

# The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at Wheatley

1	<p><b>Present:</b> Sam Hearn (Vice-Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Steve Barriff, Brian Cox and Mrs Beatrice Dobie.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Lord Hollenden.</p>	
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2	<p><b>Minutes of last Meeting:</b> These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising:</b> The vertical banner was voted a good buy and it was felt that another couple could be commissioned in due course.</p>	
4	<p><b>Accounts:</b> Sam still does not have on-line access to the Co-op account, which is really necessary and he will have to find a way round this problem. There are also doubts about the Co-op Bank in view of its recent problems but the Committee agreed that the account should remain there for the time being, with Sam monitoring the situation. Sam is using Derek's spreadsheet to produce the accounts, but has not been able to move on very far as he is having difficulty in reconciling the membership with the accounts in order to submit the Gift Aid claim.</p>	Sam
5	<p><b>Membership Report:</b> Brian had sent out his proposed letters reminding members about the new subscriptions and bank account, suggesting that those who have normally paid by cheque might consider setting up standing orders. He reported that the Society had gained five new members.</p>	
6	<p><b>The Patriot:</b> The next edition was discussed and various articles have been promised.</p>	Committee
7	<p><b>New Trail Leaflet:</b> Sam reported that he and Colin Cartwright had been too busy to do much with this but he was eager to make some progress.</p>	Sam
8	<p><b>New Website:</b> Some discussion took place about this and once Christmas is over Roy, Steve and Sam will try to get together to look at the question in more detail.</p>	Roy/Steve/ Sam
9	<p><b>Recent Events:</b> <u>Christmas Fair at Thame:</u> This had attracted a lot of interest and we had sold three books and handed out a lot of leaflets. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile venture which provided good publicity.</p> <p><u>Bucks Archaeological Fair:</u> This went quite well, though Roy commented that we were located in the Refectory as the organisers appeared to have not received our booking form. .</p> <p>Sam wondered whether to arrange another trip to Fuller's Brewery and see whether there might be more interest this time. He will have another go at getting this one off the ground.</p> <p>Roy has three lectures booked, one in March in Chinnor, another one in June in Amersham and a third one in Abingdon in September, all for U3A.</p>	Sam  Roy
10	<p><b>Future Events:</b> <u>AGM 2014:</u> This has been provisionally arranged for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at Hampden House.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB:</b> Anthea reported that she was still unable to access the website and see the updated version. Roy promised to check again that the website had been updated properly.</p> <p>Sam felt he might try an exploratory afternoon tea at Hartwell to assess it now the National Trust have taken it over, with a view to arranging a lunch with a speaker there in the future.</p> <p>Anthea reported that the leaflets she had on display at The Gate were proving quite popular and she had topped up the supply on three occasions in the past year.</p>	Roy  Sam
12	<p><b>Date &amp; Venue of next meeting:</b> Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Brereton, 7 Bell Lane, Thame, OX9 3AL, commencing at 2 pm.</p>	