

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2014 at Wheatley

1.	Present: Steve Barriff (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer) from 4pm, Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Mrs Beatrice Dobie.	
2.	Apologies: Lord Hollenden.	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting: These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Matters Arising: The question of wreath laying for next year was discussed, and it was agreed that we should consider laying a wreath in Thame and also the Houses of Parliament if permission can be obtained.	Sam & Beatrice
5.	Membership Matters: Brian produced some new membership cards he had had printed. He will issue a card to each new member and those members who had re-joined the Society and will consider when we should re-issue to all members in the future. Brian then reported as follows: <i>We currently have 117 members in good standing for 2014.</i> <i>PUBLICATIONS</i> <i>During June-September we have sold 11 books in 4 separate orders. Two of these orders were via Bucks FHS, which augers well for the future of this new arrangement.</i>	Brian
7.	Charities Fair: Beatrice asked who would be attending this event on 8th November and Brian apologised for the fact that he cannot make it due to a prior engagement and Roy also cannot now make it. Gerald and Anthea agreed that they would go along and do their bit. It was also suggested that Beatrice would see whether Sarah Barrington and Maurice Kirtland were able to assist.	Anthea Beatrice
8.	The Patriot: At the date of the meeting neither Roy nor Anthea had received any articles from anyone. Roy will issue a plea on the members Googlegroup, for suitable articles for publication.	Roy
9.	Website: The new Society web-site is getting to the stage where a designer will soon be asked to come up with a suggested design. Roy stated that we must ensure that we also produce a 'mobile' version that can be accessed by smart phones and tablet computers.	Roy/Steve/ Sam
10.	AGM: Anthea has booked this for 19th April at Hampden House and will liaise with them nearer the time in connection with a possible tour of the house, refreshment and whether it would be possible to have the key to the Church so that people who had not seen the interior of the Church before could do so on the day.	Anthea
14.	Angela Rodda's Bequest: It was agreed that, with Jim's approval, we would like to use this money to offer a prize for the best essay from a school child on the subject of John Hampden.	Sam
15.	Gift Aid: Sam reported that he would still be able to submit the Gift Aid return, despite it being late, and he will get this done as soon as possible. The last return produced £200 so it is a worthwhile exercise.	Sam
16.	AOB: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was declared closed.	
17.	Date & Time of next meeting: To be decided.	