

# AIVC Conference Halifax 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Report from Phil Riches Suffolk IVC Chairman

This has been my first attendance at an AIVC Conference. I arrived on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June with Graeme Mount who is the Suffolk IVC ALO. We picked up our welcome packs at the White Swan Hotel where we met some of the other delegates. A number of us then had a meal together at the Hotels basement Italian restaurant Julio's.

Conference began the following day in the North Bridge Conference Centre at 9.30. There was a roll call followed by the acceptance of last years minutes. A question and answer session then took place to discuss the Officers reports for this year. One significant change which has been implemented is the inclusion of indemnity insurance for the Officers of individual clubs by extending the existing policy.

Discussion groups were then held to discuss constitutional changes and new clubs, this was then reported back to the committee. Wording changes were then circulated to the rest of the delegates so they could be mulled over and voted on the next day. The Saturday session closed at 13.00 giving people plenty of time for sightseeing before the evening dinner dance which was held at Halifax Town Football Stadium.

The second day began at 9.30 after some breakfast in the Conference Centre car park which had been mostly taken over by stall holders for a Sunday market. There were numerous changes made to the constitution mainly for gender neutrality which were accepted. One section needed some additional discussion before being updated. There was also a renaming /rebrand agreed to change the associations name from "Association of Inter Varsity Clubs" to "Association of IVC's".

Bob Clifford gave a presentation on a way forward for Club Websites in the future using a company called "Wild Apricot". Some of the Clubs present were looking at alternative software for their Website and showed some interest in trying it out.

The AIVC committee were looking for a club to take on the organisation of the 2020 AIVC Conference. There were no takers. Bob Clifford was looking into a weekend being hosted at a Warners holiday centre. Reps from other clubs would be invited to attend a meeting with Warners management with Bob.

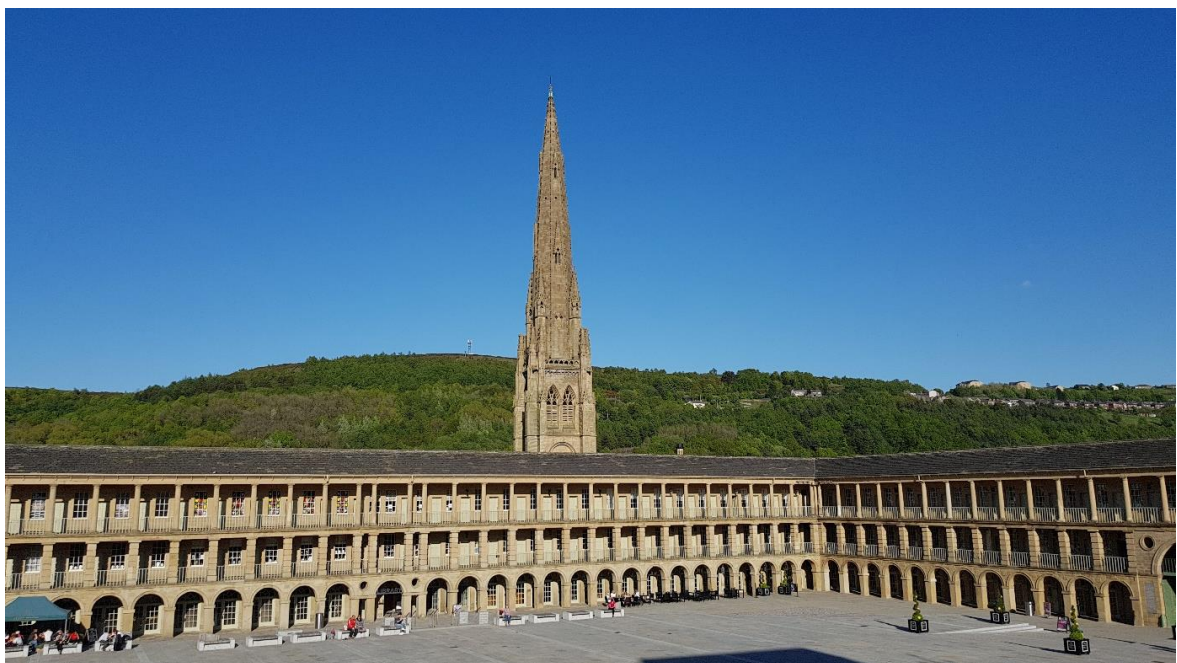
When it came to election of AIVC Officers our very own Graeme Mount said he was willing to take on the role of AIVC Chairman and was duly elected. Congratulations to Graeme!

A vote of thanks was given to Halifax IVC for organising a successful Conference. Meeting closed at 13.00. Members of the Halifax IVC organised a lunch venue close to the Piece Hall which I attended followed by a visit to Shibden Hall where Gentleman Jack was filmed. If you get a chance to go to Conference, I highly recommend it!





Some views of Shibden Hall



The Piece Hall