

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2015 at Wheatley

1.	<u>Present:</u> Sam Hearn (Hon Treasurer & Vice Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Mrs Beatrice Dobie.	
	<u>Apologies:</u> Lord Hollenden. Steve Barriff	
2.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u> These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
	<u>Matters Arising:</u> The only matter arising related to the Charities Fair in Thame, which we hope to attend this year..	
3.	<u>Membership Matters:</u> Brian reported that 47 people have paid up though the latest Bank statement will probably reveal more. Sam had looked at some software which might be suitable for recording membership data, etc. Sam reported that Gerald McGregor will give his talk about London during the Civil War at the AGM.	
4.	<u>Accounts:</u> Sam had circulated these and they showed that we had had a reasonable year. The stock of stamps had run low and Roy wondered about using a franking machine, but we probably do not have enough post to warrant this although the cost per item is considerably less if using a machine. Anthea will investigate alternatives. Sam reported that he has transferred the accounts back to Quick Books which he found more satisfactory. The Gift Aid return for 2013 has now been submitted. The 2014 Gift Aid return can now be completed.	Anthea
5.	<u>The Patriot:</u> The latest edition had just been mailed out and everyone was very happy with the quality. Articles were suggested for the next edition.	Committee
6.	<u>Website:</u> The sub-committee will shortly be contacting a specialist organisation in order to take the matter forward.	Roy/Sam/ Steve
7.	<u>Wreath Laying:</u> The possibility of laying a wreath in Thame on the 18th June will be investigated. The Society have been given permission to lay a wreath at the Hampden statue in Westminster and this will take place on 24th June.	
8.	<u>AGM:</u> This is booked for 2.00 on 19th April at Hampden House. Brian is not planning to stand for re-election.	
9.	<u>Society Talks & Future Events:</u> We currently have no talks booked. Beatrice suggested that we might arrange a visit to Rycote Manor.	

10.	<p><u>Angela Rodda Essay Award:</u> Secondary Schools are being contacted with regard to this and it could be tailored to suit primary schools also.</p>	Sam
11.	<p><u>AOB:</u> Brian had heard from a Life member who had moved out of the area, resigning his membership. Roy will point out to him that this is not just a local history Society, and distance is no bar to membership. Sam will contact the Bucks Family History Society and confirm that we would like a stand at their fair on 5th July. Sam has been in touch with Barney Tyrwhitt-Drake in connection with the refurbishment of the Ship Money Memorial. Roy also reported that there are still people, including committee members, with Facebook accounts who have not 'Liked' the Society.</p>	Roy Sam
	<p>There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was declared closed. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 21st March at 2.00 at Wheatley</p>	