

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting to be held at Warnham Village Hall
on Thursday 2nd November 2006 at 8.30 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2005.

3. Matters Arising.

4. Receipt and Approval of Accounts. Copies of the audited accounts for the period from 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006 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 for the Year 2005-2006. Copies will be distributed at the AGM.

7. Other Business appropriate to the Meeting. Item 10(4) of the constitution requires that 14 days notice shall be given for any such business. Please advise the Correspondence Secretary (Roger Purcell) of any matter that you wish to be considered.

The formal business of the meeting will be followed by a talk by Mr Jonathan Lucas on "The Red Deer of Warnham Park".

There will be an opportunity at the meeting for members to renew their subscription for the next year, and new members are always welcome. The annual subscription is £5 for joint membership and £3 for an individual membership.

Bill Bousfield

Brian King

on behalf of the Committee

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2nd November 2006
REPORT of the COMMITTEE for 2005–2006

MEETINGS

During the last 12 months there have been two open meetings and six committee meetings, which are chaired alternately by Bill Bousfield and Brian King.

Autumn Meeting and AGM 3^o November 2005

The minutes of the last AGM accompany this report. The Autumn Meeting was a joint one with the Warnham Historical Society, at which Mr. Jeremy Knight gave a talk on the local connection with the Battle of Trafalgar.

Spring Meeting 6^o May 2006

This meeting took the form of a walk, excellently led by David Bridges, to explore some of the flora and wildlife in our local woods. There was an open invitation given for all, not just Warnham Society members, to join this walk as the subject was of such wide interest.

MEMBERSHIP

The strength of the Society is our members, who provide support and financial backing for our work. At present there are 39 Joint, 15 Individual and one Life member, and we always welcome new memberships.

FINANCE

The Society's income was slightly below its expenditure this year by £3.18 but the bank balance stood at £419.21 at the end of October 2006 so we do not anticipate major problems unless we have a significant drop in membership in 2007.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Society continues to be affiliated to GACC, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies. We keep informed of relevant issues through their publications and by attending their meetings and respond accordingly.

We have continued to respond in detail to the Horsham District Council Local Development Framework (LDF). We have expressed concern at the proposed development west of Horsham and will be following the Public Examination of the LDF which started recently.

We have continued to monitor the development of strategy for waste management. A West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Framework is being prepared by WSCC to replace the earlier Waste Local Plan. We are following the preparation of this new

document and will comment in detail in due course. We expect that this will become a focal subject for the Society in the coming year, particularly the environmental impacts of traffic and use of the existing brickworks sites. Two committee members visited a waste incinerator in Portsmouth earlier in the year.

PARISH PLAN AND PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT

We have continued to support the Parish Council in the development of the Parish Plan, which is to be published shortly. We expect to commence work on the Parish Design Statement during the next 1-2 months.

PLANNING

The committee monitors planning applications and makes representations to Horsham District Council where we feel that the proposed works might be detrimental to the character or amenity of the parish, its buildings and its landscape. Attention is paid to proposals that would change the appearance of properties as seen from the roads, footpaths or vantage points and particular attention is paid to proposed changes to listed properties and those in the conservation area.

WARNHAM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The proposals to introduce a 20mph zone in the village and extend the 30 mph limit are being designed in detail by West Sussex County Council and implementation is expected with a few months. The proposals are part of the comprehensive scheme promoted and designed in outline by the Society and is regarded as a major success of the Society.

Our overall scheme includes the introduction of lower speed limits on the remaining lanes in the parish, which the County Council regard as Phase 2, for consideration pending greater government and police support for lower speed limits on rural roads.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As well as new members, the Society also requires additional members of the Committee. Our ability to support adequately the projects noted above depends upon our active participation. Please help us to continue as a thriving Society into the future.

The Committee

The Warnham Society

October 2006

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ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 2005 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Balance brought forward
From Accounts at 30th September 2005

Cash £ 0.00
At Bank £422.39

£422.39

Income

Subscriptions:-
Cheques £165.00
Cash £ 84.00
Surplus from refreshments £ 10.50
Historical Soc AGM contribn £ 17.50
AGM expenses refund £ 7.79
Unbanked cheque returned £ 7.50
Bank Interest (Gross) £ 0.37

Total £292.66

Expenditure

Hire of village Hall(AGM) £ 35.00
Butterfly Conservation
donation (Spring Mtg) £ 30.00
Administrative Costs £ 35.84
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 £ 30.00
Fed.of Sussex Amenity Socs. £ 25.00
Horsham Society (NW Sx Branch £ 7.50
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Total £295.84

Excess of Income
over Expenditure £ -3.18

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 0.00
At Bank £419.21

Total £419.21

Signed.....Date.....
Sarah T.V.Rees (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed.....Date.....
R.J.Boud A.C.I.B.(Hon.Auditor)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 2nd November 2006 at 8.30pm

A large number of members and guests were welcomed by Brian King who chaired the Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs Lee, Brigadier & Mrs Hall, Mr & Mrs Knight, Mr & Mrs R. Jones, Mr Purcell, Mr & Mrs Gibbs, Mr Hodgson and Mr & Mrs Dutton
2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2005 were approved, as proposed by Mrs Stockley and seconded by Mrs Dales
3. Matters Arising were reviewed under stem 6
4. Receipt and Approval of Accounts for 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006. Audited copies were distributed at the meeting, they show an excess of expenditure over income of 3.18. No queries were raised. Thanks were expressed to Mr Boud for his continued role as Honorary Auditor of the Accounts
5. Election of a Committee to serve for one year: Mr King reported that Mrs Dales had retired from the Committee and that the remaining 9 members were standing for re-election. Mr King indicated that the Committee would welcome new members through nomination at the AGM or by co-option. The 9 members were re-elected on a proposal by Mrs Thornton seconded by Mrs King. The Committee will elect its officers at its next meeting, Mr Bousfield and Mr King are willing to serve as joint Chairmen for the coming year
6. Report for the Year 2005-2006: Copies were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Mr King summarised the year's activities and paid tribute to Committee members for their efforts over the past year and said that the Society would welcome new members
7. Other Business Appropriate to the Meeting:
 - 7.1 Mr King announced that the Spring Meeting would be a joint meeting with the Warnham Historical Society on Thursday 10th May 2007 in the Village Hall, a talk will be given on Horsham Stone and Sussex Marble by Roger Birch, a local geologist of note
 - 7.2 Mr King alluded to Mrs Dales' recent retirement from the Committee and announced that Committee members wished to express their personal appreciation of her invaluable service to the Society, especially as Chairman and Correspondence

Secretary. He presented her with a framed print of Warnham Court, dated about 1860. Mrs Dales expressed her sincere thanks for the unexpected gift and reiterated her long-held belief that local action can be taken to safeguard local interests, albeit within national, county and district frameworks.

Mr King drew the formal business of the meeting to a close and handed over to Mr Bousfield, joint Chairman

Mr Bousfield introduced Mr Jonathan Lucas who spoke on "The Red Deer of Warnham Park" His interesting and entertaining talk was followed by a lively series of questions from the appreciative audience. A vote of thanks to Mr Lucas was proposed by Mr Bousfield.