

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 23 February 2012 at The Wheel, Naphill.

Present: Sam Hearn (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Brian Cox, John Gabbittas and Derek Lester.

Apologies: Roger Paynter and Lord Hollenden.

		ACTION
1	<p><u>Minutes of last Meeting:</u> Were approved as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u> There were no matters arising.</p>	
3	<p><u>Finance:</u> Derek presented the accounts showing a total in the three accounts of £5.486.79. He also reported a problem with the on-line membership form, which only gives the facility to join on-line through PayPal. Joining via PayPal automatically gives a renewal on the date of joining which cannot be amended to 1st January to fit in with our schedule, and does not offer the opportunity to give contact details. He produced the paperwork relating to the opening of the new Bank Account with the Co-operative Bank for signature by Anthea and Sam. Roger has announced that he wishes to stand down at the forthcoming AGM and if he makes a final decision to do so, Derek will take on the role of Membership Secretary in the short term.</p>	<p>Anthea/Sam Roger Derek</p>
3	<p><u>Updates:</u> <u>Newsletter:</u> Derek reported that the cost of printing the winter edition of <i>The Patriot</i> had been £74.42 as we have reduced the number printed. He suggested that once a year we might consider producing a larger edition of <i>The Patriot</i>, provided, of course, we had enough material to fill it. <u>Video:</u> No further progress had been made with this to date. <u>Website:</u> Derek stated that Roy had done a good job on updating the website, but felt that it was a shame that the password for the membership section had to be something that was not easy to remember.</p>	
4	<p><u>Forthcoming Events:</u> <u>AGM:</u> Confirmed for Broughton Castle for 14th April 2012, with tea and a talk organised, together with a short tour of the castle. The house is not likely to be warm in April so warm clothing should be worn. <u>Church Service:</u> John reported that the date for this has been fixed for 14th October and should be followed by a lunch. The date of the service is very close to the actual anniversary of the founding of the Society, i.e. 27th October. <u>Wreath laying ceremony at the Statue in Aylesbury – 23 June:</u> Sam reported that there could be a problem about holding the Aylesbury lunch at the Kings Head but as a back-up, he had spoken to Sarah Gray at the Museum and they could make a room available for us and provide lunch. He feels we could get quite a lot of publicity from this event and possibly gain a few more members. <u>Chalgrove:</u> Derek is doing his usual Battlefield event at Chalgrove on 13th May.</p>	<p>Derek John Derek</p>
5	<p><u>Travelling Expenses:</u> Roy had asked for this item to be included in the agenda in his absence. He suggested that committee members should be able to claim travelling expenses in view of the long distances some members had to travel to attend meetings. It was agreed that expenses of 16p per mile could be claimed if desired.</p>	Committee
6	<p><u>Venue for Future Meetings:</u> This subject was discussed and it was agreed to hold the meetings at different venues on a rota; the next meeting to be held in Wheatley.</p>	
7	<p><u>AOB:</u> Brian produced his suggestion for reprinting the two pages of the title page in the Adair biography which, if approved and printed, he would undertake to paste into all copies. It was agreed that the Society would fund a wreath to be laid on the tomb of Sybil Penn (née Hampden) on the anniversary of her death. Derek asked for confirmation that non-Society members could attend the AGM and was assured that this was the case.</p>	Brian
8	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> This was scheduled for Thursday 10th May 2012 at 7.30pm at Wheatley.</p>	