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MINUTE BOOK OF
THE HATHERN
EQUITABLE & PROVIDENT
FRIENDLY SOCIETY
1837 - 1877

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ESTABLISHED 23 OCTOBER 1837

1st Monthly Meeting - 4 December 1837

Present Mr SBFoster; Henry Meecham?; with Thomas Storer; JTollington; Ths Sibson jnr?; JSRoper & John Keetley proposing to become benefit members of this Society.

1. It was agreed that Mr Hunt of Loughborough be applied to to become one of the surgeons of the Institution and that the secretary do write to him to that effect.
2. That if Mr hunt Agrees to the proposal the names of the persons wishing to become Benefit Members of this Society be transmitted to him and that he? determine as to their general state of health and elligibility as members.
3. Agreed that, should Mr Hunt decline the proposal to become a surgeon of this Society, then application be made to Mr Dean of Loughborough to undertake the office.

ETMPPhillips - secretary

The Meeting of 18 December 1837

Present: Thomas Sibson; JRoper; J Tollington; JKeetly; ETMPPhillips (Provisional Sec)

1. It was reported by the Secretary that Mr Hunt had accepted the office of surgeon to the Institution and that he had examined Thomas Storer; GStorer; Thomas Sibson Jnr; JRoper; JTollington; JKeetly jnr; proposing them as members of the club recommended for that purpose. Mr SBFoster & ETMPPhillips agreed to certification of their good state of health No 1
2. It was likewise reported that Emma Wilkins? to SBFoster proposing to become a member of the club & recommended by Mr SFoster & ETMPPhillips referred to Mr Hunt for examination but that his report had not been recorded.
3. It was further stated to the members that Emily Bennett of Hathern age 20 & Elizabeth Bennett of ditto age 17 and Ho....? Hickens of Zouch Mills age 17 had proposed themselves members of this club.
4. Resolved that the monthly payments commence with the year 1838 but that to send payment on.....as pracicable to the members, the Doctor's money with the first entrance is paid by the enrolled member next club night (January 29)? double monthly payments to be made in February.

ETMPPhillips - secretary

3rd Monthly Meeting 29 January 1838

Present: SBFoster; JRoper; THomas Sibson; JTollington; Thomas & G Storer; ETMP

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

1. It was reported that nothing had been done upon the proposal of Emily Bennett & Elizabeth Bennett & Co.....? Heckin because their proposal had nor received the recommendation of two benefit members - this recommendation was supplied by two of the members present.
2. Reported that Emma Wilkins had been examined and proposed by Mr Hunt but that his certification had not? been recorded. Resoved that she be accepted as a member.....to commence her payments.
3. Resolved that until a regular committee can be formed, every person's name proposing to become a member of the Society shall be presented to the meeting, recommended by two benefit members & referred to the surgeon for examination, if no valid objection is made to their admission.
4. Received from JKelly; JRoper: Thomas Storer; GStorer; JTollinton; Thomas Sibson paid & Emma Wilkinson 3/6d eachbeing from each 1/- entrance money and 2/6d for the Doctor.
5. The following persons having proposed to become members of the Club & being recommended by two benefit members, resolved that they be referred to Mr Hunt for examination & accepted as members if approved by him viz. Thomas Adkin; GKirk of Thorpe Acre; William Clarke; George Randon; Samuel Morton; AWatts; Elizabeth Marden; LSManton; Ann Manton & Ann Wilton.
6. Received 1/3d from Thomas Keetly for his son John Keetly under 3 years - to receive £10 when 14. Received also 6d from Thomas Storer for a *book of articles?* and 6d from SBFoster for another.

ETMPPhillips - Sec

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4th Monthly Meeting 26 February 1838

1. Reported that the persons proposed as members last Club night had not yet been examined by the surgeon then admission be deferred till the next night.
2. Reported that in addition to the former candidates Mary Freeman & Ann Freeman of Zouch Mills are desirous of becoming members and also Mary Davenport wife of Henry Davenport - framework knitter.
3. Reported that CPhillips esq & EDawson esq, Mr RBoyer, Mr EBoyer, Mr RSmith of Dishley, & Mr JFoster of *Zouch Mill* ? had promised to become Honorary Members of the Club as also Miss EPhillips of Hathern.....? with Mr SB Foster & ETMPhillips.....?
4. Received from Thomas Storer 2 monthly payments 2/9d, Emma Wilkins ditto 1/8d and from Thomas Keetly in subscription for his son 1/3d.

ETMPhillips - secretary

5th Monthly Meeting 26 March 1838

Present: Mr SB Foster etc

1. Enrolled the names of GKirk, GRandon, Sarah Morton, Ann Watts, Amelia Bennett, Eliza Bennett, Caroline Heckin, Mary Davenport.
2. Certificates of general health were also given by the surgeon to Mr Adkin, Wm Clarke, Elizabeth Mendin, Mary Freeman & Ann Freeman - but the first was reported to demur - the 2nd decided to delay until another night - the 3rd doubted about joining the Society as she was about to leave the Town - the last two wished to delay till another night.
3. Edwaed Manton & Ann Manton desired to delay their becoming members until a future time: to Ann Wilton the surgeon declined giving a certificate of general health.
4. Entrance money & the Doctor's money was paid by the enrolled members amounting to 8s and £1 (£1 - 8 - 0d)
Premiums were paid amounting to 11/4d & 2/1 for 4 books of.....?
5. Resolved that the Honorary Members be requested to name their respective subscriptions and to pay the same to the Treasurer.

ETMPhillips - secretary

6th Monthly Meeting 30th April 1838

Present: Mr SB Foster etc.

