

# The John Hampden Society

Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at Little Hampden, Cryers Hill.

**Present:** Sam Hearn (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Derek Lester.

**Apologies:** Lord Hollenden and John Gabbitas.

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1	<p><b><u>Minutes of last Meeting:</u></b> Were approved as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> There were no outstanding matters arising.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Finance:</u></b> Derek produced the up-to-date accounts and explained the current position.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Updates:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Aylesbury Event:</u></b> It was agreed that this was a very good day which generated some publicity for the Society. We had a representative from the Lords and a representative of the Queen present. As a result, Speaker John Bercow is now an honorary member and the Society had a presence in Aylesbury. We had also reinforced our relationship with the Chiltern Brewery.</p> <p><b><u>Newsletter:</u></b> It was agreed that the latest newsletter was very good, though it lacked a photograph of the statue in Aylesbury. However, a further article should be forthcoming for the next edition and a suitable photograph of the statue will be included on that occasion.</p> <p>Accurate information regarding the increase in subs, together with the new Bank details etc. should be included in the next issue of <i>The Patriot</i> with a further reminder to members to change their standing orders, if they have not already done so.</p> <p><b><u>Membership:</u></b> Sam emphasized that very few members actually pay by PayPal and it was important to make certain that everyone had details of the new Bank Account, the increased subscriptions, and the Gift Aid form to enable them to make the changes.</p>	Sam
5	<p><b><u>Forthcoming Events:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Bucks History Fair:</u></b> (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Little Chalfont) This year's theme is Buckinghamshire Women. Roy will put the booking form on the website for members to download. Sam wanted to know that he would not be the only one there. He would like to support Colin, but it does need more than one person to man the stall.</p> <p><b><u>Church Service:</u></b> Sam offered to contact John to discuss the invitation. Anthea said that once the wording was agreed she would post a copy to all members who receive <i>The Patriot</i> by that method.</p>	Sam  Sam/John Anthea
6	<p><b><u>AOB:</u></b> Derek stated that Maija Jansson has completed her translation of the Royal Pardon for Lord Saye &amp; Sele</p> <p>It was agreed that the cost of holding a dinner at Broughton Castle would be prohibitive, so the idea was dropped in principle, though Derek could still try to price such an event.</p> <p>It was agreed that our website could look better especially when compared with others but it will need further discussion to decide what we are going to do about it.</p> <p>Sam reported that he had found an article on the Internet stating that the John Hampden Grammar School had been awarded a grant to enable them to explore and log the School's extensive heritage. Students would produce a history of the school since its inception in 1993, including its famous alumni, such as Heston Blumenthal. Sam thought he should write to them and say that, if they need any help, they should get in touch.</p>	Sam
7	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></b> It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Chalgrove. Sam also suggested that the next meeting should not be until November.</p> <p>The date for the next meeting has now been set for 15th November at 2 Farm Close, Chalgrove.</p>	Sam