

**Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting
of the Pinner Local History Society
held in the Pinner Village Hall on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 8.00pm**

Present: Roy Jakes – Chairman, the Committee and approximately 80 members.

Apologies received from Joan Warland, Kathy Fry, Michael Treisman

Roy Jakes welcomed all present to the AGM, and highlighted that the agenda, reports and finances has been circulated via email.

Minutes of 50th AGM

Approved and Signed.

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Chairman's Report

It's been an interesting, busy, and fulfilling first year as Chairman of our Society, not without its challenges, however I believe the Society is moving in the right direction.

At last year's AGM, I said 'The one thing I hoped to achieve, to take some of the administrative pressures away from our talented and dedicated historians on our committee and allow them to concentrate on Local History'. Only they can tell you if I have succeeded in some small way.

I hope you have enjoyed our monthly talks and other events and activities, all of which are fully reported in our three annual Newsletters. I have listed the talks below: -

2023

May: *Monumental Connections between St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill and Harrow School*, by Judith Shepherd

June: *Mr William Curtis's Dilemma: A look at the Middlesex County Council's Architects in the 1930s*, by Philip Crouch

September: *The Most Perfect Cottage Hospital*, by Gavin Eynon and Howard Greenwood

October: *The Demon Drink, the Gin Craze of the 18th Century & the Temperance Movement*, by Melanie Winterbotham

November: *The Great Barn at Harmondsworth: Past, Present and Future*, by Dr Justine Bayley

December: *The Woodbridges in Harrow and Pinner*, by Susan Cooper

2024

February: *2000 years of Traffic Signs*, by Simon Morgan

March: *Pinner's Place in Metroland*, by Stephen Randal, Pat Clarke, Tamar Maclver and Roy Jakes for the Research Group

April: *The History of Electricity and the Roles of Two Women in Its Development*, by Michael Clarke

May: *Bletchley Park - People and Places*, by Peter Marcham

I greatly appreciate the enormous amount of time and hard work done by Vice-Chairman Tamar Maclver, and Judy Simons in obtaining suitable speakers with interesting subjects. I also thank the speakers for making our talks interesting and entertaining.

Judy Simons is stepping down having moved out of Pinner, I would like to thank Judy for the hard work and support she has given the Society over several years. We are now looking for someone to take on the role into the future.

The programme starting in September is already looking exciting with the following already booked:

- September 5th - Michael Rosen will talk about his early life in Pinner.
- October 3rd - Peter Higginson, will talk on the life of William Heath Robinson. Peter is chairman of the William Heath Robinson trust and William's great nephew.
- November 7th - David Ray will talk on the history of Ruislip Lido and its Railway.
- December 5th - Pat Clarke will talk about the impact of the Enclosure Act on Pinner.

We continue to attract healthy attendance including many new visitors. This helps to even make a small profit of £64, enables us to recruit new members and fulfils our charitable aim of fostering interest in Pinner local history. I hope that the increase in attendance continues.

The increased numbers have been helped by our increased publicity by means of social media and e-mail. In addition to posters, we now advertise our talks on local Facebook groups, web sites and by e-mail. As well as having our own website, we also have our own Facebook Group. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to build our online presence, particularly Sharon Holland, our Secretary, who has brought so much experience to this subject.

Membership has increased over the last year, however we still need to do more to reach the pre-Covid levels. We continue to work on several initiatives to offer more to members, engage the community and make Pinner History more accessible for those that are not always able to attend the talks. If you have knowledge and skills in social media, websites, audio/video and can spare time helping us please get in touch.

We have made considerable progress computerising our records and procedures. Janet Baker has stepped down as our Membership Secretary. I would like to thank her for the many years of dedicated service she has given the society in many roles and wish her well for the future. I am pleased to say that Kathy Fry has agreed to take on the role and joins the committee.

The changes we are making with the introduction of new technology, including new payment methods by bank transfer and credit card, have led to some inevitable hiccups which I apologise for. However, one of our real challenges has been dealing with our bank. I am pleased we have Michael Clarke who, with help from Dhiru Tanna, have needed the patience of a saint to get our Bank to respond. I'd like to thank Michael Clarke for his diligence in ensuring we continue in a satisfactory financial state.

I am pleased we have been able to restart 'Make Your Own Way' visits thanks to Michael Mendelblat. The first visit to Oxhey Chapel was very successful and Michael is planning several visits for 2024/5.

Sheila Cole has served the society in most positions over her many years on the committee and more recently has taken responsibility for the distribution of our triennial Newsletters. Sheila has also felt it time to step down, again I wish her well for the future. I would like to thank Joan Telfer for agreeing to take on this responsibility.

I would like to thank Tamar Maclver for continuing to edit the Newsletter, not an insignificant task.

Pat Clarke has also led the hardworking Research Group. I am grateful to Pat Clarke and Michael Treisman for generously hosting our monthly committee meetings and Research Group meetings. The

Group's presentation in March, 'Pinner's place in Metroland' proved to be our best attended talk, again with 'standing room only' at the Village Hall!

