

## **THE WARNHAM SOCIETY**

### **28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**19th October 2012 at Warnham Village Hall at 8.00pm  
(Please note that refreshments will be served from 7.30pm)**

#### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Approval of Minutes of 27th AGM of the Warnham Society**

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

**4. Committee's Report on Activities of the Society in 2011-12**

**5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Accounts**

The Report and Accounts will cover the year 1 Oct 2011 to 30 Sept 2012.

**6. Hon. Auditor's Report**

**7. Election of Members of Committee (Maximum 12)**

All members of the present committee have agreed to stand for the coming year, with the exception of Elizabeth Bridges who is retiring after many years on the committees of both the former Historical Society and The Warnham Society, most recently as Membership Secretary. Further nominations to the committee will be welcomed.

Note that Officers, who comprise: Joint Chairmen, Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and Membership Secretary, are appointed by the Committee at its first meeting after this AGM.

**8. Election of Hon. Auditor**

**9. Any Other Business**

**10. Closure of AGM**

The formal proceedings will be followed by the Autumn Meeting, comprising a talk by Rev Christopher Loveless on The History of Pantomime.

**John Hamer**

**Brian King**

**Joint Chairmen, The Warnham Society.**

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19 October 2012 REPORT of the COMMITTEE for 2011-12

#### ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

This year we have taken a careful look at our on-going expenses with a view to cost cutting where possible. The decision was taken to join the British Association of Local History, membership of which includes insurance cover, we therefore did not renew the insurance provided by the Federation of Sussex Amenities Societies, resulting in significant savings,

Publicity is another area of significant expenditure. The Society now has a dedicated website, [www.warnhamsociety.org](http://www.warnhamsociety.org), which enables members to keep up to date with society news and to contact us with issues of interest or concern. We now also have our own email address, [mail@warnhamsociety.org](mailto:mail@warnhamsociety.org), which will also enable speedy and efficient communication and reduce postal costs. We have been considering the benefit of other forms of web-based social media and have recently opened a Twitter account, @warnhamsociety, followers welcomed!

A significant area of activity this year has been our continuing work on the Great War project. In anticipation of the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, a team comprising Steve Lancaster, Elizabeth Bridges, Rachel Hamer, Sue Overton and George Elliot has been researching the biographies of those members of the village who served, and in some cases died, during the conflict. Part of a national initiative, this will provide a lasting contribution to our remembrance of this terrible war.

#### MEETINGS

We have held two open meetings during the year:

##### **Autumn Meeting and AGM; 20 October 2011**

The formal business of the AGM is recorded in the minutes accompanying this report. Following the AGM, Mr Nic Packwood gave an informative talk on 'The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England', with reference to the possible impact of new planning rules on rural areas.

##### **Spring Meeting; 18 May 2012**

This meeting took the form of a social gathering followed by an entertaining talk on 'Railways in Sussex' by Bill Gage.

Both meetings were well supported by both members and visitors.

In addition some seven committee meetings were held during the year.

#### MEMBERSHIP

As ever, our members are the strength of our Society and provide the support and backing for our work. During the summer, we conducted a membership campaign, enlisting a number of new members. However, our membership has remained roughly level at 60 and we will continue to seek to enlist new members during the coming year.

#### FINANCE

The Society's financial position is shown in the accompanying accounts. As mentioned above we have reviewed our insurance provision and by transferring this to the British Association of Local History have made a saving this year of £97. As well as providing an equivalent level of cover, the payment covers membership of the association. We have sought to increase our income by charging visitors for attendance at our meetings. Despite a background of increasing costs our membership subscriptions have remained constant for several years, these will be kept under review during the coming year. We will continue

to reduce our administration costs by increased use of email, presently we are able to contact 60% of our members this way.

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

The Society continues to be affiliated to CPRE and the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies. However, we review our membership of FoSAS regularly, but intend to maintain membership for the coming year. As noted above, the Society has commenced membership of BALH during the past year. We have decided to terminate our membership of GACC.

### **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

The Society continues to be concerned at the speed and size of vehicles using the surrounding roads and will continue to pursue measures to control and minimise the increasing impact of traffic flows throughout the parish. This will be of particular importance in the context of developments at the Brookhurst Wood waste treatment facility and the new road layout associated with development at Broadbridge Heath.

