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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH 1990

AGENDA

1. Minutes of AGM held on 14th March 1989.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Acting-Chairman's Report.
4. Treasurers Report.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Election of Committee Members.
7. Report on the Society's Awards and Prizes for 'Harpenden Now'.
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next Annual General Meeting.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Society  
held on  
Tuesday, 14th March, 1989

1. The President opened the meeting by noting with sadness the deaths during the year of Pat Wilson and Tony Mellody.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Miss Salmon.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th March, 1988 were approved.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Jennings gave a brief review of the year's events, making special mention of the following matters:-

- a. Harpenden Lodge/Lydekker Estate and the personal feeling of being cheated by developers of the benefit of Miss Lydekker's wishes.
- b. Nicky Way and the lack of management by the District Council together with unattractive encroachment into an area given over to recreational use following the sale of land abutting the path.
- c. By-pass and the need to continue to monitor events.

Mr Jennings, who retired as Chairman at this meeting, thanked the Committee members for their support during his years of office.

The President thanked Mr Jennings for his hard work and leadership during full and active years of office.

5.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented to the meeting The Harpenden Society and Upper Lea Valley Group audited Analysis of Income and Expenditure for 1988.

Particular attention was drawn to

- a. a total expenditure of £1,252 to enhance the local environment, being a decrease of £188 over the previous year.
- b. an excess of income over expenditure of £204 despite a reduction in bank interest received, increased hall hire charges and office expenses, and increased insurance costs.

This was due to

- c. a significant increase in the number of new members resulting in subscriptions and donations being nine per cent ahead of last year.

The Treasurer said that the financial position of the Society was less satisfactory than during the previous year. The influx of new members was particularly welcome, being the only way to avoid an increase in the subscription. This had not increased since 1982.

A vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditor for his continued interest and assistance was recorded.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the Accounts as presented be and are hereby approved and adopted.

The President informed the meeting that the number of memberships at 31st December, 1988 was 668 and at the 14th March, 1989 had risen to 700. This represented an actual individual membership count of approximately 1300 as many subscriptions were paid on behalf of families.

6.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the election of the officers be dealt with en bloc.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the following persons be and are hereby elected to serve as the officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Miss Isobel Leek	Chairman
Mr Leslie Matthews	Vice-Chairman
Mr Ian McNicoll	Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Brenda Suitters	Hon. Secretary.

7.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the election of the Committee members be dealt with en bloc.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the following persons be and are hereby elected to serve as Committee members for the ensuing year

- Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow
- Mr M. Copas
- Mr R. Bardner
- Mr R. Margereson
- Prof. W. Miller
- Mr A. Simms
- Dr A.L. Sutton
- Miss J. Thurston
- Mr M. Vincent
- Mrs M. Waldren

8.

VICE PRESIDENT

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that Mr Keith Jennings be and is hereby elected to serve as a Vice-President of the Society for the time being.

9.

SOCIETY'S AWARDS

Mr Ward reported that the panel of judges had viewed the qualifying properties nominated for the Award by the members seeking a development which made a significant contribution to the Harpenden scene. It had been agreed unanimously to award the 1988 Plaque to Mardell House for its enhancement of the developing business quarter.

The presence at the meeting of Mrs May Mardell was noted with pleasure.

Mr Hollis, of Jarvis, responded to record his great pleasure on receipt of the award.

Mrs Wang explained to the meeting the concept of the new Environment Awards as an acknowledgement of positive action which enhances the environment.

The following awards were made

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| Methodist Church Porch  | Environment Certificate |
| Cross Keys Public House<br>and Mr & Mrs Johnson's<br>voluntary work on the<br>war memorial garden | Environment Certificate |

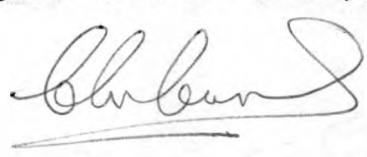
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New Traditions shop front	Environment Certificate
Mr Walton and voluntary work to keep tidy Batford recreation ground	Environment Certificate
Mr Dyke	Letter of Commendation
Mr S. Keasley	Letter of Commendation.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 13th March, 1990.

  
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