

HARPENDEN & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
(Registered Charitable Incorporated Organization – 1183526)

3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 22nd November 2022 at 8.00pm in Function Room 1 of the EMC

1. The Chairman welcomed the 43 members present to the meeting. Apologies were recorded for: Christine and John Bristow, David and Teresa Heritage and David Kendall. In addition to the advertised programme, he announced that after the formal business David Keen, our curator, would give a presentation on the progress of the museum downstairs, followed by his own short presentation on the Society's collection of digitised slides, before breaking for refreshments, and an opportunity to view what is happening in the museum. He also announced that the next meeting in January would be on the subject of Pimlico Cottages. The full list of next year's talks would be included on the programme card, to be issued with the next newsletter in December.
2. The minutes of the 2nd Annual Trustees meeting held on 23rd November 2021 were formally approved and signed.
3. Gavin Ross, Chairman, asked for approval of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021, which had been circulated to members with the Agenda. These had been lodged earlier in the year with the Charity Commission in accordance with the Society's obligations as a CIO, and had been posted on the Society's website. Approval was agreed nem con.
4. Gavin Ross then summarized the current year. The main activity had been the progress on the museum space and the archive room known as the Les Casey Archive Room, after our previous curator, whose legacy has enabled much of this work to take place. There had been a good series of in-person speaker meetings, after the long interruption of the Covid years. He thanked committee members and others for the work they had undertaken. Janet Keen had arranged the programme of speaker meetings, and Christine Bristow had kept in touch with members as Society Secretary. John Wassell had produced three newsletters, and nobly acted as interim membership secretary. Diana Parrott, Christine Bristow and Rosemary Ross continued to respond to enquiries via the website from the public and members. Rosemary had worked with volunteers in sorting and recording the contents of the paper and photographic archives, and in starting to transfer the collection from Park Hall to the Les Casey Archive Room. Meanwhile John Bristow as Treasurer had kept our spending under control, in a year where major sums were required for the furnishing of the museum and archive room. David and Janet Keen had been busily working on the collection of artefacts at Sandridgegate that will be used in the museum displays. He also thanked Harpenden Town Council for its continued support in making available the local history room at Park Hall. He concluded by pointing out that the Trustees were not so young as we were, and we are looking for new volunteers to serve as Trustees, and to take on important roles. He stressed that, providing individual trustees act reasonably and diligently, then no personal liability accrues, so he hoped that would not discourage members from volunteering their help and time. In particular we would be needing a fund-raiser to help meet future running and development costs, to supplement the legacy funds. John Wassell would welcome a new membership secretary, and Gavin said that if his hearing continued to deteriorate, he might ask for someone else to chair our meetings.
5. In line with the Society's constitution, three Trustees are required to resign each year. After drawing lots, the three selected were Christine Bristow, Janet Keen and Gavin Ross, all of whom had confirmed their desire to continue to serve. The meeting accepted their resignation and then approved their immediate reappointment.
6. There was no AOB.
7. The date of the next AGM would be on 28th November 2023.

Signed

Date