### **PLANNING**

We continue to monitor and review planning applications within the parish. The Society comments where it is felt by the Committee that an application does not accord with policy or would adversely affect the character or amenity of the parish.

Although outside the parish boundary, we will continue to monitor proposals for development of land adjacent to the Warnham brickworks site and at Brookhurst Wood because of their potential traffic impact on roads in the parish.

In the planning context, the Committee is aware of the need to ensure that conflicts of interest do not occur.

### **NATURE CONSERVATION PROJECT**

Warnham is fortunate to provide habitats for a number of rare butterfly species and a nature reserve was established in two fields adjacent to Tilletts Lane some two years ago. This has continued to receive enthusiastic support from a number of our members. We regard this as an important development and educational facility.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

We are pleased to note that Gillian Debenham Taylor and Sue Lee joined the committee at our last AGM, and that Sue has agreed to act as our Treasurer.

We also note with regret that Elizabeth Bridges has decided to resign from the committee after many years of support to both the Historical Society and to The Warnham Society, most recently as our Membership Secretary. On your behalf, we would like to thank Elizabeth for her contribution and to wish her well.

Our ability to support a varied and interesting programme depends on your active participation and the committee now urgently requires additional members. If you are interested in joining the committee we will be pleased to answer any questions or to receive your nomination this evening.

Please accept our thanks for your support and continue to help us to remain an active and thriving Society into the future.

**The Committee  
The Warnham Society**

**October 2012**

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

## ACCOUNTS 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2011 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

Balance brought forward  
From accounts at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Cash	£ 1.00	
At bank	£856.89	<b><u>£857.89</u></b>

### Income

Subscriptions	£238.00
Surplus from refreshments	£ 28.22
Donations	£ 18.00

### Expenditure

Hire of Village Hall	£107.50
Insurance	£ 58.00
FOSAS subscription	£ 25.00
CPRE subscription	£ 34.00
Admin costs	£ 14.05
Web hosting costs	£ 22.80
Speaker's fee	£ 60.00

<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£284.22</u></b>
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Excess of Expenditure Over Income	<b><u>£ 37.13</u></b>
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**£321.35**

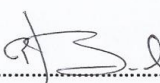
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£321.35</u></b>
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Funds Carried Forward	£857.89
Less overspend	£ 37.13

At bank	<b><u>£820.76</u></b>
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**£820.76**

Signed..........Date 27/9/2012  
Susan Lee (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed..........Date 15/10/12  
R.J. Boud A.C.I.B. (Hon. Auditor)

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall on Friday 19th October 2012.

Mr King chaired the AGM and welcomed over 50 Society members and guests.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges & Mr Coombs.

2. The Minutes of the 27th AGM were approved; proposed by Mrs Lee, seconded by Mr McLaughlin.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

4. Committee's Report on the Society's Activities in 2011-2012: Mr King reported that the Report and other documents were available on the Society's website, as well as at the meeting. The Society's finances had been improved by a change of insurer with no loss of cover. Mr Lancaster provided an update on the Society's project to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War in 2014. Mr Lancaster drew attention to an archaeological field walk, due to take place near Ends Place in which the Society is working with the Horsham & District Archaeological. Soc. An email request to Society Members for volunteers will be made shortly.

5. Treasurer's Report & Approval of Annual Accounts: Miss Sue Lee reported that there was a loss of £ 37, much reduced from last year's loss of £ 175 due mainly to the change of insurer. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Thompson, seconded by Mrs Lee.

6. Election of the Honorary Auditor: Mr King thanked Mr Boud for his services and welcomed his agreement to stand again; he was re-elected on a proposal by Mrs Lee, seconded by Mrs King.

7. Election of Committee Members: Mrs Bridges is not standing for re-election, Mr King thanked her for her services to the Committee and that of the Warnham Historical Society. The seven other members have agreed to stand and were duly elected en bloc on a proposal by Mrs Jarvis, seconded by Mrs Thomas. Mr King invited members who may wish to consider joining the Committee to sit in at a meeting.

8. Any Other Business: None

9. Closure of the AGM: Mr King closed the AGM and handed over to Mr Hamer who introduced Christopher Loveless who gave the meeting an entertaining history of pantomime. A vote of thanks was given by Mr Hamer.