1. Enrolled the names of Mary Freeman & received proposals of admission from Jane Attenboro' & Susan Follows: subsequently from Mary *Tailby*? & Ann Hillyer.
2. Mr Foster reported that Mr RSmith of Dishley would become an annual subscription of 10/- the same also of Mr TFoster of Ticknall of Mr Foster of Hathern & of himself the secretary reported an annual subscription of £1 - 1s from CPhillips esq, of 5/- from Miss Phillips & of £2 from himself.
3. Entrance money was paid by Mary Freeman and the Doctor's money - Premiums were paid amounting to 15/4d & subscriptions from Honorary Members amounting to £6 - 4 - 10d.

ETMPhillips - secretary

7th Monthly Meeting 28 May 1838

Present: Mr SB Foster - treasurer etc

1. It was reported that the surgeon had given certificates of general health to James Attenboro', Susan Follows & Ann Hillier.
2. Mrs Adkin, Ann Freeman, Susan Follows & Ann Hillier having paid their entrance money? & be enrolled (NB certificate of health in respect of the two were tendered March 26.)
3. No further report was read respecting the subscription of Honorary Members.
4. Receipts this month for Premiums 16/5d. Entrance money 4/- Doctor's money 10/- .
Total £1 - 10 - 5d

NB H son of JSmith was proposed to become a member of the Society.

ETMPhillips - secretary

8th Monthly Meeting 25 June 1838

Present: Mr SBFoster

1. It was reported that the surgeon had given certificates of health to JSmith aged 13 years next birthday & it was agreed to admit him as a member upon the same scale of payment attaching to those under 15 years. This payment being the lowest on our tables.
2. Jane Attenboro' & Jos Smith having paid their entrance and doctor's money were ordered to be enrolled.
3. It was reported that Mr RBoyer & Mr EBoyer had agreed to become Honorary & would become subscribers of 10/- each.
4. Receipts this month in Premiums 18/2d Entrance 2/- Doctor's money 5/- Fines $\frac{3}{4}$ d
Total £1 - 5 - $2\frac{3}{4}$ d

At a special general meeting of the members of this Club convened to perfect(?) the institutions of the Club as to committee of management & officers.

It was recorded

1st. that the committee of management for the present year do consist of the following persons.

Honorary Members

CMPhillips esq

EDawson esq

Mr RBoyer

Mr RSmith

Mr TFoster

Mr EBoyer

Benefit Members

Thomas Storer

Jas Roper

TKeetley

GRandom

Thomas Adkin

Thomas Sibson

2nd that the following persons do sit as Investors(?) for the security of the property of the Club

CMPhillips esq

EDawson esq

Mr RBoyer

Mr EBoyer

3rd. that the following persons be appointed as visitors to the sick members of the Club

Male Visitors

TKeetly

Jas Roper

Thomas Storer

Female visitors

Susan Follows

Sarah Morton

Ann Hillier

4th. that the appointment of auditors of accounts be deferred till the monthly Club meeting in November

that the appointment of a Clerk as assistant Secretary be deferred till the services of such an officer be found necessary.

& that the appointment already made of Mr Foster to be the Treasurer & of ETMPhillips to be Secretary be confirmed.

9th Monthly Meeting 30 July 1838

Present: the Secretary & the Committee

1. It was reported that Ann Watts had received a week's pay 4/- No 15

2. Receipts this month Premiums 18/2d Fines $\frac{3}{4}$ d

ETMPhillips - Secretary

10th Monthly Meeting 27 August 1838

1. It was reported that Ann Watts had received 2 weeks pay 4/-

Also that Ann Freeman No 19 had received 3 weeks pay

2. Receipts this month Premiums £1 - 1 - $5\frac{3}{4}$ d Fines $3\frac{3}{4}$ d Total £1 - 1 - $9\frac{1}{2}$ d

ETMPhillips - Secretary

11th Monthly Meeting 1838

1. It was reported that Ann Freeman had received a 4th week's pay.
2. Receipts this month £1- 1- 0¹/₂d Fines 3¹/₂d Total £1 -1- 4d.
3. Elizabeth Taylor age 28 last birthday proposed thereon as member? for 4/- sick pay & £4 at death? -also William Adkin - 15 Sept '27 - but the amount of indetermined as his are uncertain.

ETMPPhillips

12th Monthly Meeting 29 October 1838

1. Receipts this month for Premiums £1- 0- 6¹/₂d Fines 2³/₄d Total £1- 0- 9¹/₄d
2. William Adkin was admitted a member & paid the doctor's money & entrance 1/-? for 4/- sick pay £2 funeral money.

Elizabeth Taylor deferred - Total payments £1- 4- 3¹/₄d

ETMPPhillips

13th Monthly Meeting 26 November 1838

The Secretary gave notice that Ann Freeman had been guilty of great irregularity in respect of her claims for sick pay & requested that it might be referred to the Committee of Female Visitors to enquire into the case & report upon it. Agreed to.

1. Receipts this month for Premiums £1- 5- 4³/₄d Fines 6d Total £1- 5- 10³/₄d

ETMPPhillips

14th Monthly Meeting 31 December 1838

The case of Ann Freeman was considered. It was found that whilst she was making a demand on the Club for full sick-pay she went of Loughborough on the day of the statutes & went into? immediately on expecting her demand for such sick-pay. Resolved that by such conduct she has forfeited all right to be regarded any longer as a member of the Club: but that in consideration of her youth & ignorance, she be permitted to remain a member. At the same time the managing committee will not allow her to receive any pay for the weeks thus past - tho' they will not disallow a just application for sick-pay when she is again visited with sickness. They would admonish her however to keep strictly to the rules of the Club, as she would wish to continue a member.

