members (4) | John Charlton (Curator) re-elected.
James Battersby (Newsletter) to be contacted
Vacant (Librarian).
Vacant (Events). |
- 13. Any Other Business:** None

Meeting ended at 9.45pm & included a talk and demo on making slides of Pollen by John Charlton. Additional contributions on Zeiss high speed 4D lightfield plenoptic imaging of Pollen (Chris Power) and the availability of a library of 3D pollen images (Mike Mahon). Graham Marsh asked for any information regarding Joseph Bancroft Reade. A smartphone macro/micro adapter was also demonstrated.