



BEAULIEU HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

To be held at Beaulieu Village Hall
on Monday 7th February 2022

Doors open 18.00 hrs. Meeting Commences at 18.30hrs

Agenda and related papers

The arrangements for our Annual General Meeting for the 2021 financial year are now confirmed to be a meeting in person, to be held on Monday 7th February in the Beaulieu Village Hall, followed by a light-hearted Quiz and refreshments.

The meeting is open to all paid up members and partners. Only paid up members are eligible to vote. Members who have not yet done so may pay their subscriptions on arrival.

All attending are asked to take a Lateral Flow test beforehand, to wear masks when practical and be aware of social distancing.

Note: If covid regulations change after the circulation of these documents or the level of infectivity makes a meeting in person inadvisable, the meeting will be held via zoom. Details for “joining” the online meeting will be advised with the notice of this change.

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman: Emma Page
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31st January 2020.

The Draft Minutes having been circulated (and are copied on Page 4 below). Subject to any comments, Members approval will be sought.

3. Chairman’s Report: Emma Page

The Committee much regret that for the second year the Covid pandemic has prevented us from holding most of our provisionally planned meetings in 2021. The committee met by zoom and kept under review the possibility of rescheduling meetings when the lifting of lockdown regulations would allow us to do so. As a result, we were able to meet again for two very well attended events, which are referred to in the Secretary’s report, and our last Newsletter was published in November.

During the year many more improvements were made to the functionality and organisation of the content of the BHS website. Resources information was added with links to relevant websites and organisations holding records related to the history of Beaulieu and the surrounding areas. Several public enquiries made via the website led to research undertaken voluntarily by Anthony Norris and Ken Robinson, which revealed much information about former Beaulieu residents, to whom the enquirers were related. The greater public access enabled by the changes fulfils our

commitment, as stated in our Constitution, to “become a centre of information” and “increase interest in the history of Beaulieu and the surrounding area”.

We are very keen to recommence our normal programme of meetings and visits as soon as circumstances permit. Several meetings are already proposed for 2022. Our provisional programme will be published soon after this AGM, but we will be contributing to Beaulieu’s celebrations for HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with a meeting on “Beaulieu in 1952”.

Currently we have about 114 members who have been active in the last year and approximately 250 on our mailing list, as many attend occasionally and pay subscriptions when they do so.

Our long serving Secretary, Gillian Strathcarron, is retiring from that role at this AGM, and on behalf of the Committee and I am sure all members, I express our thanks to her for the exceptional contribution she has made to the Society. One of her most important tasks has been as co-ordinator and editor of our book publications, and she has kindly agreed to continue with this, if re-elected. Meanwhile we have welcomed Margaret Rowles who was co-opted during this year, to take on some of the secretarial tasks and contact with members. Dene McCulloch manages our membership register and new member enquiries. These three positions with other committee members and tasks, will be subject to the Election under item 5 of this AGM Agenda.

On behalf of the Committee, we send our best wishes for the coming months to all our members and we very much hope that the easing of the covid pandemic will enable Beaulieu History Society to fulfil our programme of regular meetings in the coming year.

4. Secretary’s Report: Gillian Strathcarron

After the long pandemic darkness, the Beaulieu History Society returned to life on September 9th 2021 with a well-supported meeting celebrating the Art of Belinda, Lady Montagu. Mary Montagu-Scott gave a talk about her mother’s embroideries depicting the history of Beaulieu Abbey, which hang in the Domus. On November 29, the Village Hall was once again full of members who came to hear a talk given by Colin van Geffen about the Schneider Air Trophy Races, the last of which were run from the RAF Seaplane Station at Calshot, with two British victories in the final races in 1929, and 1931.

Sales of the History Society publications also picked up at the end of 2021. We sold 2 copies of The Older Houses of Beaulieu and 4 copies of Beaulieu in Tudor and Stuart Times.

I am sorry to be standing down as Secretary of the society but after seven years I think it’s time for a change. Dene McCulloch has done an excellent job as Membership Secretary for the last 3 years and we are lucky to have Margaret Rowles taking over as Secretary. Margaret has been associated with Beaulieu for many years as working on public and media relations for Beaulieu Enterprise. I hope to stay on the Committee, taking charge of the publication of new books.

