

**MINUTES OF THE 33rd AGM OF THE THORNEY ISLAND SOCIETY
HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT
THE ROCHESTER BY BLUE ORCHID HOTELS
69 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PA**

PRESENT : Gordon Slater (Chair), Nicholas Underhill, Sue Ball, Anthony Harrow, Graeme Cottam, Victor Keegan, Juliet Shellabear, Lucy Peck, Catherine & Gordon Slater, Patricia Braithwaite, Lindy & Donald Foord, Jenny Freeman, Janet & Gwyndaf John, Pippa Parsons, Susan Rigg, Anthony & Elizabeth Swing, Mark Wasilewski, John Williams, Sam Mackover, Lavinia & Alistair Anson, Pat Shroff, Clare Chapman, Bob Reid, Colin Grant-Wilson, Warwick Rodwell, Victor Behrman, Rita Kirkham, Avril Gardener, Martin Lewis, Gillian Bloomfield and Patricia James.

1. Gordon Slater welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Colin Podmore, Elizabeth Witts, Peter Deakins and Agapi Fylaktou.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM in 2018 were approved.
4. Annual Report: Sue Ball, Chair, gave a summary of the annual report noting that the Committee was in urgent need of support having spent some 2,300 hours on Society work last year. She reported that next year the Society would be looking for a new Treasurer from October 2020 and she thanked Anthony Harrow who was retiring as Membership Secretary and informed the meeting that there was currently no one to take over. Nicholas Underhill paid tribute to Anthony and his 14 years of service in this important role. Anthony thanked the meeting and said his time spent had been most pleasurable and in an important cause.
5. The Financial Statements for 2018-19 were adopted nem con and Gordon Slater, Treasurer, called for someone to independently examine our accounts. Gwyndaf John put himself forward.
6. Nominations were proposed and accepted nem con for the following Officer posts: Chair – Sue Ball, Hon Treasurer – Gordon Slater, Hon Secretary – Juliet Shellabear
7. Nominations were proposed and accepted nem con for the following Executive Committee Members: Peter Deakins, Rosemary Fitch, Victor Keegan, Lucy Peck and new nominee Graeme Cottam was welcomed.
8. AOB: Lucy Peck reported that the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre planning application had been withdrawn from WCC and called in by the Minister of State for Housing, Ester McVey, which means there will be a public enquiry. There is no further information available at this time.

Following the business of the meeting Professor Warwick Rodwell, consultant Archaeologist at Westminster Abbey, gave a fascinating talk on recent finds and new discoveries at the Abbey.