

Mere Historical Society

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 in the Grove Building

Present: Chairman (Peter Lewis), Committee Members: Caroline Cook, Gerry Cook, Tony Grinyer (Vice Chairman), Julia Mottershaw, Peter Platt-Higgins (Treasurer), Jenny Wilding; plus approximately 70 members

1 Apologies: Diane Ellis, Sue Birch who has had to resign from the committee for reasons of health.

2 Minutes of the AGM of 3rd March 2015 had been circulated in the Autumn Newsletter, September 2015. Approval of these was proposed by Rachel Welch and seconded by Charles Allberry. They were unanimously approved.

3 Matters Arising: Amendments to the Constitution and Rules as proposed in item 5, AGM 2015 Minutes. Approval of the amended Constitution and Rules was proposed by Peter Platt Higgins and seconded by Stella Sivyour. The amendments were unanimously approved.

4 Reports to the AGM:

4.1 Chairman's Report:

- The Chairman, Peter Lewis, said he felt it had been a good year and thanked all who had contributed.
- He expressed the view that the speakers this year have been excellent and thanked Chris Allberry for arranging the evening lectures for the past 3 years.
- He thanked Steve Hoffman for his work developing and maintaining the website.
- He congratulated Tony Grinyer who organised the Morning Talks, and invited members to consider putting themselves forward as speakers.

4.2 Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report and Final Accounts for 2015 had been circulated in the AGM Notice and Newsletter dated January 2016. Acceptance of the Report was proposed by Daphne Tighe, seconded by Jan Van Sloten and approved by the meeting. The Treasurer thanked Peter Dethick for checking the accounts

4.3 Archivist's Report: The Archivist has nothing further to report to the meeting and was thanked by the Chairman for the work she had put in to get the Archive catalogued and on line.

5 Election of Committee: Julia Mottershaw had recently joined the Committee. No further nominations had been received. The Chairman introduced the current Committee Members to the meeting as listed in the AGM Notice and Newsletter January 2016. He reported that they had all agreed to stand for re-election. The re-election of the current Committee Members was proposed by Peter Ralph, seconded by Sally Brett and carried unanimously.

6 AOB:

6.1 The Vice Chairman, Tony Grinyer, asked which publicity sources members found useful; newsletters, posters and emails were all used but the majority used Mere Matters notices.

6.2 Tony asked for responses to innovations.

- Members were happy with the change of dropping evening lectures in January and February, with morning talks in those months.
- The move of the AGM to April was questioned. Tony explained that this put the AGM at the end of the membership year, and with the Treasurer's report and visits being published in

January, members would have more time to consider both. Members were happy with the newsletters.

- Tony asked if members were happy with the wine and mince pies offered at the December evening meeting. It was reported that they were favourably received and will therefore be repeated.
- Members were reminded that there is a suggestions book for comments etc.

6.3 Caroline Cook, who organises summer visits, suggested members should book the Bletchley Park outing as soon as they were able as it was likely to be popular with non-members.

There was no further business.

Signed as a true record:

Date: