



BEAULIEU HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

To be held at Beaulieu Village Hall
on Friday 27th February 2023

Doors open 18.00 hrs. Meeting Commences at 18.30 hrs

Agenda and related papers

The Beaulieu History Society Annual General Meeting is open to all paid up members and partners. Only paid up members are eligible to vote. Members who have not yet done so may pay their subscriptions on arrival.

BHS AGM 2022 Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction by Vice-Chairman: John Pemberton

Our Chairman Emma Page has recently decided to stand down which is why I, John Pemberton as Vice Chair, am chairing this meeting. Emma has given some thirteen years' service to the committee, the last half of which she has chaired it. We are indebted to her for her steadfast support to the society – not just as Chair and for hosting our committee meetings, but also as the presenter of much appreciated talks. These have included a talk on the Mitford family's creation of the Exbury Estate in the C18th, and a presentation on Sowley Ironworks. We thank her.

2. Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting held on 7th February 2021.

Draft Minutes have been circulated (copy included in these papers, following this Agenda), and subject to any comments, **Members approval will be sought.**

3. Vice-Chairman's Report by John Pemberton

Members meetings/talks during the year:

- Our 2021 AGM, a year ago on 7th February 2022, marked a welcome return to History Society meetings held "in person" following the easing of Covid restrictions.
- In the summer, Beaulieu celebrated HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee with community events under the heading "Beaulieu in 1952". To this the History Society contributed its second meeting of the year, open to all, in the National Motor Museum Theatre. The attendance of over 180 was the History Society's highest ever. Frederick Norris' comprehensively researched reminiscences of village and local life in 1952 were greatly enjoyed, as was Mary Montagu's presentation of the opening of Palace House to the public in that same year.
- Our next meeting marked the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. Former Beaulieu Managing Director and History Society Committee member Ken Robinson presented this talk on the transformational change it made to Beaulieu visitor attractions.
- The fourth members meeting in November was presented by Colin Van Geffen on the Flying Boats of Southampton. Between 1920s and the 1950s, flying boats based at Hythe and Southampton Docks offered luxury travel to across the world to Africa, Asia, Australia and America.
- Lastly, members enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit to the New Forest Heritage Centre, where exclusive access was given to historic exhibits with volunteer staff on hand to answer queries.

Website updates: many further changes have been made to the website during the year. In future members who wish to do so will be able to pay subscriptions, purchase books etc using personal, secure passwords. However, website use will not be mandatory. Members who do not wish to use it, may make payments directly, pay in person at meetings, and/or contact the History Society Secretary by email. The website changes, including the incorporation of membership records, will simplify administration of the society in future.

Membership Secretary: This year Dene McCulloch moved away and so resigned from the Committee and her role managing our membership records and the reception of members and guests at meetings. The Committee recorded their appreciation of all she had done for the society.

BHS Secretary: Corinne Evans, who has experience working on aspects of Beaulieu history for the Archivist in Palace House, kindly volunteered to succeed Margaret Rowles who retired from the position during the year. Corinne was co-opted by the Committee. In future the secretary will be contactable by email at secretary@beaulieuhistorysociety.org.uk

Subscriptions: The Committee proposes that the Annual Subscription for 2023 remains at £5, and can be paid on arrival when attending any History Society meeting. The usual charge for non-members attending any meeting is £5.

4. **Treasurer's Report** from Peter Marling Roberts

I am glad to say that 2022 was financially uneventful for the Beaulieu History Society and that the financial situation of the society continues to be very sound. The committee would also like to thank Adam Mills for reviewing the accounts and they can now be found on the Beaulieu History Society's web site. Adam has also kindly agreed to review the BHS accounts again in 2023.

Subscriptions were up at £771 compared to £521 in 2021. Book sales were £147.50 compared to £82.50 the previous year. Excess Income over expenditure was £631.46 compared to £608.71 the previous year and the Bank balance on December 31st 2022 was £6,942.67 compared to £6,311.21.

The Financial Statement for 2022 is shown below. **Members will be asked to approve the Accounts and agree to appoint the reviewer for a further year.**

5. **Election of Officers** for 2023

1. Nominations from members willing to serve: The Committee proposes for election Corinne Evans, following her co-option during the latter part of 2022, and Marc Heighway, a local historian from East Boldre who has, among other researches, recorded many aspects of wartime life at Beaulieu airfield on his RAF Beaulieu website. John Pemberton has put his name forward to become Chairman. No other nominations have been received from members.

2. Committee Members retire at the AGM in accordance with the Constitution. The following are willing to stand for election again and are proposed to continue in their existing/new roles:

Chairman	John Pemberton
Vice Chairman	(tbc)
Treasurer	Peter Marling-Roberts
Secretary	Corinne Evans
Books/Publications	Gillian Strathcarron
Members	Christina Dykes, Marc Heighway, Mary Montagu-Scott, Ken Robinson, Nigel Southward

Members will be asked to vote *en bloc* for the Election of the above nominees.

6. **Any Other Business**

Following the AGM, Mary Montagu-Scott has kindly agreed to give a talk to members on the History of Beaulieu River.

**Beaulieu History Society
Financial Statements 2022**

Balance sheet
as of December 31st 2022

	2022	2021
Assets		
Bank	6,942.67	6,311.21
	£6,942.67	£6,311.21
Reserves		
Accumulated fund	6,311.21	5,702.50
Surplus on income and expenditure account	631.46	608.71
	£6,942.67	£6,311.21

Income and expenditure account
Year ended December 31st 2022

	2022	2021
Subscriptions and other income		
Subscriptions	771.00	521.00
Grant from Common Good Fund	0.00	250.00
Sale of Books	147.50	82.50
Dinner and other income	0.00	0.01
	918.50	853.51
Expenses		
Venue hire	74.00	37.00
Refreshments and Dinner costs	0.00	0.00
Speaker and sound	80.00	75.00
Printing and stationery	0.00	0.00
Insurance cover	75.00	75.00
Website development	57.50	57.50
Bank interest or hire	0.54	0.30
Total expenses	287.04	244.80
Excess of income over expenditure	£631.46	£608.71

To members of the Beaulieu History Society:

Adam Mills reviewed the accounts of the Beaulieu History Society for the year ended December 31st 2022 and confirms they are in accordance with the underlying books and records of the Society. There are no matters arising from the review which need to be brought to the attention of the members.

Adam Mills, Independent Reviewer
St Leonards Farmhouse, SO42 7XF
January 2023



BEAULIEU HISTORY SOCIETY

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Held at Beaulieu Village Hall on Monday 7th February 2022

The meeting was attended by: Committee Members: Emma Page (Chair), Christina Dykes, Peter Marling-Roberts, Dene McCulloch, John Pemberton, Mary Montagu-Scott, Ken Robinson, Margaret Rowles, Gillian Strathcarron (Secretary), and 19 members.

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction by Chairman: Emma Page welcomed members to the AGM, commenting how good it was to meet in person again after all the covid-related disruptions of the past year.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020, held on February 26th 2021. The draft minutes had been circulated following approval by the Committee and a copy was attached to the Agenda for this meeting. Members were asked for any comments, and there being none, a vote was taken to accept them, which was unanimously approved.
3. Chairman's Report: EP took members through her report that had been circulated, commenting on the difficulties that had prevented most meetings in person over the last year. Despite that there were two very well attended meetings; the first on the Embroideries and art of Belinda Montagu, arranged and hosted by Mary Montagu Scott, and the meeting on the Schneider Trophy Races, given by Colin van Geffen in the Village Hall. The many improvements made to the functionality of the BHS website during the year were mentioned.

EP paid tribute to our long serving Secretary, Gillian Strathcarron, who would be retiring from that role at this AGM, and thanked her on behalf of all members for the exceptional contribution she has made to the Society. EP commented that one of her most important tasks had been as co-ordinator and editor of our book publications, which GS has kindly agreed to continue, subject to the re-election later in the meeting. The applause from members at this point showed their appreciation of the service GS has given to the Society.

The Secretarial tasks have now been divided between Margaret Rowles who had been co-opted during the year, to take on some of the secretarial tasks and contact with members. Dene McCulloch has already taken on the membership register and manages new member enquiries. EP concluded by saying we hope the easing of the covid pandemic will enable us to recommence regular meetings in the coming year.

4. Secretary's Report:

Gillian Strathcarron took members through her report that was circulated with the Agenda, including reference to the two successful meetings held in the year. There had been several book sales and there would soon be a need to consider reprinting of those with few copies left. GS said it was her sad duty to report the death of two members during the past year; Nick Kirkman and Michael Pelham. She reiterated how much she had enjoyed being BHS Secretary, and in particular her responsibilities for the publication of our books, which she was willing to and hoped to, continue.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Peter Marling Roberts explained that despite the quite extraordinary year the financial situation of the society continues to be very sound. Subscriptions were up slightly at £521 compared to £456 in 2020. The BHS also received a generous donation from the Common Good Fund of £250. He thanked Adam Mills for reviewing the BHS accounts for 2021 and for agreeing to do so again in 2022.

Members were asked to vote to indicate acceptance of the Accounts, the continuing appointment of Adam Mills as Reviewer for the current year, and agreement to the proposal that the Annual Subscription remain at £5. This was unanimously approved.

6. Election of Officers for 2022

1. Nominations from members willing to serve: The Committee proposed Margaret Rowles to be elected, following her co-option during the latter part of 2021. No other nominations had been received from members.

2. Committee Members who retire at the AGM in accordance with the Constitution, were all willing to stand for election again and were proposed to continue in their existing/new roles:

Chairman	Emma Page
Vice Chairman	John Pemberton
Book/Publications	Gillian Strathcarron
Treasurer	Peter Marling- Roberts
Members	Christina Dykes, Dene McCulloch, Mary Montagu-Scott, Ken Robinson

Members were asked by EP if they would be happy to take the vote en bloc, which was agreed. Members were asked to indicate their acceptance of the nominees and roles, which was unanimously approved.

7. Any Other Business

There being none, EP thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting

Beaulieu History Society Constitution

1. NAME: The Society shall be called "The Beaulieu History Society".
2. AIMS: The aims of the Society are: to stimulate and increase interest in the history of Beaulieu and the surrounding area, to promote original research, to become a centre of information and publicity and to encourage the other advantages and benefits usually associated with a Society.
3. MEMBERSHIP: Membership s open to all interested in the aims of the Society. Any person shall be considered a member on payment of the annual subscription. A person shall cease to be a member of the Society if the Committee for good reason decide to remove his or her name from the list of members.
4. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS: The Society shall be administered by a Committee of not less than three members elected or re-elected by the members of the Society at each Annual General Meeting. The members at each Annual General Meeting shall in addition elect or re-elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer ,all of whom shall ex officio be members of the Committee. The committee may co-opt any member of the Society to become a member of the Committee. Any member so co-opted will be eligible for election at the next Annual General Meeting
5. NOTICES: Not less than 14 days notice of each Annual General Meeting and of any Special Meeting shall be given to all members whose subscriptions for the preceding or current year have been paid in full.
6. SECRETARY: The duties of the Secretary shall be to record proceedings of the Society and to report thereon at each Annual General Meeting, to conduct general correspondence to issue all necessary notices of meetings, to preserve all books, papers and documents which are the property of the Society and generally to carry out the instructions of the Committee.
7. TREASURER: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to collect, receive and have custody of all subscriptions and other monies which may be payable to the Society and to pay out all such sums of money as may be authorised by the Committee. The Treasurer shall also keep an account of all funds received and expended and shall report thereon to the Committee from time to time and shall at each Annual General Meeting present a summary of receipts and payments during the preceding year on 31st December. An independent auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE: No person who is not a member of the Society shall be eligible to hold office or to be a member of the Committee. The members of the Committee retiring at each Annual General Meeting shall be eligible for re-election. Any member of the Society may nominate a candidate for election to the Committee by giving to the Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting the name of that person accompanied by his or her written indication of willingness' to stand for election. All proposals must be duly seconded by a member.
9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: The annual subscription shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee or at a Special Meeting convened under rule 10 and shall be payable on joining and afterwards on 1 January in each year.
10. MEETINGS: The Annual General Meting shall be held on or before 31 December in each calendar year. Ordinary meetings of members shall normally be held not less than four times a year. Special meetings of members may be called by he Committee or at the request of 6 members for the purpose only of dealing with the special business stated in the notice convening the Special Meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings. If both are absent, members present shall elect a Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
11. QUORUM: At the Annual General Meeting four, and at any Special Meeting eight, ordinary members other than members of the Committee shall be a quorum. At Committee meetings three, of whom one shall be an Officer, shall be a quorum.
12. NON-MEMBERS: The Committee may decide to permit the attendance of non-members at a particular meeting and may fix a fee for such attendance.
13. ALTERATONS OF RULES: No alteration of these Rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at any Special Meeting convened for that purpose, after notice duly given to the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. The votes of two thirds of the membership present and voting shall be required for the approval of any alteration to these rules.