

**Museum Management Working Group
Meeting 24th April 2019
Museum Society Chairman's Report**

The Resilient Heritage Application was duly agreed by the Heritage Lottery Fund in March. The notice of the award came as some surprise as we had expected the process to take longer. The Societies' Development Committee meet on the 16th April.

Keith Eden was co-opted by the Board as a Director until the Societies next AGM when he will be proposed to serve for a term of three years. He will replace Paul Salvidge at the next MMWG. We have also been able through the Uttlesford Recorders to find a Minute Secretary, Alice Winter, who will be appointed at the next Board Meeting on the 30th April.

You may already be aware that Brian Newman, MBE, died on Saturday 9th March, aged 86. Brian joined the Management Committee of the Society in 1963 having been appointed by the Saffron Walden Borough Council. A new constitution was agreed in 1976 following the creation of Uttlesford District Council and Brian became a Society appointee on the revised Management Committee. Brian became Vice-Chairman in July 1975 and chaired his first meeting in June 1976 following which he became Chairman in January 1977. His role as Chairman came to an end in October 2004, a period of 27 years. Brian remained a member of the Management Committee until this was dissolved in August 2013 after which he was appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society in recognition of his long service.

The preview of the latest exhibition "Living with History" held on the 15th February was well attended. This exhibition invites you to take a step back in time and look at the ancient origins of the Uttlesford district's main centres, and the influences on their rise or decline, from Roman to Tudor times. Chesterford was the main Roman town at that time, while Dunmow developed because of its convenient location on a main road. Newport and Walden vied for supremacy as the local market centre in the Norman period, and Hatfield Broad Oak was a thriving medieval market town. Carolyn Wingfield was thanked for the creation of this project in a very short space of time, although well supported both by Museum staff and Society volunteers.

Tony Watson