

## **AGENDA – PLHS 53<sup>rd</sup> AGM, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM (Published in Newsletter No. 157 Summer 2025)
4. Matters Arising

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

7. **RESEARCH GROUP LEADER'S REPORT**

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President** – Patricia Clarke

**Vice Presidents** – Joan Warland, David Brown, Jennie Youle, Tim Owen

**Chairman** – Roy Jakes

**Vice Chairman** – Thamar Maclver

**Hon. Treasurer** – Dhiru Tanna

**Hon. Secretary** – Emma Jessop

**Members of the Committee** – David Butler, Sharon Holland, Michael Treisman

9. Motion to approve amendments to constitution for registered charity no 285842
10. Vote of thanks and reappointment of Tim Owen as the Examiner of Accounts
11. Any Other Business
12. Close AGM

## **Chairman's Annual Report for the Pinner Local History Society AGM 2026**

It's been another busy year for the Society, our Committee and all our hard-working volunteers. Once again, we have increased our membership, our talks continue to be well attended, our 'Make Your Own Way' visits have been interesting and popular, and we introduced a very successful Quiz Supper to our activities. However, there is still work to be done to ensure our Archives are secure, indexed, and available for research and to improve and expand our website.

This year we updated our website to enable us to accept credit and debit card payments on-line hopefully making paying membership fees easier for everyone and simplifying the process for us. I would like to thank everyone on the Committee and to our band of volunteers on whom we depend, for their hard work and continued support.

I hope you have enjoyed our monthly talks, other events, and activities, all of which are fully reported in newsletters published three times a year. I have listed the talks below: -

### **2025**

May:- AGM followed by The Oily History of Margarine by Michael Clarke

June:- A Grand Pinner Household in the 1760's by Tamar MacIver

September:- Hitler, Stalin, Mum & Dad, an interview with Daniel Finkelstein

October:- Hendon: London's First Aerodrome by Mark Amies

November:- The Story of the Guinness Park Royal Brewery 1936-2005 by David Hughes

December:- The History of the Rickmansworth Aquadrome by Chris Hillier

### **2026**

February:- From Pinner to Paradise by Roy Jakes

March:- Educating Pinner – The Story of Pinner Schools by the PLHS Research Group.

April:- Codebreaking, Intelligence, and The Impact of the Americans during WW2 at Eastcote by Ronald Koorm

I'd like to thank all the speakers for their contributions. We continue to attract healthy attendance, on occasions filling the Village Hall. It is always a pleasure to see visitors and several of them have now become members. Our charitable aim of fostering interest in Pinner Local History is both supported by the talks and reflected in the attendance. I hope next year's programme continues to attract members and visitors in such high numbers.

We were extremely sad to report the death of one of our longest serving members, Phillip Snell, President of the Society, former Chairman, and stalwart of the local community, who died peacefully on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We miss him greatly for his knowledge, support, advice and as a friend to many of us. I am pleased that our Senior Vice President, Patricia Clarke agreed to accept the position of President. I'm sure you will join with me to congratulate Patricia in her new role.

Dhiru Tanna took on the role as Honorary Treasurer last year and has continued to manage our finances with diligence and efficiency. Dhiru has updated several of our processes and the society's finances are currently in good shape.

During the year Kath Fry our Membership Secretary has continued to maintain our membership records which, given the increase in member numbers, is now central to us being able to function efficiently. I hope that the implementation of our online payments process will make life a little easier for Kathy. I'd like to thank her for her hard work

Patricia Clarke continues to lead the hardworking Research Group which has grown in numbers during year. The work done by Patricia and the research team in the background often goes unmentioned. The society receives many requests for information which require time consuming research by Pat, supported by Tamar MacIver and Michael Treisman. The Research Group also provides regular articles for publications such as The Villager, Pinner News, and other local publications. Finally, the Research Group's presentation in March was once again well attended and well received. I am grateful to Patricia Clarke and Michael Treisman for generously hosting our monthly committee meetings and Research Group meetings.

I would like to thank Tamar MacIver for continuing to edit the Newsletter, a not insignificant task. Our Newsletter continues to be an important record of Pinner's history as well as news about the Societies activities. I would like to thank Joan Telfer for distributing the newsletters and all those volunteers who deliver them.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to build our increasing on-line presence, particularly Sharon Holland. The introduction of online membership payments went live ahead of schedule after a great deal of hard work by her and Brett Logan. Our next task is to develop a Members Area on our website where you will be able to access society information such as past copies of our Newsletter and recordings of Talks. We continue to develop our presence on local Facebook groups, our own Facebook Group, websites, and other social media channels. They contribute greatly to attracting attendance at our talks and publicising the work of the Society.

To enable her to concentrate on these areas, Sharon has stepped down as Honorary Secretary for the Society, however she will remain as a member of our committee. We are pleased to welcome Emma Jessop as Honorary Secretary for the Society. Emma brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to the role, and we look forward to working with her.

We have continued our 'Make Your Own Way' visits which we re-introduced last year. The recent guided visits to Moor Park Mansion, Grimsdyke and Chenies Manor House continue to be popular and well attended. I'd like to thank Michael Mendelblat for his hard work in organising the visits.

