

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Member of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies, CPRE and GACC

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Dear Member,

Enclosed are the Agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting of the Warnham Society to be held on Thursday 3rd November in the Village Hall.

Details of the Autumn meeting are on the enclosed sheet. We are delighted to be sharing the evening with the Warnham Historical Society and look forward to hearing Jeremy Knight, Curator of the Horsham Museum, speaking on a local hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, a topical subject three weeks after the 200th Anniversary of Nelson's victory.

The talk will follow the Warnham Society's AGM. This also marks an Anniversary – the 20th year of the Warnham Society which was founded in 1985. Its aims as expressed in the Constitution are: • to safeguard the character of Warnham Parish; • to ensure that any development which takes place is in keeping with that character and • to do so in close co-operation with other organizations having similar interests and in as friendly liaison as possible with local authorities and • to foster any activity which makes Warnham a pleasanter place in which to live.

It is in this context that we record the activities of 2004-2005 in the enclosed report.

Accounts of membership, financial matters, activities of the Committee, progress on the A24 Great Daux to Capel Road Scheme, the Traffic Management Scheme and other matters are recorded. Though the number of members has increased, our finances could obviously be strengthened without the need to raise subscriptions if the number of members were to rise further. We hope that the article published in the October edition of the "Warnham Warbler" will arouse interest and encourage readers to join the Society.

At the AGM the Treasurer's Report and a Statement of the accounts will be available

It should be noted that the Committee has failed again this year to produce a candidate willing to take on the Chairmanship of the Society. Committee meetings have been chaired by its members in rotation, with the Correspondence Secretary being the Society's contact name. This arrangement has enabled the work of the Society to be conducted effectively, but the Committee will address the need for Secretary and Chairman at its first meeting after the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you at our Autumn Meeting and AGM on 3rd November, when wine and coffee will be available from 7.30. The meeting will start at 8.00pm.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Dales - Correspondence Secretary

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting to be held at Warnham Village Hall
on Thursday 3rd November 2005 at 8pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th November 2004.
3. Matters arising
4. Receipt and approval of the accounts from 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005. Copies of the audited accounts will be available at the AGM
5. Election of a Committee to serve for one year. The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least eight and no more than twelve members.
6. Report on the year 2004–2005. Copies are enclosed with this agenda Other business appropriate to the Meeting.
7. Please notify the Correspondence Secretary (Margaret Dales) of any matter which you wish to be considered, by 28th October.

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Committee Report 2004–2005

Membership

The Warnham Society has 136 members, an increase of 21 over this time last year. However, from the total membership 31 have still to pay their annual subscription. We hope that they will want to renew their membership for the coming year. The committee has agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £5 per couple and £3 for a single member for the coming year. This will, we hope, allow us to meet the costs of the Society but only if all our members remember to pay their subscription. The small increase in membership this year is welcome, but we would encourage all members to tell their friends and neighbours about the Society and invite them to our meetings.

Finance

The Treasurer's Report and a Statement of Accounts will be available at the AGM.

Committee Operations:

- Eight full Committee meetings were held. In the absence of an appointed Chairman of the Society the Committee Meetings have been chaired on a rotational basis, to agenda agreed by the meeting Working groups were formed to develop responses to initiatives e.g. to the Horsham District Council Development Framework and the South East Plan
- Two public meetings were held:
4th November 2004–BIFFA "What can be done with OUR rubbish"
7th April 2005 - The Parish Design Statement within the Parish Plan

Contacts with other bodies:

These include correspondence and responses to consultation papers with Horsham District Council (HDC), the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA), West Sussex County Council (WSCC), Warnham Parish Council (WPC), Kingsfold Residents' Association (KRA), the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies (FSAS), and the Warnham Parish Plan Steering Group.

Society Memberships:

The Society is a member of

- the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE),
- the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) and
- the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies (FSAS).

Main Activities during the year included work in the following areas:

• **A24 Capel to Horsham road improvement** The A24 improvement, for which the Society has planned an alternative alignment closer to the railway, was called in for review by the Government Office for the South East (GOSE). We understand that they are assessing relative priorities for a number of schemes and we understand that the A24 improvement is not now regarded as high priority. In any event, funding for the scheme would not be available before 2008 at the earliest. Consequently, West Sussex County Council has put preparatory work on hold. The County will review the position in 2006.

• **Warnham Traffic Management Scheme** The proposals developed by the Society to control the speed and volume of traffic on the parish lanes and village roads have been progressed by the County Council as highway authority. Plans for an initial scheme involving a 20 mph scheme in the village and extensions to the 30 mph limits have been exhibited in the village. Comments received on the scheme are being taken into account in preparing detailed designs for implementation. Construction is linked to sale of the sale of properties in Wyvern Place and it is hoped that the scheme can be implemented in 2006.

• **The Warnham Parish Plan** The Steering Group has included members of the Society. Following analysis of the responses to the current Warnham Parish Plan Survey the Plan will be formulated, based on the views expressed in the answers to the Survey. Part of the Plan will be the Design Statement which the Society has undertaken to prepare. The draft will be widely circulated for comment.

