Glemsford Local History Society report 2021-22

The old Chinese saying “may you live in interesting times” certainly applies to the past year for the History Society. Despite the inevitable disruption caused by that-which-must-not-be-named, the committee valiantly decided to go ahead with our programme, even though our usual venue in the school hall was unavailable. Our treasurer, being a man of means, negotiated the use of the Social Club, for which we were very grateful. There were some technical difficulties which somehow we rose above, and we were pleased to resume our programme in the school hall for our AGM in November. Perhaps because of the past years and all its travails, the Christmas social seemed to go very well, as if everyone was determined to have a chuckle and lift any remains of the blanket of gloom which has been hanging around for so long. The New Year started with two excellent presentations by Nick Black and our old friend, Ashley Cooper who dished out his usual prizes to those who could accurately answer his questions.

The true test of our society is the membership. Not only do we have a loyal following, but we have gained new members, with numbers now into the seventies. This is a tribute to the work of the committee and the much-appreciated co-operation of the school where Kelly has been an absolute star. Our latest excellent publication by Stephanie, an enlightening stroll through traditional recipes, continues to sell like hot cakes, if you’ll excuse the pun. So we face the year ahead with some confidence, aware that there may be further difficulties but determined to carry on with the Society’s development. Take a look at the website and our Facebook page, with special thanks to Keith but also to Hugh, Pete, Anne and Rowena. Our rock is undoubtedly Margaret, our secretary, who manages to organise nearly every aspect of our events, but every member of the committee plays their part. We look forward with confidence but never complacency to continuing to bring alive the history of our village, its surroundings and its connections.

Rowan Cain - Chairman