2. The Secretary having reported that Thomas sibson had suffered the seventh month.....? without paying up his arrears & fines, I had thereby inspected his assurances. Resolved that he be informed that the Club is willing to continue him a member if he will make a fixed arrangement to pay up his arrears & fines & adhere to it, but that he can receive no pay in sickness or other advantage from the Club until those arrears are paid up.

3. A representation having been made as to the inconvenience of paying up the doctor's money to a single payment. The Secretary had applied to the surgeon to know whether he would consent to receive it quarterly - that to this Mr Hunt had readily consented. Resolved that for the future the money due to the doctor be paid by quarterly installments of 7¹/₂d. - that the days of payment be the Club nights in January/April/July & October & that notice be given to the members accordingly.

4. The Secretary having represented to the Club that he had perused the books recommended by the Commission for the Management of the Accounts of such Institutions as their own? the printing of the Society's articles, considerable expense had been incurred - resolved that £5 be paid to the Secretary on account of these expenses & that it be requested to make? copies of the Articles now in his possession. (200).

5. Some of the Honorary Members of the Society having expressed a wish to give a dinner to those members on its anniversary. Resolved that the anniversary be held on January the 14th - that Mr Boss' offer to preside at the dinner be thankfully accepted & that the members be insisted to partake of it at 2 o'clock on the above day, in the School room.

6. Amount of money received - Premiums £1- 5- 5³/₄d Fines 3³/₄d Total £1- 5- 9¹/₂d

ETMPPhillips - Sec

14th January 1839

The resolution of the last meeting of the Club on 31st December was carried into effect with respect to the dinner to which the members were to be invited. The members assembled to the number of 21 (inclusion of three Honorary members) & dined together at 2 o'clock. Mr Boss of the Anchor providing the dinner. After dinner the annual statement of accounts was read to the members. When it appeared that the receipts had amounted to £29- 12- 7¹/₄d the expnces of the surgeon - assurances paid & account books for the secretary to £9- 5- 6d. Leaving a balance in favour of the Society of £20- 7- 0¹/₄d. Beside the value of 210 copies of books & articles = at 6d £5- 5- 0d. It was pressed upon the members to take all pains in increasing the number of the members - & to observe due regularity in all cases of sickness.

1. Give notice to the clerk that you are sick & require pay
2. He will give a? note to be taken to the doctor requiring his attendance, & a blank certificate for the doctor to sign according to circumstances when he has visited his patient.
3. When the doctor has signed the certificate let it be taken to one of the visitors who will? the money (a week's pay from the day of notice) & bring it from the Treasurer to the sick member.
The visitor will at the same time leave another blank certificate to be signed by the doctor for the ensuing week's pay if required - But every member must remember that no week's pay will be issued without the warrant of such a certificate.
4. Every member must conform to the rules in respect of staying generally at home & abstaining from all work until the doctor gives permission to go out and engage in some employment.

It was further stated to the members that when anyone wished to become a member of the Club, he must be directed to give information of it to the Club who will take the proposal down in writing & give it to the applicant to procure the signature of two members as recommending his or her admittance. When their signatures have been obtained the person applying for admittance will bring the paper again to the clerk who will give him a blank certificate and direct him to apply to the doctor for examination as to his or her state of health. If the doctor after examination signs the certificate the applicant will bring it back to the Clerk who on the next Club night will submit the proposal to the members for their vote. If voted in, the member will be immediately enrolled & required to pay 1/- entrance & a quarter pay to the doctor of 7¹/₂d. & on the succeeding Club night the 1st premium on his assurances.

ETMPhillips

1st Meeting of the Year 7th January 1839

1. Read the minutes of the last meeting & the minutes of the anniversary meeting
2. Admitted 7 new members viz: Thomas Bennett? on behalf of his son; William A.....? Clarke; Maria Fisher?; Eliza Watts; Eliza Bates; Samuel Farras; & John Bowley
2. Deferred to another night Frances Hunt & Elizabeth Taylor
3. Total receipts of the month £2- 5- 1¹/₄d of which £1- 3- 11³/₄d was for premiums; 6/- for entrance & 15/- doctor's money - also 1¹/₂d for fines.

ETMPhillips - sec

2nd Meeting of the 2nd Year 25th February 1839

1. Received proposals from nine persons for admittance as benefit members of the Club; viz Mary Swift; Elizabeth Dexter; Elizabeth Caldwell; Sarah Wain; Ann Morton; Edward Davenport; Mary Hickinbottom; Elizabeth Hickinbottom; Ann Davenport - all accepted excepting Elizabeth Hickinbottom who, being only 13 years of age, was deferred till another year.
2. Books of articles are bought by E Dexter; Eliz Caldwell & Eliz Henkins
3. Proposals for admission were made by Ellen Long; John Roper; Jas Roper; Mary Randon - and being recommended by 2 members they are referred to the doctor for examination. It was also intimated that GHurd & Jas Hickling asked to become members.
4. the receipts of the month were £2- 14- 6¹/₂d of which £1- 11- 9¹/₄d was for premiums 8/- for entrance, 11/3d for doctor's money - 2/0¹/₂d fines & 1/6d for books of articles.

