

**THE WARNHAM SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 14 October 2016**  
**REPORT of the COMMITTEE for 2015 – 2016**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR**

At last year's AGM a resolution was passed to modify the Constitution to reflect that the Society's income is now derived from door takings at our public meetings rather than subscriptions. This has proved to be a successful move, giving the Committee more flexibility in how it brings in funds and frees up time previously spent chasing subscriptions.

All previous minutes from Committee meetings and AGMs dating back to the Society's inception in 1985 have been digitised and placed on the website. The original paper copies have been deposited with Horsham Museum. From now on all minutes will be stored electronically only. Members are encouraged to browse some of the historic minutes on the website, they make for a fascinating insight into past issues, both how much they have changed and how much they have not.

### **COMMITTEE CHANGES**

After many years service George Elliott stepped down as Secretary at last year's AGM and resigned from the committee. The role has now been split between Anne Davies and Anne Mitchell.

John Hamer and Brian King stepped down as Joint Chairmen, but both have continued to serve on the committee. Steve Lancaster was elected to become the new chairman.

Sharon Gould unfortunately had to resign due to pressures of work and other commitments.

Anne Mitchell has agreed to represent the Society on the Village Hall Committee.

### **MEETINGS**

There have been three public meetings this year:

In November 2015 at the AGM, Roger Purcell and John Hamer gave a very interesting and well received talk on 'Medieval and Modern Warnham'.

At the Spring meeting in April, Dave Fairlamb of the Arundel Wildlife and Wetlands Trust gave a fascinating talk entitled 'Arundel – a haven for wildlife'.

In June we held our first charitable meeting. Jonathan Lucas kindly gave his time to talk about the role of High Sheriff of West Sussex. He covered the history of the position, his experiences during his year of tenure and left us with some thoughts on the value and relevance of High Sheriffs into the future. The meeting raised £161.54 for St Catherine's Hospice.

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

The committee meets regularly to consider issues relevant to the Parish. We discuss planning applications and traffic problems for example, and make submissions to relevant bodies on behalf of the Society when deemed appropriate. For example, we support the work being done by CAGNE to oppose a new runway and modified flight-paths at Gatwick, and have augmented that support by writing to our MP Jeremy Quinn asking that he help facilitate a review of flight departures routes.

Thanks to Anne Davies, we have increased our activity on Facebook, as a means to reach more people interested in the village.

We are actively considering new projects and will continue to ask our members for support when needed. Currently we are taking forward plans to produce a survey of monumental inscriptions in the graveyard, and also to produce a new version of the popular 'Warnham Walks' map.

**The Committee**  
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**October 2016**