

# **BEAULIEU HISTORY SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES OF THE AGM**

**Held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 in the NMM Lecture Theatre**

The Chairman, Emma Page opened the meeting and welcomed the members. She asked the secretary, Gillian Strathcarron to make the formal announcements.

**GS** reported apologies from Lord Montagu, Jan Hoy, Maureen O'Donnell, Billy & Heather Howard, Michael & Lucy Pelham, Chris & Jane Noble, Anthony & Caroline Evans, Dene McCulloch and Adam & Patricia Mills.

**EP** said the Minutes of the AGM in February 2017 had been published on the website and circulated to members. She asked for them to be adopted as a correct record of the meeting. The adoption was proposed by Ken Robinson and seconded by David Moore-Gwyn. The vote was confirmed by the meeting.

### **Chairman's Report**

**EP** thanked all the committee members for their hard work, and also the shadow committee of the members' spouses, particularly the society's former chair, John Coles. She listed the events of 2017 - a fascinating talk by John Pemberton on the history of Ipley Manor; a visit to Gins Farmhouse with an excellent talk about its long history by John and Anne Coles; a display in Beaulieu Abbey Church Flower Festival for which Laura Barber designed a flower arrangement; Ken Robinson's wonderful talk about the Beaulieu Jazz Festivals between 1956 and 1961 and the launch of the Society's second book, Beaulieu in Tudor and Stuart Times with a talk by the book's editor, Gillian Strathcarron.

The next meeting will be a talk by Ken Robinson about the work of artist and sculptor Charles Sykes who worked alongside Lord John Montagu in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Many of his designs and sculpture, now owned by Lord Montagu, will be on display in the Abbey Church. David Moore-Gwyn and Tony Norris will talk about Charles Sykes' triptych, The Descent from the Cross, which was installed in the Abbey Church in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century but was thought lost until rediscovered in a lock-up in Lymington early in 2017. The meeting will take place in the Abbey Church on Friday 27 April at 6.30pm.

**EP** mentioned the personal data rules which will be coming into force on 25 May. She reminded the members that only their names and addresses were held by the History Society and assured them that they would not be shared with any other organisations. Full details are available on the website and she asked member with any queries to contact her after the meeting.

## **Secretary's Report**

**GS** thanked the members for their support during the past year. The number of members remains at just under 200. Two History Society publications and one DVD were on sale in the foyer and **GS** urged members to take a look at them and buy one if they had not already done so.

She was sad to report the death last year of our founder, **John Beaumont**, who died unexpectedly early in 2017 after a heart attack. His extrovert presence and humour will be missed at our meetings. Sadly we have also lost **Harriet Phipps**, **Olive Badland** and **Henry Cadogan**, all of whom made a valuable contribution to the Society.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Peter Marling-Roberts** reported an uneventful year financially for the Society. In 2017 there was an excess of income over expenditure and the current bank balance is £5131. He thanked **Adam Mills** for reviewing the accounts and they can be found on the Society's web site. **PM-R** circulated a copy of the accounts in the Theatre. Their adoption was proposed by **Christina Dykes** and seconded by **Mary Montagu-Scott**.

## **Election of Officers**

**GS** reported that the current committee have agreed to serve for 2018. They are **Emma Page** as Chairman, **John Pemberton** as Vice Chair and Newsletter Editor, **GS** herself as secretary, **Peter Marling-Roberts** as Treasurer, **Christina Dykes** and **Ken Robinson** as Events Organisers and **Anne Coles** and **Mary Montagu-Scott** as Research Editors. **GS** asked for permission to vote for them en bloc which was given by the members in a show of hands. The Election was further proposed by **Tony Norris** and seconded by **Catherina Van der Vorm**.

**GS** added that as several members of the Committee had served for many years and would like to stand down to devote time to other obligations and interests, new members for the Committee would be very welcome. She asked for anyone interested in joining the Committee from the start of 2019 to make themselves known to her.

## **Any Other Business**

No other business was announced from the members present. **EP** thanked everyone for coming and reminded them of her talk at **Lepe House** about **Lepe** in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century which will take place on **June 15 2018**.