

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2014 at Thame

1	<p>Present: Sam Hearn (Vice-Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Steve Barriff, Brian Cox and Mrs Beatrice Dobie.</p> <p>Apologies: Lord Hollenden.</p>	
		ACTION
2	<p>Minutes of last Meeting: These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising: Sam is pretty sure he has now got the accounts reconciled.</p> <p>Sam had intended to close the original Lloyds account, but then realised that people were still paying into it. However, he will now do so.</p>	Sam
4	<p>Accounts: Sam produced the latest accounts. Anthea produced her breakdown of the stamp stock and also her expenses for last year and Sam will let her have a cheque in due course. We have not done a lot in the year and have had few talks. When everything is cut and dried we will have a surplus in the year Sam has not made the Gift Aid return yet, but will do so before the AGM. After a lot of work he now has the necessary information to enable him to deal with the return.</p> <p>Sam had a statement to send to Brian for one of the other accounts that subscriptions may have been paid into. The problem with the Co-op Bank has now been resolved and he has on-line access at last.</p>	Sam
5	<p>Membership: Brian reported that what he had been doing for the current year was simply writing down when members paid and how much they paid, so that he had the history and he could follow up the members who had not paid</p> <p>As we now have just three members still paying into the old Lloyds Bank account it was agreed that Sam should close the account.</p>	
6	<p>The Patriot: Anthea reported that she needed about another half page article to complete this and one or two suggestions were made and offers received. It was agreed that we should continue to use Sarsen Press who were proving very helpful and reliable and produced a very good quality print.</p>	Committee
7	<p>Constitution: The Committee needed to approve the new wording for the Constitution in order that Sam could run it by the Charities Commission for their approval, and then information on this should be circulated with the paperwork for the AGM.</p>	Committee
8	<p>Website: A date was agreed for this meeting between Roy, Sam and Steve, which will take place in Chiswick.</p>	Roy, Sam, Steve
9	<p>Trail Leaflet: Sam has not had the opportunity to take this any further but will do so as soon as possible.</p>	Sam
10	<p>Future Events: Bucks Family History Fair has invited us to attend again this year and it was agreed that we should accept this invitation.</p> <p>Three talks had been booked for this year one of which was being given by Miles, in June or July. Brian will offer to go along and assist Miles.</p>	Brian
11	<p>AOB: Beatrice pointed out that The Barns Centre gets very booked up so Anthea will contact them as soon as possible once she has confirmed with Hampden House as to the availability or otherwise of that venue for the AGM..</p> <p>It was agreed that a notice would be placed in <i>The Patriot</i> reminding members that they should not longer make payments into the Lloyds Account as this was being closed.</p>	Anthea
12	<p>Date & Venue of next meeting: This was arranged for Saturday, 8th March at 2pm at Wheatley.</p>	