

**Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Pinner Local History Society  
held in the Pinner Village Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 8.00pm**

Present: Tamar Maclver – Vice Chairman, the Committee and approximately 80 members.  
Apologies received from Roy Jakes, Phillip Snell, Joan Warland,

Tamar Maclver welcomed all present to the AGM, and highlighted that the agenda, reports and finances had been circulated via email and post. She presented the key points of the Chairmans' report in his absence.

Michael Clarke was thanked for his service to the society and presented with a gift voucher.

**Minutes of 51<sup>st</sup> AGM**

Approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

No Matters Arising.

**Chairman's Report**

It's been another busy year for the Society. We have increased membership; our talks have been very well attended and our 'Make Your Own Way' visits have been interesting and popular. I believe the Society is in good health. However, there is still work to be done, including ensuring our Archives are secure, indexed and available for research.

We have reviewed and updated many of our processes to simplify the administration to cope with our increased activity. I would like to thank everyone on the Committee and 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: -

2024

- May: - AGM followed by Bletchley Park – People and Places by Peter Marcham
- June: - Pinner's World War 1 VAD Hospital and its Nurses by Tamar Maclver
- September: - An Evening with Michael Rosen – My Early Life in Pinner
- October: - William Heath Robinson: the Middlesex Years by Peter Higginson
- November: - The History of Ruislip Lido and its Railway by David Ray
- December: - Pinner's Timber Framed Houses by Patricia Clarke

2025

- February: - The Metropolitan Railway during the First World War by Richard Dennis
- March: - Local Road Transport Through the Ages by the PLHS Research Group
- April: - Horatia in Pinner by Lily Style

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 that the increased interest and attendance continues.

Michael Clarke stepped down from the post of Honorary Treasurer in January owing to health issues. Michael had been in the role for 15 years and has always been diligent, efficient, reliable and helpful with managing our funds. I wish him well for the future and will miss his support and good humour at committee meetings. We are pleased to say that Dhiru Tanna has agreed to take on the role as Interim Honorary Treasurer. Michael left our finances in good shape and under Dhiru's conscientious management I know they are in good hands.

Kathy Fry took on the role of Membership Secretary last year. During the year she has established and maintained a membership database which, given the increase in member numbers, is now central to our being able to function efficiently. I'd like to thank Kathy for her hard work.

Pat Clarke continues to lead the hardworking Research Group. The work done by Pat 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. 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, Local Road Transport Through the Ages, was once again well attended and well received. I am grateful to Pat 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. I would like to thank Joan Telfer for agreeing to take on the responsibility for distributing the newsletters and all those volunteers who deliver them.

We continue to develop our social media presence through local Facebook groups, web sites as well as our own website and Facebook Group. They contribute greatly to attracting attendance at our talks and publicising the work of the Society. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to build our on-line presence, particularly Sharon Holland. We still need more help in this area and continue to look for volunteers who could help us. We would like to offer more to members, engage the community and make Pinner History more accessible for those who are not always able to attend the talks. If you have knowledge and skills in audio/video and can spare time to help us, please get in touch.

We have continued our 'Make Your Own Way' visits which we re-introduced last year. The recent guided visits to St Lawrence Church, Whitchurch, Headstone Manor and Bentley Priory were very successful and well attended. Our next visit, in May, is to the Moor Park Mansion which I hope many of you will attend. I'd like to thank Michael Mendelblat for his hard work in organising the visits.

We took a stall at the 2024 Pinner Village Show and once again it was a success. We chatted to many local visitors interested in what we do and signed up new members. I'd like to thank everyone who helped on the day, and particularly Phillip Snell and his family for the loan and erection of the marquee.

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

Last year I said I hoped we could make progress in the indexation of our important digital and physical archives. That work has now started and hopefully will help us make them 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.

We continue to sell our books both at the monthly talks, the Pinner Show and on-line. I'd like to thank David Butler for managing books sales through the various channels and continuing to run our Publications Stall on talk nights.

I would like to personally thank Sharon Holland, our Honorary Secretary for her energy, experience, and invaluable support over the year in so many different areas. We continue to look for ways to help Sharon reduce her workload and I thank Catherine Leedham for taking on the committee minutes and Brett Logan for keeping the website up to date.

Finally, Philip Snell, our President, has continued to give good advice and support for which I am very grateful.

