

**MINUTES OF THE 31st AGM OF THE THORNEY ISLAND SOCIETY
HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT
THE GRANGE ROCHESTER HOTEL
69 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PA**

APOLOGIES : Rupert Hambro, Karel Tripp, Ann Carlton, Dr Colin Podmore, Ashley Dickenson, Wendy & Peter Deakins & Wilfried Rimensberger

PRESENT : Nicholas Underhill (Chair), Anthony Harrow, Sue Ball, Gordon & Catherine Slater, Juliet Shellabear, Rosemary Fitch, Lucy Peck, Victor Keegan, Mark Wasilewski, Tom Ball, Cdr & Mrs Anson, John & Mary Williams, Pat Shroff, John Turpin, Jenny Freeman, Gwyndaf & Janet John, Anthony & Elizabeth Swing, Max de Trense, Clare Annamalai, Graham Cotton & guest speaker Caroline Shenton.

1-4. Nicholas Underhill welcomed the attendees and apologies for absence were noted. The Financial Statements were adopted nem con.

5. Nominations were proposed and voted on in favour nem con for the following Officer posts:
Chair – Sue Ball, Hon Treasurer – Gordon Slater, Hon Membership Secretary – Anthony Harrow, Hon Secretary – Juliet Shellabear

6. Nominations were proposed and voted on in favour nem con for the following Committee Members: Peter Deakins, Ashley Dickenson, Rosemary Fitch, Victor Keegan and Lucy Peck.

7. AOB: A Special General Meeting would be held on 13th December to consider and decide on amendments to the Constitution (as per Notice). Sue Ball described and showed an embroidered purse held in the Archives and the plans to investigate its provenance. It was a very delicate and beautiful object containing an invitation to Queen Victoria's Coronation. Juliet Shellabear thanked Clare Annamalai for her work editing the Society's Newsletter for the past 4 years as she was now stepping down. Mark Wasilewski described a new collaboration between St James's Park and the Society and wished to call on our members to volunteer to help with the restoration of Duck Island, which had been somewhat neglected since the cuts in the park's budget over the last 10 years.

After the formal business was concluded, Caroline Shenton gave a splendid illustrated talk on her book "Mr Barry's War", the sequel to "The Day Parliament Burned Down".