

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 12th July 2014 at Wheatley

1	<p>Present: Steve Barrieff (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Mrs Beatrice Dobie.</p> <p>Apologies: Lord Hollenden.</p>	
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2	<p>Minutes of last Meeting: These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising: Sam commented that he had been pleased to note those present at the AGM felt that staying with the Co-op Bank was the right option for the Society.</p>	
4	<p>Online Orders: Brian had seen a document about the facility to order books via the BFH website, offering flexibility over methods of payment.</p>	
5	<p>Wreath Laying: Roy asked whether anything had happened about a wreath laying ceremony and Sam confirmed that it had not been possible to arrange anything this year. It would be better to do this in the Houses of Parliament, if permission was forthcoming. Sam will follow this up with John Bercow and see what the situation is likely to be, but agreed that there was no reason why we should not also lay a wreath in Thame provided we have enough people available on the appointed day to carry this out.</p>	Sam
6	<p>Membership Brian had written up a résumé which he passed round to everyone, setting out the current situation, and also a copy of the suggested letter to be sent out to new members with the membership pack. He reported that in the last few weeks we had lost two members and gained two new members and the total stood at 116. We have also recently taken out 10 members who have been approached many times but who have not responded and have not renewed their membership.</p> <p>Anthea would like to e-mail all members and suggest that they might be prepared to read the newsletter on line/print it out themselves, with the promise to post individual editions on request.</p> <p>Sam feels that we should make an effort to contact all new members, some of whom will live geographically close to us, and introduce ourselves.</p>	Anthea
7	<p>Meetings: Sam stated that we needed to set the date for the next AGM as soon as we could, in order to avoid the problems we had this year with finding a venue. Steve also suggested that dates for future committee meetings should be set for the forthcoming year, in order that they can be circulated for members to note in their diaries.</p> <p>It was agreed that the AGM had passed off with well despite the small attendance.</p>	Steve
8	<p>Constitution: Sam has not yet been able to get back to the Charities Commission with regard to the amended Constitution but that does not prevent us issuing the new version. He will e-mail a copy of this to Brian, so that he can incorporate it in the new member pack.</p>	Sam Brian
9	<p>The Patriot: To date Anthea only had one small piece for the next edition. Roy and Sam both had ideas for articles and would let her have them as soon as possible. Brian had written an essay which he would précis and submit for a future edition.</p>	Roy Sam
10	<p>Website: Roy stated that the Website Sub-Committee had chewed over some ideas, he had produced one or two design ideas, they had drawn up a long list of other websites they had looked at and like the look of, but at the moment the threads are not drawn together. They would call a meeting to finalise their requirements and then get quotes for setting it up.</p>	Roy/Sam/ Steve
11	<p>AOB: Sam still has to prepare and submit the Gift Aid returns for the past two years but this is in hand. Steve will set up a Doodle for four meetings in the coming year. The AGM should be arranged for 11th/12th or 18th/19th April and Anthea will try to book Hampden House for this, which means it will probably have to be a Sunday.</p> <p>Future Events: ? Talk by Gerald McGregor ? Talk by Adrian Tinniswood Talk by Miles – Chiltern U3A at Amersham - 24th July Talk by Roy – Abingdon U3A – 8th September Talk by Miles – Kimble Church – 27th September. Thame Charities Fair – 8th November AGM – April 2015</p>	Sam Steve Anthea
12	<p>Date & Venue of next meeting: 11th October – venue to be announced.</p>	