

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of Meeting held on 10th May 2012 at 9 Mulberry Drive, Wheatley.

Present: Sam Hearn (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Derek Lester (Hon. Treasurer), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and John Gabbitas.

Apologies: Lord Hollenden.

		ACTION
1	<p><u>Minutes of last Meeting:</u> Were approved as a true record of the meeting, subject to certain amendments.</p>	
2	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u> The handover of the membership post from Roger to Brian was almost completed. Derek and Sam need to deal with the Gift Aid claim.</p> <p>Brian pointed out Amazon are forcing up the price of books by demanding massive discounts for selling them on their website. They would have done a deal for our publications but wanted a 60% discount.</p>	Derek & Sam
3	<p><u>Finance:</u> Derek had not had time to prepare the accounts for the meeting, but the financial situation was healthy. A small sum had been spent on the AGM for the speaker, and Derek had paid £50 to Broughton Castle as a contribution towards heating costs.</p>	
3	<p><u>Updates:</u> <u>Newsletter:</u> Anthea was short of material for this. Various items were promised to make up the shortfall.</p> <p><u>Video:</u> No further progress had been made with this to date, but it was agreed that Roy should write a piece for the summer newsletter asking whether any members have the expertise and ability to take on this task.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> Derek, Brian and Roy had met to discuss the on-line membership application form and come up with some ideas as to how this could be set up.</p> <p><u>AGM:</u> It was agreed that this had gone off extremely well and that Broughton Castle had been an enjoyable venue for the event.</p>	Roy
4	<p><u>Forthcoming Events:</u> <u>Wreath laying ceremony at the Statue in Aylesbury – 23 June:</u> The format of the flyer was discussed and it was agreed that the menu and a location map should be printed on the back. Sam has canvassed various dignitaries inviting them to attend and it is still hoped that there will be a good turnout.</p> <p>Roy offered to do a press release and hope this would result in good publicity</p> <p><u>Church Service:</u> The date for this has been confirmed as 14th October. Venues to be explored for lunch following the service. John will meet with the Rector and finalise details of the service and some thought will have to be given to the service booklet need to be undertaken.</p> <p>Derek is doing a battlefield walk on 13th May, for the Battlefields Trust and Chalgrove villagers</p> <p>Sam was attending the Amersham and Chesham Conservatives Supper Club the following evening to do a talk. He was also giving a talk on Sybil Penn the following week at the Thame Museum.</p>	Roy John Derek Sam
5	<p><u>Membership Fees:</u> It was pointed out to Sam that, at the AGM, those present were all happy about the suggestion of increased membership fees, and in fact they all felt that the suggested changes were too small. As a result the Committee was given carte blanche to reconsider and implement increases that were thought fit, to take into account the rise in postage costs and to try and avoid a further increase in subs for several years. It was decided that the subs should be: £15 Individual, £20 Joint (including family), £10 Juniors. £24 Corporate.</p> <p><u>Members' Skills:</u> It had been suggested at the AGM that the Society should investigate what skills were available amongst the members, that could be advantageous to the running of the Society.</p>	
6	<p><u>Venue for Future Meetings:</u> It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Cryers Hill.</p>	
7	<p><u>AOB:</u> Derek mentioned that we had a wonderful time at Broughton and he wondered whether that would be a good venue for our anniversary Dinner on 26th October 2013.</p>	
8	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> This was scheduled for Thursday 9th August 2012, to start at 7.30 at Little Hampden, Cryers Hill, HP15 6JS</p>	