

# Oct 2016

Notes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting 7 Sep 2016

At our AGM the Chairman's Report showed just how much work the Milton Abbas Local History Group had done in the previous year. That said, there is still an enormous amount of work still to do. Ten of our members gave presentations to the group in this past season, whilst others have brought along objects of historical interest.

With our Old Town of Middleton Project under way there will be even more to do! However we do have ten enthusiastic members who are busy (or should be!) working on this. Our initial findings show that there was a great deal of movement of people - very few of the names here in 1770 occur in the 1841 census or the 17th century lists. It is fascinating to read the old documents such as the Overseers of the Poor, Wills, Churchwarden Accounts, Protestation Returns etc.

We have been fortunate in having two recent deposits of archives. Firstly Peter Traskey has sent us his documents on Milton Abbas, and photographs of the objects he collected whilst he was at Milton Abbey School, including fragments of beautifully coloured Roman mosaic flooring. Secondly Jane Butler (nee Sturdey) had a suitcase of newspaper cuttings, sale documents and photos which we have yet to catalogue.

For the forthcoming season we are planning an exhibition in the Reading Rooms, an exchange visit to Cerne Abbas Historical Society, and more presentations and tours from our members.

Why not join us in our adventures!

Our next meeting will include a presentation by Ron Karley, formerly Head of Milton Abbas 1st School.:

**Wed 5 Oct 2016, 19:30 Reading Rooms**

Please come along to see what we are up to, or to reminisce about the village school..