

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 31st August 2013 at Wheatley

1	<p>Present: Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Steve Barriff. Also present was Mrs Beatrice Dobie.</p> <p>Apologies: Lord Hollenden.</p>	
	<p>In the absence of Lord Ian Hollenden, Sam was elected Chairman for the meeting. He asked that, if anyone could think of someone to take on this position when Ian is unable to attend, they should let him know.</p>	ACTION
2	<p>Accounts: Sam had not been able to prepare the accounts due to difficulty in reconciling some of the figures from the previous year's accounts, but commented that the financial position of the Society was healthy.</p>	
3	<p>Membership Report: Brian had analysed the list of members so far as he was able and produced a sheet giving information about membership and also about the stock of publications he held.</p> <p>Brian produced a draft letter he would like to send to members well before the end of the year, concerning renewal of their subscription. Sam suggested that he need only write to the members who pay by cheque and ask them if they would pay by standing order instead.</p>	Brian
4	<p>The Patriot: It was agreed that the latest issue was a good one, apart from the print quality. Roy had changed some of the photos and commented that Google Images was a good source when searching for photos. Sam felt that the variety of the content was good.</p> <p>Items for Edition 76 were discussed.</p> <p>Anthea announced that the deadline for the next edition would be about 20th October.</p>	
5	<p>New Trail Leaflet: Sam has been communicating with Colin Cartwright but had not done enough work on this project to move it forward to the stage where we could take it to a designer. Some discussion took place about possible content.</p>	Sam
6	<p>New Website: Roy has monitored website security, but has not yet been able to speak to David Foster. He will also arrange a meeting with Steve and Sam once Steve was back off holiday.</p>	Roy
7	<p>Recent Events: It was agreed that the wreath laying ceremony at Chalgrove had gone off quite well.</p> <p>The Bucks Family History Fair had been a success and new members had been recruited. It was agreed that it is worth the Society attending. There was quite a lot of interest shown in the Society and we sold several books.</p>	
9	<p>Future Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The visit to the Houses of Parliament for Prime Minister's Questions on 11th September. 2. The visit to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour on 16th September. 3. Bucks Archaeology Fair on 28th September. 4. A visit to Fuller's Brewery in Chiswick on 8th November for a tour, to be followed by: 5. The next Executive Committee meeting at Sam's house, with buffet lunch. <p>There was some discussion about the proposed new vertical banners and their design. It was decided that we should go ahead with one banner initially.</p> <p>Sam informed Beatrice that the reason she had been invited to the meeting was in order for the Executive Committee to decide whether to invite her to join the committee. She therefore left the room whilst a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that she should be co-opted onto the Committee.</p> <p>Sam then mentioned the next AGM and a short discussion took place about possible venues. Anthea reported that she had not yet been able to contact Tim Oliver to ask who she should contact in order to discuss the possibility of holding it at Hampden House.</p>	Roy Anthea
10	<p>AOB: Beatrice suggested that we might apply for a table at the Thame Charities Fair, The Fair starts off the Christmas season and is normally held on the first Saturday in November, but this year it will be on the 9th November. There is no entry fee and the event is held in the Town Hall. She said that we would have to write to her giving the Charity Number and a note of what we would be selling. Sam agreed that we would do this and Beatrice said she would send him a written confirmation.</p>	Beatrice

	<p>Roy reported that he had originally had some correspondence with the Hampden Historical Society in Maine and Bob Hawes had sent him a DVD about Hampden. With Bob had sent a baseball hat and t-shirt, together with 2 copies of their newsletter with mention of the JHS and our visit to Maine in 1994 and how much they appreciated the work that goes into <i>The Patriot</i>.</p> <p>A few weeks ago a lady in Reading had made contact with Anthea saying that she had a couple of seals which she thought had belonged to John Hampden. Roy produced the seals but they were very difficult to read. He had spoken to Dr Bruce Barker-Benfield of the Bodleian Library, who had helped us with Lord Saye's Hampden Jewel some years ago, but he does not deal with that sort of thing now and suggested the Ashmolean Museum. This was left to Roy's discretion to try and sort out.</p> <p>Steve mentioned the Risk Management paper that he had drawn up and circulated.. Sam suggested that we adopt this document on the basis that it can be added to or amended as necessary in the future. For the moment it appeared to cover the situation well. This item should appear on all future agendas in case anything else comes to mind. The Charity Commission requires that we do this and it is a good way of bring all our ideas together in one place.</p> <p>Sam suggested that the next agenda should contain an item to consider what goes out in the induction pack.</p>	<p>Roy</p> <p>Sam</p>
11	<p>Date & Venue of next meeting: Friday 8th November, following the visit to Fuller's Brewery, at 134 Park Road, Chiswick.</p>	