We took a stall at the 2025 Pinner Village Show and once again it was very successful. We took the opportunity to display archive items to illustrate Pinner's role during the two World Wars. We attracted many visitors interested in what we do, signed up new members, and sold books. I'd like to thank everyone who gave up their time on the day. The display was also displayed at West House at the Armistice Day Service and in Headstone Manor for the month of November.

PLHS doesn't usually have a January meeting because of the cold dark evenings but this year we organised a Fish & Chip Quiz Supper on the 21st. It turned out to be a great way to kick off our 2026 program; we had 90 members join us for the evening, 90 members and their guests attending. It gave people a chance to chat in an informal setting. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and we will consider repeating it next year. Please let us know if you would like us to organise this for next year.

Many thanks to Jennie Youle for once again laying our poppy wreath at the November Remembrance Service at Pinner War Memorial.

We continue to make progress on the indexation of our important digital and physical archives. We have been lucky to have been offered, free of charge, a Big Yellow self storage unit at their Harrow facility at the old Kodak site. We have started utilising the facility and are starting to plan its role

moving forward. The project is taking longer than we originally planned however we are determined to make our archives more accessible by members, researchers, and the public. Stephen Randall is leading the work on the physical archives, supported by a small team including Keith Rookledge.

Sales of our books increased this year. I would like to thank David Butler for managing book sales through the various channels and continuing to run our Publications Stall on talk nights.

Whilst there is always more to do, I believe the society is in good health thanks to a dedicated Committee and an enthusiastic group of volunteers and you the members, which enable us to plan with confidence. We are looking for more volunteers to help us and if you are interested, please let us know.

Roy Jakes  
**Chairman**

April 2026

## Treasurer's Report

### PINNER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY (Registered Charity No 285842)

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2025/6 Total	2024/5 Total
	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Subscriptions	3,256	2,902
Gift aid	939	1,069
Visitor and other donations	1,022	1,156
Quiz night	1,334	-
Sale of Publications	290	190
Interest	555	246
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>7,396</u>	<u>5,563</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
<b>Cost of activities for Charitable Objectives</b>		
Hall hire & meetings	2,059	1,286
Newsletters	1,443	1,364
Archive project	303	112
	<u>3,805</u>	<u>2,762</u>
<b>Quiz night</b>	1,370	-
<b>Management and Administration</b>		
Website and publicity	578	64
Subscriptions	25	104
Administration	279	233
Purchase of publications	209	-
	<u>1,091</u>	<u>401</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>6,266</u>	<u>3,163</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	1,130	2,400
Funds brought forward	17,033	14,633
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<u>18,163</u>	<u>17,033</u>

Dhiru Tanna  
Treasurer

**PINNER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026.**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balances at NatWest Bank:		
Current account	278	1,128
Business Reserve account	2,002	4,722
Liquidity Manager 35-day account	8,209	
Liquidity Manager 95-day account	10,115	12,718
Cash float	20	20
	20,624	18,588
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Subscriptions received in advance	(1,523)	(1,169)
Newsletter printing costs	-	(386)
Gift Aid overpaid by HMRC	(938)	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>18,163</b>	<b>17,033</b>
 <b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted income fund</b>		
Balance per statement of financial activities	18,163	17,033
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>18,163</b>	<b>17,033</b>

**Notes to the Accounts as at 31 March 2026**

- 1 The accounts comprise a Statement of Financial Activities, incorporating movement on the Society's funds, and a Balance Sheet.
- 2 All funds are unrestricted. There are no restricted funds..
- 3 Stocks of publications held by the Society at 31 March 2026 have not been valued nor taken into the Accounts.
- 4 Equipment owned by the Society and valued for insurance purposes at £1,000 has not been brought into the Accounts.
- 5 Figures bracketed, e. g. (100), are negative.

## **PINNER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**(Registered Charity No 285842)**

### **Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the Pinner Local History Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Pinner Local History Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

T D Owen FCMA FCT

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13 April 2026

## **Research Group Report**

The Research Group has had another busy year. We meet monthly to discuss our research, circulate information and share advice and experience. Now and then we have a visitor who is especially knowledgeable about the area, and a few weeks ago Tony Minehane, a chalk mine specialist, brought us up to date with the situation of the Pinner mines.

We have been pleased to welcome an enthusiastic new member, Tony Swabe, who made his debut at our annual presentation in March this year. The topic was education in Pinner from the early 19th century. Michael Treisman opened with a full account of the National School, which was the first to provide elementary education for the larger number of Pinner children and survived for almost exactly a century; Stephen Randall looked at the provision in the 20th century of Council schools providing elementary and secondary education for all, seen through the prism of his mother in law, who was wholly educated in Pinner; Tony Swabe considered some of the many private schools which have flourished, or continue to flourish, in Pinner.

We are, naturally, much involved with the indexing of the PLHS archives - see the Chairman's report. A few items have already been deposited in the Big Yellow facility. Progress on archives, and on the 50th publication, has to compete with work on the presentation, and with members' other activities in giving talks or classes, writing for The Villager, editing the newsletter, or working for a livelihood. We do expect to complete the as-yet untitled new publication this year.

Patricia Clarke  
**Research Group**

April 2026