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 which enable us to look forward with confidence.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dhiru Tanna presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report.

Incoming resources for 2024/25 were £5,563 compared to £3,506 the previous year, driven by increased visitor numbers and new members.

Total resources expended to support our activities were in line with the previous year, mainly on improving the website, access to resources and archive storage.

The balance sheet stands at £17,033 which will allow the society to investigate the best way of preserving and managing the archives and activities of the society for the future.

Dhiru Tanna thanked Michael Clarke for his support and guidance in helping him take over the role.

The report was circulated in advance so was not presented in full, but has been included here.

**PINNER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.**  
(Registered Charity No 285842)

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025.**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balances at NatWest Bank:		
Current account	1,128	15,423
Business Reserve account	4,722	-
Liquidity Manager 95-day account	12,718	-
Cash float	20	-
	18,588	15,423
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Subscriptions received in advance	(1,169)	(790)
Newsletter printing costs	(386)	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>17,033</b>	<b>14,633</b>
 <b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted income fund</b>		
Balance per statement of financial activities	17,033	14,633
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>17,033</b>	<b>14,633</b>

**Notes to the Accounts as at 31 March 2025**

- 1 The accounts comprise a Statement of Financial Activities, incorporating movement on the Society's funds, and a Balance Sheet.
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>2024/5</b>	<b>2023/4</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Subscriptions	2,902	2,096
Gift aid	1,069	
Visitor and other donations	1,156	1,138
Sale of Publications	190	272
Interest	246	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>5,563</u>	<u>3,506</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
<b>Cost of activities for Charitable Objectives</b>		
Hall hire & meetings	1,286	1,278
Newsletters	1,364	1,752
Archive project	112	-
	<u>2,762</u>	<u>3,030</u>
<b>Management and Administration</b>		
Website and publicity	64	120
Subscriptions	194	191
Committee expenses	117	61
Miscellaneous expenses	26	40
	<u>401</u>	<u>412</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>3,163</u>	<u>3,442</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	2,400	64
Funds brought forward	14,633	14,569
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<u>17,033</u>	<u>14,633</u>

Dhiru Tanna  
Treasurer

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## **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 2025.

### **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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19 April 2025

### **Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Dhiru Tanna proposed a vote of thanks and reappointment of Tim Owen as the Examiner of Accounts.

### **Research Group Report**

The report was circulated in advance so was not presented, but has been included here.

In March our annual presentation of recent research to the Society, our major effort as a group, concerned Road Transport in Pinner, with four members presenting their research ranging from stagecoach to carrier, bus and motor car.

We have welcomed two new members this year, Tony Swabe and Sean Bannister. During the year we have continued to supply *Pinner News* with a monthly snippet about local history, and *The Villager* has printed Michael Treisman's article about the many post offices in the village. Two members gave individual talks to PLHS, Tamar Maclver about the VAD in Pinner in World War One, and Pat Clarke about Pinner's timber-framed buildings. Tamar also gives talks to other societies and to the U3A. In September our stand at the Pinner Village Show included a display about Metroland and attracted many people.

Work continues our next major publication, though it suffers from the pressure of other activities, one of which is an attempt to sort out and classify the considerable historical archives of the society which currently reside in a member's house. The first stage of basic assessment is almost finished. We are unhappy to note that access to the Harrow Archives at Headstone Manor is still restricted.

### **Election of Officers**

<b>Hon Pres</b>	Phillip Snell	Roy Jakes	Sharon Holland
<b>Chairman</b>	Roy Jakes	Dhiru Tanna	Tamar Maclver
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Tamar Maclver	Kathy Fry	David Butler
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	Dhiru Tanna	Sharon Holland	Tamar Maclver
<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Holland	Tamar Maclver	Kathy Fry
<b>Committee Members</b>	Pat Clarke	Michael Clarke	Sharon Holland
	Kathy Fry	David Butler	Roy Jakes
	David Butler	Roy Jakes	Dhiru Tanna
	Michael Treisman	Sharon Holland	Tamar Maclver

All members present were in agreement with the election of the officers proposed.

### **Any Other Business**

No Other Business.

Thamar MacIver thanked all for attending the AGM and the meeting closed at 8.10pm, followed by the talk by Michael Clarke, *The Oily History of Magazine*.