5. Treasurer’s Report: Peter Marling Roberts

In another quite extraordinary year I am glad to say that it was financially uneventful for the Beaulieu History Society and that the financial situation of the Society continues to be very sound. The committee would also like to thank Adam Mills for reviewing the BHS accounts for 2021 and for agreeing to do so again in 2022. Subscriptions were up slightly at £521 compared to £456 in 2020. The BHS also received a generous donation from the Common Good Fund of £250.

Excess Income over expenditure was £608.71 compared to £500.50 the previous year and the Bank balance on December 31st 2021 was £6,311.21 compared to £5,702.50.

The Committee proposes that the Annual Subscription for 2022 remains at £5, which can be paid in advance or on arrival when attending any BHS meeting.

**Beaulieu History Society
Financial Statements 2021**

Balance sheet

as of December 31st 2021

	2021	2020
Assets		
Bank	6,311.21	5,702.50
	£6,311.21	£5,702.50
Reserves		
Accumulated fund	5,702.50	5,202.00
Surplus on income and expenditure account	608.71	500.50
	£6,311.21	£5,702.50

Income and expenditure account

Year ended December 31st 2021

	2021	2020
Subscriptions and other income		
Subscriptions	521.00	456.00
Grant from Common Good Fund	250.00	400.00
Sale of Books	82.50	0.00
Dinner and other income	0.01	50.00
	853.51	906.00
Expenses		
Venue hire	37.00	35.00
Refreshments and Dinner costs	0.00	163.00
Speaker and sound	75.00	35.00
Printing and stationery	0.00	0.00
Insurance cover	75.00	75.00
Website development	57.50	57.50
Bank interest or hire	0.30	40.00
Total expenses	244.80	405.50
Excess of income over expenditure	£608.71	£500.50

To members of the Beaulieu History Society:

Adam Mills reviewed the accounts of the Beaulieu History Society for the year ended December 31st 2021 and confirms they are in accordance with the underlying books and records of the Society. There are no matters arising from the review which need to be brought to the attention of the members.

Adam Mills
Independent reviewer
St Leonards Farmhouse
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6. Election of Officers for 2022

1. Nominations from members willing to serve: none have been received.

Co-optee standing for Election: Margaret Rowles

2. Committee Members retire at the AGM in accordance with the Constitution. All are willing to stand for election again and are proposed to continue in their existing roles:

Chairman	Emma Page
Vice Chairman	John Pemberton
Treasurer	Peter Marling-Roberts
Secretary	Margaret Rowles
Members	Christina Dykes, Dene McCulloch, Mary Montagu-Scott, Ken Robinson, Nigel Southward, Gillian Strathcarron

7. Any Other Business

BHS AGM 2020 : MINUTES

Held to be Covid-compliant by Zoom on Friday February 26th 2021

Committee Member participants:

Emma Page (Chair), Christina Dykes, Peter Marling-Roberts, Dene McCulloch, John Pemberton, Mary Montagu-Scott, Ken Robinson, Gillian Strathcarron (Secretary)

BHS Member participants:

Nigel Southward, Annette Southward, Michael Page, Jo Robinson, Gerry Marling-Roberts, Ian Strathcarron

1. Chairman's Report: Emma Page:

EP welcomed members of the committee and non-committee members to the Zoom meeting. It was confirmed that the total numbers of members present complied with the BHS Constitution requirements to be quorate. Full details of the 2020 year and AGM documentation had been circulated to all members in advance, explaining the force majeure arrangements for this AGM and giving details related to Chairman's Report and each of the Report items in this meeting. The Minutes of the 2020 AGM held on January 31 2020 were proposed by PM-R and seconded by KR.

2. Secretary's Report: Gillian Strathcarron:

GS read a brief synopsis of her report, already circulated.

3. Treasurer's Report: Peter Marling-Roberts

PM-R referred the committee to his Report in the AGM 2020 Agenda and had nothing to add. He thanked Ken Robinson for his help in preparing the Agenda and papers. KR commented that the Society is in a healthy position financially and thanked PM-R for the detailed financial statement.

4. Election of Committee Members:

EP welcomed Nigel Southward who is joining the committee, subject to due election. He was proposed by Dene McCulloch and seconded by GS. All other committee members who retired were re-elected to their positions for the current year; proposed by Gerry Marling-Roberts and seconded by NS.