ETMPhillips - sec

NB. the persons admitted as above had all been duly recommended & proposed by the surgeon

3ed Meeting of the 2nd Year 25th March 1839

1. the secretary reported that proposals had been made by William Berrington, resident in Hathern; & William Hinchcliffe, resident at Zouch Mills for admission to the Club - as also from Jas Hickling. All taken? (they being duly recommended by 2 Benefit members) were referred to the surgeon for examination. As was also William Hickinbottom on the same application.
2. Reported - William Hickinbottom; Jas Hickling; Ellen Long & John Boyer had brought the requisite Certificate from the doctor - then they are received as members to be enrolled - which was done.
3. Money received this month £1- 15- 0d viz by premiums paid £1- 7- 1d, doctor's money 3/9d, fines 2d, entrance money 4/-

ETMPhillips - sec

NB. the persons who have been referred to the doctor but from whom certificates have not yet been received are Jas Roper; Mary Randon; William Berrington & William Hinchcliffe.

4th Meeting Of the 2nd Year April

1. the secretary reported that Jas Roper; William Hinchcliffe; & MRandon had been examined & certificated by the doctor and were admitted as members &ed? to be enrolled. Which was done.
2. Premiums received from members this month £2- 0- 0d doctor's money £1. Entrance for the above new members 5/- Fines 8¹/₄d sales of articles 6d Total £3- 4- 10¹/₄d

ETMPhillips - sec

NB. William Berrington declined membership

5th & 6th Meetings of the 2nd Year were simply financial statements with no new applications for membership.

NB I do not intend to transcribe the financial statements of the meetings as they do not provide any significant insights and take considerable time.

7th Meeting of the 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary stated that Elizabeth Hack a servant in his house wished to become a member of the Club assured for 4/- sick pay & £4 funeral money and was referred to the doctor for examination.

8th Meeting 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary stated that Elizabeth Hack proposed as a member of the Club had been examined by the doctor who had certified to her good state of health. Then she was voted for & elected as member.

2. The Secretary stated that Thomas Keetley of Hathern to ensure on behalf of his daughter Mary Ann Keetley - an infant under 2 years of age - assurance for £18 when arrived at the age of 14 years. Accepted for the monthly payment of 2-0³/₄d.

3. Ann Roper was now a servant at Leicester proposed to become a member of the Society.
4/- weekly sick pay & £4 at death - ordered to be referred to the doctor for examination.

9th Meeting 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary reported that Ann Roper had received a certificate of health from the doctor then she was voted for & elected as a member.

2. Charles Hall was reported as having proposed to become a member Charlott Hoult of Hathern - widow. Ordered to be referred to the doctor.

10th Meeting 28 October 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary reported that Charles Hall & Charlotte Hoult had received a certificate of general health from the doctor when they were voted for and elected as members.

2. William Tympurly? (tailor?) of Loughborough made proposals for admission as a member of the Club & being recommended by 2 members was referred to the doctor.

4. Ann Clarke wife of William A Clarke already a member of the Society made her proposal for admittance - referred to the surgeon with a special reference to an illness she had had about a year ago.

11th Meeting 25 November 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary reported that William Temperly? of Loughborough & ann Clarke wife of William Clarke had been certificated by the surgeon as of sound health. They were accepted by the Committee as members & ordered to be enrolled accordingly.

2. It was stated by GKirk that John Mee of Thorpe Acre wished to become a member of the Club. Ordered that he do make his proposal to the Secretary in proper form.

12th Meeting 30 December 2nd Year 1839

1. The Secretary reported that GKirk & JMee & Elizabeth Taylor had been certificated by the surgeon as of sound health - when the Committee accepted the two former but wished that the latter case to stand over to the next meeting. The two persons were ordered to be enrolled accordingly which was done when they paid their entrance money and 1/2d for the doctor.

2. It was reported that John Clarke had not as yet received from the Surgeon his certificate of health.

2nd Anniversary Meeting of the Club 13 January 1840

The members dined together in the School room - 36 in number. 18 men & 18 females. The absent members were 7 in service, one at Leicester, 3 being infants, 3 declining to attend & 2 not invited.

After dinner the usual statement was read to the members showing the? fund had difrayed all expenses & that their was a surplus fund in hand amounting to half of the whole amount of premiums paid by the several members for their assurances & that there was therefore every probability that the Society would be able to discharge for several years to cover all expenses & all payments to members out of its? fund & might justly be considered as really rich.

At the same time the Secretary read to the members a list of various measures which the Committee recommended for their adoption.

1st that a female sub-committee be appointed for the selection of female members to the Club.

2nd that previous to the enrolment of any member his certificate of general health must have been returned to the Club for at least 7 days previously.

3rd that upon receiving said certificate the Club shall immediately inform the electing committee who shall fix a day of meeting - & determine on the case or defer them? & report what they have done at the next meeting.

4th that for the future the six benefit members of the general committee be chosen by rotation from the members of the Club in the order of their standing in the books of the Club. That 3 of them shall go out of office every six months - to be succeeded by the 3 next in rotation excepting as the General Committee may cause them to be disqualified for serving by age as infant resident of Hathern.

5th that the Benefit Members of the General Committee & the members of the female sub-committee be fined for non-attendance at Club night when called together by the Clerk if not prevented from attendance by illness.

6th that upon all payments by Benefit Members to the Club on the Doctor's arrears be first discharged.

7th that no sick-pay relief be given to any member within a month of their enrolment.

Notice was given that the above measures would be voted for at the next meeting of the Club 27th January.

It was? on the members? action in procuring members - but to? that the members were sound in constitutional health of body & especially so in moral habit.

1st Meeting of the Club 3rd Year 27th January 1840

The Secretary informed the Club that having understood it was the general wish of the members that the admission of members should be by open ballot. He had written to Mr Jedd Putt to ascertain whether such a regulation would be approved by himself as consistant with the **Act of Parliament** but that he had not yet received a reply to his letter. Upon which it was decided to defer all voting upon the subjects proposed by the Club at the anniversary to the next Club night when the members were summoned to attend at 7 o'clock.