Our stall at the September 2023 Pinner Village Show was a success, the competition devised by Sharon Holland attracted many visitors, we sold several books and even signed a new member. I'd like to thank everyone who helped on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year, particularly Phillip Snell's family for the loan and erection of the marquee.

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

One area I hope we can make progress on over the coming year is to produce an index of our considerable and important digital and physical archives. Also to find ways of making them more available to be accessed by members, researchers, and the public. Sharon Holland is leading the work on the digital archives and Stephen Randall the physical, both supported by Keith Rookledge and Dhiru Tanna.

Our publications are now listed for sale on the website Genfair. I'd like to thank David Butler for despatching books ordered over the web as well as continuing to run our Publications Stall on talk nights.

I am pleased to announce that Michael Treisman and Jennie Youle have agreed to join David Brown, Pat Clarke, and Joan Warland as Vice-Presidents.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Sharon Holland for her energy, experience, and support over the year, without which I would have sunk without trace! Also, Phillip Snell, our President, for his advice, support, and guidance.

Whilst there is always more to do, I believe the Society has a strong committee and an active group of volunteers to enable us to look forward with confidence.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Clarke presented the Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/4	2022/3
	Total	Total
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Subscriptions	2,096	1,973
Gift aid	-	531
Donations (including visitors' fees)	1,138	739
Sale of Publications	272	74
Total Incoming Resources	<u>3,506</u>	<u>3,317</u>

Resources Expended

Cost of activities for Charitable Objectives

Newsletters	1,752	978
Hall hire & meetings	1,278	1,380
Donation made: E M Ware collection	-	250
	<u>3,030</u>	<u>2,608</u>

Management and Administration

Committee expenses	61	66
Publicity	120	20
Subscriptions	191	100
Website design	-	50
Miscellaneous expenses	40	20
	<u>412</u>	<u>256</u>

Total Resources Expended	<u>3,442</u>	<u>2,864</u>
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Net Incoming Resources	64	453
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Funds brought forward	14,569	14,116
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Funds carried forward	<u>14,633</u>	<u>14,569</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023	
Current assets			£
Balances at Banks - National Westminster	15,423	14,449	
Pre-payment for hall hire	-	120	
	<u>15,423</u>	<u>14,569</u>	
Current liabilities			
Subscriptions received in advance	(790)	-	
Total net assets	<u>14,633</u>	<u>14,569</u>	
Represented by			
Unrestricted income fund			
Balance per statement of financial activities	14,633	14,569	
Total funds	<u>14,633</u>	<u>14,569</u>	

Notes to the Accounts as on 31 March 2024

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 2024 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.

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 2024.

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.

T D Owen FCMA FCT
4 May 2024

Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Michael Clarke 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.

We are pleased to have welcomed some new members to our group this year, Roy Jakes, Leo Monno and Stephen Randall. Two of them, Stephen and Roy, wasted no time in coming forward to take part in the Research Group Presentation in March 2024, which looked at Metroland and the influence of

the Metropolitan Railway in Pinner. We were gratified by what was probably the largest audience this year, with a handful of people having to stand throughout.

Most of our members continue to provide history notes for the monthly Pinner News, good examples of succinctness, and some also provide longer and fuller articles for The Villager - recently concerning People will be aware that PLHS is still here.

They will have seen our stand at the September Pinner Village Show, provided and manned largely by newer members and the hon. secretary, because the activities of two of our more seasoned members have been curtailed by health problems.

Answering outside requests for information is a service we provide, and can be a lengthy business, seldom bringing any direct benefit to the society. This year however, we were delighted when a very elderly former resident, Mrs Janet Everett, no longer living in Pinner, offered to tell us her memories if we could visit her. We have done so and her contribution is about to join our collection of memories.

We had a frisson of archaeological hope when Martin Warren of Church Farm invited us to monitor a possible find spot he had come across when digging in his garden. Nothing of any age or historical value was discovered, however, though we appreciated being involved.

Alas, our members, new or old, are still unable to consult the local archives without difficulty, since the change of most staff at Harrow Archives at Headstone Manor has set back further the process of making them available.

We are beginning to consider sorting the PLHS archives. This will be a complicated and time-consuming business, and I hope there will be progress to report next year.

Election of Officers

		Proposed	Seconded
Hon Pres	Phillip Snell	Sharon Holland	Kathy Fry
Chairman	Roy Jakes	Michael Clarke	Sharon Holland
Vice Chairman	Thamar MacIver	Michael Treisman	Sharon Holland
Hon Treasurer	Michael Clarke	Roy Jakes	Sharon Holland
Secretary	Sharon Holland	Thamar MacIver	Michael Treisman
Committee Members	Pat Clarke	Sharon Holland	Thamar MacIver
	Kathy Fry	Michael Clarke	Sharon Holland
	David Butler	Pat Clarke	Roy Jakes
	Michael Treisman	Thamar MacIver	Sharon Holland
	Dhiru Tanna	Roy Jakes	Sharon Holland

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

Any Other Business

No Other Business.

Roy Jakes thanked all for attending the AGM and the meeting closed at 8.14pm, followed by the talk by Peter Marcham, *Bletchley Park – People and Places*.