

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 21st March 2015 at Wheatley

1.	<u>Present:</u> Steve Barriff (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Brian Cox and Beatrice Dobie.	
	<u>Apologies:</u> Lord Hollenden. Sam Hearn and Roy Bailey.	
2.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u> These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
	<u>Matters Arising:</u> It was confirmed that Gerald McGregor had agreed to stand for nomination to the Executive Committee and that he would be giving his talk at the AGM.	
3.	<p><u>Membership Matters:</u></p> <p>Brian distributed a report showing the current situation relating to membership and stated that he had written to members who had not renewed at that time, reminding them that their subscriptions were due.</p> <p>It was mentioned that, on Brian's retirement, the stock would need rehousing and Sam had offered the use of his basement for this purpose, which would seem to be the best solution. If no-one came forward to take on the membership secretarial position, Sam would do so for the time being, as this work is quite closely allied to the job of treasurer.</p> <p>One anomaly that Brian mentioned was that a number of subscriptions that were paid on 2nd January, the due date, were not actually shown on the Bank Statement until 2nd March for some reason.</p> <p>At the date of the meeting, membership stood at 77 instead of the 116 recorded the previous year. but it was hoped that this number would rise quite rapidly once Brian's letters were received by the late payers. Membership seems to remain fairly static in that we gain a few members each year, but also lose a few, either through death or loss of interest in the Society.</p>	<p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p>
4.	<u>Accounts:</u> Sam had produced the accounts for circulation with the AGM paperwork and sent a copy to Anthea, which she had photocopied to send out to members. Roy had a copy to put on the website for those being notified by e-mail.	Roy
5.	<u>The Patriot:</u> Anthea had received the latest edition from the printers and was aiming to get them in the post, together with the AGM paperwork, by the end of the week. She reported that everything was going to be e-mailed to those members on the Googlegroup mail list in order to save time and postage. <i>The Patriot</i> looked good and it was felt that the printers are proving very reliable and helpful.	
6.	<u>Website:</u> Steve reported that next step would be for Roy to get in touch with his contact to talk about the possibilities and costs, etc.	Roy
7.	<u>Wreath Laying:</u> With regard to the wreath-laying in the Houses of Parliament, Sam will be there along with any other members who are able to get there at 9.00 in the morning, and hopefully there will be some good photos for publication in the next edition of <i>The Patriot</i> . It is hoped that we will be allowed to lay a wreath there in future years and that it might be possible to do it later in the day to give people a better chance of attending.	Sam

8.	<p><u>AGM:</u> Anthea reported that she would finalise the arrangements with Hampden House and that there were areas of the house that would be open for attendees to walk round and hopefully the Church would be accessible.</p>	Anthea
9.	<p><u>Society Talks & Future Events:</u> Beatrice stated that the Charity Fair in Thame was booked for Saturday 7th November, and she would give us a reminder nearer the time in case we wished to take a stall there.</p>	Beatrice
10.	<p><u>Angela Rodda Essay Award:</u> No further progress had been made with this so far, though Sam will be speaking to local schools.</p>	Sam
11.	<p><u>Items not on the Agenda:</u> Roy will not be seeking re-nomination to the Committee in 2016. He will remain a member of the Society, but will then no longer run the website or edit <i>The Patriot</i>, though he will offer his assistance with the complexities of desktop publishing to whoever took over that task and was happy to remain the liaison between the Society and the printers. He has been a member of the Society since its inception and has only missed one AGM and three committee meetings.</p>	Roy
12.	<p><u>AOB:</u> Steve has been in touch with Philip Mitchell at Wendover Library in connection with the refurbishing and re-location of the Hampden plaque. The Ship Money memorial refurbishment is another project on which Sam is working with the Chiltern Society. The question of where to hold the next Executive Committee meeting was discussed and, whilst Brian was happy for us to go there again, it was felt that we should really make an effort to find somewhere else. It was suggested that possibly Sam would be prepared to host the next meeting on 18th July.</p>	
	<p>There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was declared closed. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 18th July. Venue to be announced after discussion with Sam.</p>	