

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2011 at The Wheel, Naphill.

Present: Sam Hearn (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Roy Bailey, Brian Cox and Derek Lester. Colin Cartwright was also present for the first part of the meeting.

Apologies: Roger Paynter, John Gabbitas and Lord Hollenden.

		ACTION
1	Minutes of last Meeting: Were read and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
2	<p>Matters Arising: Anthea reported that John had spoken to the Vicar of Great Hampden Church and understood that June would be difficult for a Service, but October should be a viable option. It would be a good idea to combine the 20th anniversary Dinner with a Thanksgiving Service, which would make 28th October the ideal choice for the service, with the dinner on Saturday, 27th.</p> <p>Sam will investigate the possibility of a visit to the Houses of Parliament.</p> <p>Sam will work on the Strategy as soon as possible.</p> <p>Sam will write up something for the newsletter asking whether anybody has the expertise and would be prepared to take on the production/coordination of the video.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p>
3	<p>Finance: Derek presented the accounts showing a total in the three accounts of £4,836.72. He said that he would like to change the Society's Bank and felt that The Co-operative Bank would be the best for our purpose. That Bank does have some branches, but mostly operates on line and it was believed that payments into the account could be made via the Post Office. Derek would like to get the new account established before any change in subscriptions.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the proposed new subscription rates and also about membership cards, which currently are only sent to new members and it was felt this practice should continue, with further copies being issued on request.</p>	Derek
4	<p>Stock List: Brian is hoping to get details of our books onto the Nielsen Book Data website so that they will be visible to retailers searching the website for any of them.</p> <p>Derek commented that 'The Controversy' is coming close to selling out and he will need to come up with a second edition, including necessary amendments.</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Derek</p>
5	<p>Updates:</p> <p>Newsletter: There was a short discussion as to which printer to use in the future. Anthea stated that copy for the next edition needs to be received by her by 20th January.</p> <p>Walk & Membership Leaflets: This item was discussed at the start of the meeting which was attended, initially, by Colin Cartwright, who is researching the Suffragette Movement in Buckinghamshire. He hoped that the Society would agree to contribute towards the cost of producing a 16-page Heritage Trail booklet containing six walks in the Chilterns and beyond, two of which the Society might be interested in, one starting in Wendover, the other in Aylesbury. In return for this he would feature the John Hampden Society and would let us have a supply for our own use.</p> <p>It would be good if the Society could organise some form of wreath-laying ceremony next year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the statue in Aylesbury. This could perhaps include lunch at The Kings Head.</p> <p>Trail Leaflet: Derek reported that if we produce an A3 leaflet, triple folded as at present, the charge for 200 would be the same as for <i>The Patriot</i>.</p> <p>Video: Brian asked whether the video was actually going to be a video or a CD. Sam felt it would be a CD with a series of photographs with a voice-over.</p> <p>Website: There was nothing much to report. Rather than spend time looking for a different format, Roy will look at updating what we have already, as this seems to work pretty well.</p>	Roy
6	<p>Forthcoming Events:</p> <p>AGM: Confirmed for Broughton Castle for 14th April 2012, with tea and a talk organised, together with a tour of the castle. Sam mentioned that the Church is also worth a visit.</p> <p>Talks: Sam has one or two talks in the pipeline and Anthea asked him to let her have the dates for the diary in the next edition of <i>The Patriot</i>.</p>	Sam
7	<p>AOB: Roy had contacted the Oxford Literary Festival Director to find out whether we could give a talk next year, but had not received a reply as yet.</p> <p>Derek wondered whether it would be possible to contact any of the old girls who had attended Hampden House School. He had the address of one of the girls.</p>	Roy
8	Date of Next Meeting: This was scheduled for Thursday 23 rd February 2012, to start at 7, at The Wheel, Naphill. (venue confirmed)	