2nd Meeting of the 3rd Year 24th February 1840

1. the minutes of the last meeting were read.
2. the reply of Mr Tedd Pratt was read stating that he could see no objection in the election of members being open provided each member regard the selection prescribed by rule 16
3. the following resolutions were voted for & carried there being only one desentient voice:
 - * that the Managing Committee of the Society shall possess the powers with which it is now invested excepting so far as the subsequent resolutions may affect the exercising of their power.
 - * that it appear necessary for the security of the Society that the male candidates for admission be elected only by the male members, & that the female members be elected only by the female members.
 - * that as at present the Managing Committee/ consisting of men/ make enquiry into the fitness of candidates for admission into the Club & reports their judgement to the Club accordingly, they shall continue to do so with respect to male candidates - but that a sub-committee consisting of 6 members be appointed to enquire into the fitness of female candidates for admission who shall in a similar fashion report their judgement to the Club on each case.
 - * that in every case in which the Benefit Members of the Managing Committee shall have reported their judgement to be favourable to the candidate all the male members present at the next Club night shall determine by vote the admission or otherwise of the candidate & that in every similar judgement come to by the female sub-committee the reception or otherwise of the candidate shall be determined on by the open voting of the female members present on the succeeding Club night.
 - * that the 6 Benefit Members of the Managing Committee be taken by rotation as they stand on the books of the Society that 3 go out of office in every 6 months & the next in rotation enter upon it & that by a similar process the female sub-committee be formed & renewed excepting as in either case the General Committee may deem anyone whose name occurs in rotation to be disqualified from serving by reason of age or distance from Hathem.
 - * that the Benefit Members of the General Committee for the present half year be Thomas Storer, GStorer, GRandon, Thomas Adkin, TFarrer & TBowley. & that the sub- committee of females consist of Amelia Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, Sarah Manton, Mary Davenport, Susan Follows & Jane Attenbro'.
 - * that it shall be the duty of the Benefit Members of the Managing Committee to attend every meeting of the Club during their period of service; & the members of the female committee do attend every meeting to which they shall be summoned by the Club in discharge of their office & that every neglect of such duty shall in each case be punished by the fine of 2d.
 - * that James Roper be appointed Clerk to the Society
4. it was reported that the Treasurer had invested £12 of the? in his hand in the? making a total of money in the ? account of £49- 17- 7d.
5. it was reported that the receipt of the night was by Premium £3- 1- 3¹/2d; in doctor's money 14- 4¹/2d; by entrance of 3 members 3/-; by fines 1/-.
6. the Committee reported that TFletcher; Ann Hardstaff & Elizabeth Nedham had been elected members of the Society.

3rd Meeting 3rd Year 30 March 1840

1. The Secretary stated that Elizabeth Keetly had received from Mr Hunt a certificate of general health and had been sanctioned by the female sub-committee. Notice given that she was to be balloted for on the next club night.
 2. The Secretary stated also that Mary Hunt had not received a certificate of general health from Mr Hunt - he having declined giving it his name therefore was not? to the funeral &
 3. The Secretary stated that Ann Watts had delivered to the Clerk a notice paper of sickness demanding full sick-pay on the ground ofness? & weakness ...? her confinement. The attention of the Club was directed to the 5th clause of the rule respecting allowances in sick-pay by which it was determined that no allowance should be granted in any case of sickness arising among other things from profligacy. As Ann Watts was an unmarried woman her confinement was the fruit of profligacy & any sickness arising therefrom was not the object of relief by yhe Club. As however, the sickness of Ann Watts might possibly have arisen from general causes & not from her peculiar circumstances it was agreed that the case should be referred to the surgeon for his decision & should be acted upon accordingly.
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4th Meeting 3rd Year 27 April 1840

1. Elizabeth Keetley was voted in a member of the Society.
 2. Reported that Elizabeth Bates? had received 4/- one week's full sick-pay & TKeetley Number 58 had received 8/- being one week's full sick-pay also.
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5th Meeting 3rd Year 25 May 1840

1. Reported that Sarah Morton had received 3 weeks full sick-pay 12/-.
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6th Meeting 3rd Year 29 June 1840

1. Reported that S Morton had received 4 weeks full pay & one week half pay.
 2. Reported that the Committee had elected GBennett as a Benefit Member of the Society - when the same was sanctioned by the Club.
 3. Reported that Susan Watts had proposed herself as a member of the Club.
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7th Meeting 3rd Year 27 July 1840

1. Reported that Jane Needham had been proposed by the surgeon & elected by the Committee - when she was elected by the Club & enrolled.*
 2. Susan Watts - nothing reported.
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8th Meeting 3rd Year 31 August 1840

1. Reported that Susan Watts had received her certificate of health from the doctor - referred to the Committee for voting.
 2. Thomas Glover & Joseph Morley both of Thorpe Acre propose to assure for 4/- sick-pay & £2 funeral pay - each referred to the doctor.
 3. John Sarson age 15 years proposed also to become a member - directed to make his proposal to the Secretary.
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9th Meeting 3rd Year 28th September 1840

1. Susan Watts was elected by the Club as a Benefit Member & admitted accordingly.
 2. Thomas Glover & Joseph Morely provided their certificates of health from the doctor as did also John Sa.....? when it was referred to the Committee to try & determine on their eligibility.
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10th Meeting 3rd Year 26th October 1840

