

MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES
REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

CHAIRMAN Sir James Dalrymple-Hay Bt SECRETARY : Mrs. J. H. Jameson Dip Arch.

Annual General Meeting

October 1994

Report by the Committee on the last Twelve Months

Summary of the Past Year

We have watched with interest the progress of having the various overhead cables and wires placed underground in Church Street. It has been a slow business but hopefully it is now nearing completion. Most people like the new street lamps with their hanging baskets. The Warnham Society kept these baskets watered in the latter part of the summer. We hope it will not be long before the pavements are reinstated.

Gatwick Airport has been in the local news, and there has been some progress on the Traffic Calming scheme for Church Street.

Best Kept Village Competition

Our congratulations go to all the people responsible for Warnham winning the Best Kept Large Village Competition. This was achieved in spite of the condition of Church Street due to the works in progress on the underground cabling.

Traffic Calming

Roger Purcell's Traffic Calming scheme was submitted to the Parish Council for consideration at their February meeting. The Parish Council accepted the proposals in principle, but there was some concern about facilities for pedestrians crossing at the two mini roundabouts. It is hoped that with a few minor adjustments, the final plan will be submitted to the County Council for their approval.

Road Naming

The saga continues. We do not seem to make much progress even though we have been assured by Horsham District Council that the signs have been manufactured. We would like to emphasise that we have been working closely with the Parish Council on this matter.

Gatwick Airport

As we forecast last year, the second runway proposal for Gatwick has been a subject of concern. We were therefore pleased to have been given a talk by Mr. Brendon Sewill at our Spring Meeting. Mr. Sewill is Chairman of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign. The public consultation period finished at the end of May, but a Government statement is not expected until later in the autumn. Our concern has been made even greater by the Government decision to increase the number of night flights from Gatwick from 7,547 in 1992/3 to 16,450 in 1997/8. This will mean that Gatwick will have over twice as many night flights as Heathrow!

Planning

There have not been any controversial planning matters for us to consider during the past year. The Abbeyfield Homes planning application the Glebe was withdrawn because of lack of financial support. The application by the Warehouse to extend their hours of business to include opening all day Saturday and Sunday morning was withdrawn.

We are pleased to see that the antiques shop in Church Street is to re-open, and that the adjoining shop is being converted into a residence. These two properties have been an eye-sore for some years.

Relations with Other Bodies

The Chairman has attended two meetings of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies during the past year. Because of the number of local societies in Sussex joining the Federation it was decided to divide the Federation into two halves - East and West Sussex under the umbrella of the parent body. It seems that the West Sussex group has had difficulty in attracting support for the meetings, and was in danger of having to disband. The FSAS was therefore anxious to improve the situation. The Horsham Society is now taking an active part in reorganising the West Sussex section, and it is our view that it will eventually be formed around the Horsham Society. This would be more relevant to our needs.

As we have already mentioned, we are in close contact with the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign and, of course, with the Warnham Parish Council.

Membership of the Warnham Society

The Warnham Society urgently needs more members, in particular members who are prepared to serve on the Committee. The Committee meets about four or five times a year in addition to the Spring Meeting and the AGM. The undertaking is not therefore very onerous, and any help would be most welcome.

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 1993 TO YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1994

Balance brought forward from audited accounts to 30th September 1993	BANK CASH	158.39	41.73	200.12
<u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions by cheque		72.00		
by cash			110.00	
Profit from refreshments		6.31	8.90	
Bank interest (gross)		.33		
Donation			7.00	<u>204.54</u>
				404.66
<u>Less Expenditure</u>				
Hire of Village Hall			40.00	
Speakers' fee/Donation		32.00		
Subscription Civic Trust (2 years)		50.00		
" Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies			25.00	
" Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign			5.00	<u>152.00</u>
<u>Funds carried forward</u>	BANK CASH	155.03	97.63	252.66

Signed R.H. Newman

R.H. Newman
Hon. Treasurer
1st October 1994

Signed R. J. Boud

R. J. Boud A.C.I.B.
Hon. Auditor

Dated 18.12.94

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society
held in the Village Hall on
Friday 21 October 1994

Present: about 45 members and guests.

Chairman: Sir James Dalrymple-Hay

- 1.0 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chairman welcomed all present. There were no apologies for absence.
- 2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM. All members had received a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 November 1993. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mrs. Ashton and seconded by Mr. Courtier. They were, therefore, signed by the Chairman as being a correct record of the proceedings.
- 3.0 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS: The Treasurer apologised to the members for an inaccuracy in the unaudited accounts which had been issued to them. The total funds stand at £252.66, not £259.65 as stated. The amended Accounts will be audited soon.

Mr. Overton questioned whether the £5.00 donation to the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign is adequate, bearing in mind the importance to the village of the Campaign's work. The Chairman pointed out that a donation of £32.00 had been made to Mr. Brendon Sewill following his talk to the Society about GACC at the Spring Meeting. It was however agreed that the Committee would take on board the payment of more than the minimum subscription fee at the next renewal date. Approval of the Statement of Account was proposed by Mrs. Burnham, Sir James Dalrymple-Hay expressed his thanks to Mr Newman for preparation of the Accounts.

- 4.0 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE: Sir James Dalrymple-Hay advised the meeting that he would not be standing again for the Chairmanship or membership of the Committee as he had now served the Society for several years as Secretary and two years as Chairman. He thanked the Committee for their support during that time.

The Chairman said that all other members of the Committee had expressed their willingness to stand for another year i.e.: -

Mr. R. H. Newman; Mr. G. J. Read; Mr. R. H. Purcell; Mr. R. H. Courtier;
Mrs. O. G. Thornton; Mr. A. G. Brand; Mrs. R. Ashton; Mrs. J. H. Jameson.

The motion that the committee be re-elected was proposed by Mrs. J. Lee and seconded by Mrs. J. Burnham.

The Chairman explained the need for further committee members. and said that people new to the village would be very welcome. The following members expressed their willingness to join the committee: -

Mrs. S. Dutton	Proposed by Sir James Dalrymple-Hay Seconded by Mr. R. Purcell
Mrs. J. Burnham	Proposed by Mr. P. Cleeve Seconded by Mr. G. Read
Mrs. W. Ronaasen	Proposed by Mrs. P. White Seconded by Mrs. O. Thornton
Mr. P. Lee	Proposed by Mrs. O. Thornton Seconded by Mr. R. Melhuish

5.0 REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST YEAR: The Chairman referred to the Report which had been circulated to members and asked for any comments.

Gatwick Airport. Mr. Overton asked what support the Society had given to the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign. The Chairman replied that the fete at Charlwood had been rained off, and that no other fund raising events had been arranged. Mr. Brendon Sewill had been invited to address the Society about the impact that the proposed expansion of the airport would have on the area. Mr. Overton thought that the Society should have made representations e.g. letters to the Department of Transport. The Chairman said that the Government's decision is now awaited.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman told the meeting that Warnham had also won the cleanest village award from West Sussex County Council and had been presented with a cheque for £150.00. An award of £60.00 had been received for the Best Kept Village competition, together with a plaque located in the Village Hall and the free-standing external sign. He expressed his congratulations and thanks to those members who had worked hard to achieve these successes for Warnham and also to the Parish Council. Mrs. Burnham suggested that the Warnham Society should write to Mr. Miller, the litter warden, to express their thanks and recognition of his contribution in achieving these awards.

Traffic Calming. Mrs. Dutton asked whether any progress had been made towards the implementation of the traffic calming scheme. Mr. Purcell said that, following discussions

with both the District and County Councils, he has yet to amend and extend the scheme drawings to define a 20mph 'area' rather than 20mph being imposed just along Church Street. These new drawings need to be agreed with the County Council prior to exhibition to the village and lodging with the County Council. He thought that implementation of the scheme would be deferred until improvement of the A24. Mr. Lee said that traffic calming was most needed before the dualling of the A24. Lady Dalrymple-Hay commented on the alarmingly high speed of traffic through the village, mostly by non-residents taking a short cut. Mr. Purcell did not think they could challenge the County Council's policy of coupling the road improvements. Mrs. Burnham confirmed that the A24 works are programmed for 1996/7, and advised that the village should make a fuss to ensure that the programme is maintained. She also said that she had had a meeting with the Traffic Inspector, and that electronic speed monitoring is to be used in the village. Mr. Cleeve thought that much of the problem could be eliminated by the introduction of a short one-way system in Broadbridge Heath which would reduce the advantage of taking a route through Warnham. Mr. Purcell said that, following a traffic survey about 6–7 years ago, several such proposals were made and each one was rejected. However, traffic volume and speed have greatly increased since then and perhaps such ideas should be raised again. Mr. Read said that he had been tasked by the Parish Council to liaise with Broadbridge Heath Parish Council on traffic matters, including the introduction of a one-way system.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Chairman explained that the annual award by the Society for the garden which contributed most to the village streetscape had not been made this year because a very similar award had been made under the Britain in Bloom competition. The Society's award would be made again in the following year.

Mr. Purcell proposed a vote of thanks to Sir James Dalrymple-Hay for all that he has done for the Warnham Society over many years.

The formal part of the A.G.M. was then concluded.

10,000 YEARS OF BRICKMAKING FROM JERICHO TO WARNHAM

Mr. R. Courtier introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Bob Laird. Mr. Laird was Technical Director to Redland Brick Company for 22 years and has undertaken consultancy work since his retirement. He gave an extremely interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on the long history of brickmaking worldwide, putting the Warnham Brickworks into its historical context. Discussion of manufacturing at Warnham prior to recent mechanisation was of particular interest, as both the working and social life of the village was so closely linked to the Brickworks. The talk was greatly enjoyed by the members.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. R. Courtier.