• **Responses to various consultative documents and plans in the past year include:**

The WSCC Waste Local Plan

The South East Plan

HDC Local Development Framework

Gatwick Expansion

HDC planning applications

Committee Members:

During the year the Committee accepted the resignation of Tony Hull. We are sorry also to

learn that Martin Rogers and Olive Thornton will not be seeking re-election at the 2005 AGM. Martin's sound judgement and comment have been much respected and he has been our very efficient Membership Secretary. Roger Jones has agreed to take on this role.

Olive Thornton was a Founder member of the Society and has been a Committee member throughout the years, with an unmatched record of attendance. Her unwavering support of the aims of the Society, as well as her practical help and her knowledge of Warnham past and present, are much valued and enjoyed.

If you have nominations for Committee members please let the Correspondence Secretary have names by 28th October.

Margaret Dales— Correspondence Secretary (Tel: 01403 254845)

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ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 2004 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

Balance brought forward
From Accounts at 30th September 2004

Cash £ 0.00
At Bank £365.78

£365.78

Income

Subscriptions:-
Cheques £147.00
Cash £177.00
Surplus from refreshments £ 17.00
Bank Interest (Gross) £ 0.47

Expenditure

Hire of village Hall(AGM) £ 35.00
Hire of Hall(Spring Mtg) £ 35.00
Administrative Costs £ 27.36
Insurance(Fed of Sussex
Amenity Societies) £ 115.00
Subs.to other organisations:-
G.A.C.C £ 10.00
Council for the Protection
Of Rural England £ 25.00
Fed.of Sussex Amenity Socs. £ 25.00
Horsham Society (NW Sx Branch
Fed.Amen.Socs) £ 12.50

Total £341.47


Total £284.86

Excess of Income
over Expenditure £ 56.61

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 0.00
At Bank £422.39

Total £422.39

Signed..........Date..12/10/05
Sarah T.V.Rees (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed..........Date..17/10/05
R.J.Boud A.C.I.B.(Hon.Auditor)

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 3 November 2005 at 8:00 pm

46 members and visitors were welcomed by Margaret Dales who chaired the meeting

1 **Apologies for absence** were received from Brian King, Quintin & Margaret Knight, George Elliott, Mrs Bodanski, Olive & Graham Haynes, Jean Burnham, Sylvia Dalrymple-Hay and Eve & Maurice Hall.

2 **Approval of the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 November 2004. The minutes were approved unanimously after proposal by Martin Rogers, seconded by Cheryl Donovan.

3 **Matters arising** were reviewed under Item 6.

4 **Receipt and approval of the accounts** from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005. Copies of the accounts were distributed at the meeting. The Honorary Treasurer, Sarah Rees, reported that there had been an excess of income over expenditure of £56.61 in the year. No queries were raised.

Thanks were expressed to Mr Roy Boud for his continued role as Honorary Auditor of the accounts.

The accounts were adopted unanimously after proposal by George Brand, seconded by Marion Stockley

5 **Election of a Committee** to serve for one year. The Committee was thanked for its work in the past year. Thanks were expressed to Tony Hull who had resigned during the year due to the pressure of other interests; to Martin Rogers who retired from the Committee and as Membership Secretary; and to Olive Thornton who retired from the Committee, being a founder member of the Society, serving on the Committee for 20 years and attending over 100 Committee meetings.

The Warnham Society Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least eight and no more than twelve members. Members of the Committee willing to be nominated for re-election were:

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| Bill Bousefield | George Brand | Margaret Dales |
| George Elliott | Roger Jones | Brian King |
| Quintin Knight | Roger Purcell | Sarah Rees |

Additionally Marion Stockley had agreed to be nominated to become a Committee Member

for the forthcoming year.

A proposal to elect all ten nominees was made by Janet Lee, seconded by John Hamer, was carried unanimously. The Committee will elect its officers at its next meeting.

6. **Report** on the year 2004-2005 was circulated prior to the meeting. Roger Purcell gave a brief update on key items:

A24 Improvement – The Regional Transport Board had assessed priorities for competing road schemes in the South-East and placed the scheme in the lowest category. Further consideration of the scheme will therefore be delayed. WSCC had mothballed preparatory studies and will consider its position next year.

Warnham Traffic Management Scheme – Preliminary plans of the scheme for 20 mph in the village and extended 30 mph limits had been exhibited and comments received. WSCC had undertaken surveys of the roads affected prior to detailed design. Implementation is planned for 2006/2007.

The Parish Plan survey was due for return by 5 November 2005 and a draft Plan is scheduled for the spring of 2006. The Society will undertake the production of the associated Parish Design Statement.

7. Other Business appropriate to the Meeting. No items were notified for discussion at the meeting.

The 2005 AGM closed at 8:13 pm.

A joint meeting of The Warnham Society and The Warnham Historical Society followed the AGM, chaired by John Hamer. The speaker was Jeremy Knight, Curator of the Horsham Museum who presented a review of the life and times of Capt. John Pilfold, “Hero of the Battle of Trafalgar” on its 200th anniversary. Capt Pilfold was a former resident of Bailing Hill Farm.