1. Thomas glover, Joseph Morely & John Sarson were elected by the Club as Benefit Members & admitted accordingly.
 2. GSimmons?, Mary Carr? & Susan Caldwell all of Hathern proposed to become members of the club - referred to the Sec & the doctor.
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11th Meeting 3rd Year 30th November 1840

1. GSimmons? was elected a member of the Club & admitted accordingly.
 2. No report made of Mary Carr? or Susan Caldwell - but the Secretary reported that Zillah? & Elija Morley had applied for admittance - that he had received their proposals & referred them to the doctor who had agreed their certificate - deferred to the next night.
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12th Meeting 3rd Year 28th December 1840

1. Elija Morely, Tullah? Morely, Mary Carr, Ann Hickling, Susan Caldwell & Catherine? Fearn were elected as members of the Club & paid their entrance money & are forthwith enrolled except CFearn.
- Notice was given of the anniversary to be held on Monday 11th January at the School room.

on November 30th Mr E Boyer was elected Treasurer in the place of Mr Foster deceased - & accepted the office.

9th January 1841

At a special meeting of the Committee the Secretary presented the annual statement of accounts which were examined & ordered to be presented to the Club at the anniversary meeting on Monday 11th January. It appeared that the property belonging to the Club amounted to ninety one pounds, ten shillings & eight pence of which seventy pounds were in the savings bank & £20- 1- 0d in the hands of the Treasurer. Ordered that 16/- allowed to the Clerk for his trouble during the past year.

The Anniversary Meeting was held on 11th January 1841 when 50 members attended & the annual accounts were read to the members - & to accommodate the members generally it was proposed and agreed that the doctor should be paid by 2¹/₂d each month from every member unless the member preferred paying annually 2/6d.

The meetings now settle down to a standard pattern on a monthly basis and the following are the significant points from 1841/42

Jan/Feb Elizabeth Hickling; Elizabeth Peach & Ann Attenboro' proposed and accepted.

Feb/Mar Abraham Cheatle & Elizabeth Hudson proposed & accepted.

April William Hickingbottom was admitted to appear on behalf of his infant daughter for £30 to be paid on her attaining the age of fourteen years - monthly premium 3/1¹/2d.

May

June

July

Aug

Sep/Oct Thomas Marshall LMark? proposed & accepted.

Dec It was resolved to call a special meeting of the Society to receive a general statement of the Society's condition & to consider the means to be employed for effecting a better management of the Society by the Committee & consideration of the fitness of receiving several members back again who had ceased to be members by default of payment, viz Mary Swift; Ann Morton & Joseph Morley. Accordingly the Society met on the 2nd January when it was determined that Mary Swift should be received again & that AMorton & JMorley should also be received upon what terms the Society referred in the annual meeting on 10th January. In which day the annual account was ordered ordered to be prepared.

Jan The Club members met & dined together at the School room - 52 members being present. When the annual statement as audited by 3 exant? members was read. The necessity of the committee attending to the? of the club was pressed upon the members - & the Secretary repeated his intention of giving up the office he held at the conclusion of the present year if spared to see it. Subsequently to the dinner the Club selected a Managing Committee consisting of 7 members & for the present year? exclusion of the Clerk JRoper. viz Thomas Storer Jnr; GStorer; John Keetley Jnr; GRandon; (Thomas Adkin); JSmith; William Adkin; William Autip? as Clerk.

It was determined that each appointed member of the Committee refusing to act upon it should pay a fine of 2/6d & be remitted from office the next in rotation being taken in his place & that every member of the Committee as constituted who shall neglect to attend each meeting of the same shall be fined 6d in each neglect: but that if a member of the Committee was unavoidably prevented from attending any meeting of the same (to be judged by the Committee) he might be allowed to obtain a sufficient substitution to act on his plan & be remitted the fine.

It was determined that the two? members of the committee should pay the sick for the 1st & 2nd month of the year - the 3rd & 4th for the succeeding 4th month & the 5th & 6th for the last - & that each committee member executing the? of his office be allowed 1d per mile for the same.

That 30/- be paid to the Clerk for his work during the year 1841.

It was further resolved that a similar managing committee be selected for the superintendance of the female sick members and the payment of their respective assurances. That the members of this committee for the current year be Emma Wilkins; Amelia Samplan?; Elizabeth Bennett; Sarah Caldwell; Mary Davenport; Ann Watts & Caroline? Marshall. That should any of them refuse to.....? the next in rotation be substituted.

1st Meeting 5th Year 31st January 1842

Samuel Banks & Hannah Caldwell voted into the Society. Emma Wilkins fined 2/6d for declining office.

2nd Meeting

It was recorded that the members of the Society living a great distance as to be incapable of having the Club doctor should be exempted from all payments to him - but not excused from such fines as they may incur by not receiving office.

3rd Meeting

4th Meeting

The question respecting the termination of a membership at 4 months on neglect of payment or at 7 months as it now stands was talked about but no notice given of voting upon it so no vote taken.

31 October - Thomas Monk elected as member.

9th January 1843 - William Hickingbottom takes over as Secretary from ETMPhillips £163- 10- 11d in hand of which £143- 6- 4d was in the Savings Bank. It was voted for and carried that Mr Hunt should no longer serve the Club as Doctor & it was further agreed that Mr Hyde of Loughborough should take his place. It was also agreed that any member being in arrears of payment & falling sick, the arrears should be kept back out of the sick allowance - part the first week & part the week after if the member continue on the Club.

