

## STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE SOCIETY REPORT 2018

This past year has seen the Stalbridge Archive Society put on a formal basis with the election of a committee of seven including a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer We also have a written constitution. On March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 we held our first Annual General Meeting at the Hub.

We thank the Town Council for their continued support and the provision of a larger cupboard in the Tim Stone room. We continue to meet weekly on a Wednesday morning to record the material that regularly comes to us from members of the public. We are always happy to receive any records, paper work, photographs etc. anything that tells us more about the History of the Parish of Stalbridge . Don't forget History begins yesterday.

We have staged two exhibitions in the last year on local businesses and church records both at the Hub, we also had two visits to the Primary School one for an exhibition of school photographs and one for a History walk with year six.

In March we had a very interesting and informative visit to the Parliamentary Archive when we saw the never ending job of persevering our National Heritage.

We continue to raise funds from the sale of booklets and donations with which to purchase archival materials.

We are also providing information from the archive for the Stalbridge History Society exhibition in September on the sale of the Stalbridge Estate in 1918.

Twice a year we attend meetings of the Dorset Museums Group where we have made useful contacts and an exchange of material and information.