The Management Committee for 1843 are as follows: on the part of the men - Samuel Farrow, John Bowley, Edward Davenport, William Tymperly, JKeetly, GBennett. On the part of the Women - Caroline Marshall, Ann Morton, Sarah Wain, Mary Swift, Ann Davenport & Elizabeth Dexter.

No record of a special meeting in 1842 - all other meetings simply financial accounts.

23rd January 1845 - balance in hand £214- 2- 10¹/₂d.

Resolved that the Committee do recommend to the Society to alter their law of fines, & instead of allowing members to go on with arrears to the end of the 7th month - the fines increasing according to the scale specified in the article on fines - that no arrears shall be allowed beyond the fourth month and that every member shall be fined 2d per month for the 2nd & 3rd month of said arrears standing against his name. On the 4th month the fine shall be 6d & if this fine with all preceding arrears be not then paid with the regular monthly payment of the 4th month the member in default shall be excluded from the Society and that his be in from this day both in respect of arrears already incurred as well as such as may commence from it. Resolved that the Committee do recommend to the Society to extend the fine of 6d already levied on the members of the Club when neglecting to attend the regular committee nights - to the non attendance of the said members when properly summoned to attend any Committee meeting. & that the same be extended equally to all the members of the Society neglectin to attend a general meeting of the Society when properly summoned to do so.

Special Meeting 8th March 1847

It was recommended to the Club to make the following arrangements:

1. That upon the conclusion of the business of each Club night, two of the Committee shall take the money then received with a note of the amount signed by the Secretary to Mr Boyer's house & there deliver it. & that at the same time they take an account from the Secretary of the divisions received on the preceeding Club night.
2. That on any notice given to the Clerk from a member of sickness a form be delivered to be signed by the Doctor for pay according to his discretion but to be always dated on the day of his first visit. That the sickness continuing the clerk do issue his 2nd form 7 days from the date of the first & so in each succeeding week.
3. That it would be convenient for the Club to procure printed forms of the certificates for pay in sickness to be filled up by the Clerk & the Doctor as required.

4. It having been stated that upon the requiring of a certificate the money due upon it was not paid till after 7 days and it appearing that no good was answered by such a practice but that much inconvenience might be occasioned to the sick person. It is recommended that upon the delivering of each certificate to the Clerk the cash due upon it be immediately procured and paid to the sick member.

5. It also having been stated that visitors have sometimes delayed to pay the sick money to the sick so as to fall a week or more behind the proper time it is recommended that the Club do fix a sharp fine for such neglect increasing in amount as they delay is strengthened.

The meeting notes then continue in standard fashion - the only entry being details of money received from Premiums, the Surgeon and Fines - until December 1863.

The only item of interest was the General Meeting of 27 February 1860 when Thomas Hopkins and John Cooper were appointed trustees 'by a large majority.'

There is then a break in the notes until.....

6th November 1865

Special Meeting held for the purpose of appointing another Secretary in the place of William Hickingbottom - Deceased.

1st Resolution:- It was proposed by Samuel Farrow & seconded by George Follows and carried by vote that Samuel Simpkin should hold the office of Secretary at the same salary as the the late Secretary.

2nd Resolution:- Was that the members of the Committee be regular in attendance at all meetings and that they shall stay the whole of the time while Business is Transacted, or be fined.

3rd Resolution:- That the office of Secretary become vacant every year and it shall be voted for whether then present present Secretary shall again take office if he thinks well.

4th Resolution:- That the present Committee shall cause the Club accounts to be examined and shall report upon the same at the next General Meeting.

11th November 1865

Committee Meeting for the purpose of examining the books they being so neglected and not done since 1863 it was proposed and seconded and carried that the accounts be carried on from the last paper of William Hickingbottom upon the supposition that it may be correct.

January 1866

All the money in the Treasurer's hand in January 1866 was the sum of £18- 18- 8³/₄d the doctor not paid for the last 3 years. Paid Doctor £17- 5- 0d. Left in the Treasurer's hand £1- 13- 8³/₄d.

Total worth of the Society	In the Bank	574- 19- 6
	In land	70- 0 - 0
	In Treasurer's Hand	1- 13- 8 ³ / ₄

		£646- 13- 2 ³ / ₄ d

The monthly account records then continue in standard fashion until December 1878. They are interrupted by occasional meetings.....

28th January 1867 - Public Meeting of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society

1st Resolution:- that Samuel Simpkin continue Secretary - passed.

2nd Resolution:- that the pay of the men in sickness shall be increased to 10/- per week and that the women's remain as it is.

3rd Resolution:- that there be a Feast on Whit Monday annually and that there be £1 taken out of the fines towards expenses also the sale of Article Books shall be expended on the Feast.

4th Resolution:- that the Annual Report be printed and each member receive a copy.

5th Resolution:- That two male members be on the Committee instead of three and that there be three females as usual.

6th Resolution:- that now members be (not?) entitled to pay until they have been members six months.

5th February 1868

Special Meeting of the members of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society convened for the purpose of making some alteration in the member's monthly contribution & also other alterations as shall be there and then agreed upon. The following are the alterations that were unanimously agreed upon.....

1st- that no member be entitled to any pay whatever from this Society until they shall have been members six months and all arrears paid up.

2nd- that any member not serving on the Committee of Management in his or her turn as their names stand in the Register Book shall pay a fine of 2/6d into the box. The said fine to go towards the expenses of management of the Institution.

3rd- that the office of Secretary shall become vacant every year and a vote be taken whether the then present Secretary shall again hold office.

to be held in the School Room on Whit Monday to be paid for by the members at the time and all members residing within 3 miles of the Clubhouse will be expected to attend.

5th- alteration of the member's monthly contribution. That the second table in the Article Book on page 13 shall be reduced one penny per every 4/- as subscribed for. This Article to remain in force while the funds of the Society remain above five hundred pounds. If stock shall become reduced to five hundred pounds the monthly contributions shall at once be raised to the old amount as specified in table second page 13.

30th December 1868

Special Meeting of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society called together to consider the application made by the Hathern Land Society to borrow the sum of four hundred pounds on mortgage of land situate in the Parish of Hathern. There were 35 members present at the voting - the vote was taken in the usual way by ballot. The result was 31 voted for the money to be lent and 4 voted against it. The money to be lent at 5 percent interest

The men members of the Society be thrown into Committee and empowered to carry the matter out providing there be a good security.

The Secretary noted that this loan was not carried out.

26 April 1869

Special meeting of the members of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society to make arrangements to carry out the annual Feast on Whitmonday - when the following resolution was proposed and carried by a majority of two. That instead of Dinner on Whitmonday next there shall be a tea and that the Committee shall make arrangements to carry it out.

3rd May 1869

Committee meeting of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society to make arrangements to carry out the resolutions that instead of dinner on Whitmonday there be a tea.

1st resolved that owing to the great dissatisfaction given to a great many members of the Society owing to the alteration of the Feast on Whitmonday next and their threatening not to attend a tea - as the Society had an article for dinner and not for tea they would not be compelled to attend. It was resolved to call another General Meeting of the Society to see what must be done.

5th May 1869

General Meeting of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society respecting the above - After a great deal of discussion and part of the members positively refusing to vote any more on the dinner question this year, it was resolved by a majority that there be a dinner and that part of the money be borrowed of the Treasurer to be paid back by instalments out of honorary money if found necessary and the remainder to be paid by the members.

31st January 1870

General Meeting

Resolved that Mr A Eddowes pay for attendance on members be raised from 2/6d to 3/- , the extra to come out of the box for 1870.

Resolved that Mr Eddowes be presented with a guinea? for his good attendance.

Resolved that the Secretary's salary be raised from £1- 15- 0d to £2- 0- 0d. Also that the Clerk's be raised from 17/- to £1- 0- 0d.

5th December 1870

Special Meeting of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society to consider an application made by the Hathern Land Society to borrow the sum of two hundred pounds on land known as the All Lane Close situated in the Parish of Hathern. There were 34 members present at the voting. The vote was taken in the usual way - by ballot. The result was 28 voted for the money to be lent and 6 voted against it.

The men members of the Society be put on the Committee (all residing at Hathern) and they shall be empowered to advance the money providing there is good security.

The Secretary notes that a loan of £170 was lent at 4% interest.

17th December 1870

Committee Meeting of the male members of the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society.

There were present the following members: Henry Harriman (Treasurer); Samuel Simpkin (Secretary); Edward Henson & Thomas Marson (Stewards); James Roper (Clerk); John Turlington; George Bennett; George Randon; Edwin Shirley. The above committee met to consider the application of the Hathern Land Society to borrow the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds on the deeds of land known as the All Lane Close and that the said deeds both great and small be deposited with the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society for their security and that a note be given with the deeds signed by every and all the members of the Hathern Land Society borrowing money giving power to the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society to sell such land should the terms not be complied with and fulfilled on the part of the members of the Hathern Land Society. The rate of interest being four percent - the interest to be paid to the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society half yearly with what stock they, the members of the Hathern Land society, shall be able. And that the whole both stock and interest shall be paid to the Hathern Equitable & Friendly Society within a period of three years from the time of the lending.

8 members voted for the money to be lent on these terms here specified and 1 against it

Samuel Simpkin

30 January 1871

General Meeting resolved that the alteration of articles be printed and abided by and the Club dine on Whitmondya.

17th April 1872

Special Meeting for the purpose of considering whether the Society should pay out its funds in the purchasing land about to be sold. The land belonging to the late Miss Knight.

There were 36 members present. 31 voted that the land be bought if it would answer according to the opinion of the Committee (the whole of the male members to compose the Committee). Five voted against it. Majority for the land buying 31.

Rules respecting the land belonging to the Society - the rent of the grass field be £4 per annum to be paid half yearly.

28th April 1873

Special Meeting to make arrangements for the annual feast on Whitmondya.

Resolved the members dine at 3 o'clock and that they pay 1/3d each and that Mr Isaac Vickers prepare the dinner.

25th January 1875

General Meeting - Henry Simpkin was appointed Secretary in the stead of Samuel Simpkin deceased.

It was decided that any person not a member of the Society holding a garden shall pay the whole of his rent on June night.

26th January 1875

General Meeting voted the sum of £5 to the widow of Samuel Simpkin late Secretary.

26th April 1875

Special Meeting to arrange the annual feast on Whitmonday. The members to dine at 3 o'clock and that they pay 1/3d each. Members residing within the limits not giving the 14 days notice and not coming to the feast be fined 1/3d - the amount due for their dinner.

8th May 1876

Special Meeting to appoint auditors for the year 1875 and also to appoint trustees and also to consider about the feast.

Mr JHLammas and Mr EHenson were unanimously elected auditors.

Mr GRandon and Mr JTurlington were unanimously elected trustees.

Nothing was settled about the feast.

January 1877

General Meeting - the auditors for 1876 were re-elected.

February 1877

It was decided that Mr DeLisle of Garendon Hall have the right of game over the Society's land.

30th April 1877

Special Meeting decided without a dissentient that there be a tea on Whitmonday and that they pay 6d to the Society not later than 14th May - them that wish to attend.

HERE THE MINUTE BOOK ENDS.