

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON
Founded as *The Sherlock Holmes Society* in 1934

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020

Due to the Covid Pandemic and the UK government restrictions and guidance, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was postponed from May 15th and will now be held on Friday 13th November 2020 at 6.30pm by Zoom.

Full Members can register at <https://www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk/events/>

A G E N D A

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2019.**
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019**

The accounts and attendant documentation for 2019 can be found on the Society's website having been posted there prior to the scheduled AGM in May. Any member wishing to receive a copy by post should contact:

David Jones, The North Wing, Groton Place, Groton Street, Groton, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5EE: e mail: carstoncastleshsl@gmail.com.

5. Annual subscriptions

The Council recommends that there be no increase in subscriptions for the year 2021.

6. Election of Officers and Council Members

The Council has indicated its wish that Jonathan McCafferty continue in the role of President for 2020-2021. Under the Constitution, this appointment is made annually by the Council, and the Council's decision is advised to members at the AGM.

The Council comprises (a) 6 Officers, namely a Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer, 2 Honorary Secretaries and 2 Honorary Editors; (b) 6 Ordinary members. The Officers and two Ordinary members retire from office each year.

Miss Valerie Schreiner and Mr Luke Kuhns have come to the end of their period of service on the Council and we thank them most warmly for their diligent work particularly leading the Society's development of Social Media.

The Council recommends that Ms Bonnie MacBird and Mr Chris Seymour be elected to fill the vacancies.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Akiko Sato has had to leave Council, before the expiration of her term. We thank Akiko for her service to Council. The Council recommends that Mr Bob Ellis should serve the remainder of her term.

The Council's recommendations are as follows:-

For Chairman

Mr David Jones

For Joint Honorary Secretaries

Miss Catherine Cooke
Mrs Cath Mayo

For Honorary Treasurer

Mr Ashley Mayo

For Joint Honorary Editors

Mr Roger Johnson
Mrs Heather Owen

For new Council members
(three year terms)

Ms Bonnie MacBird
Mr Chris Seymour

(two year term)

Mr Bob Ellis

Members of the Society may propose alternative candidates for the Council vacancies: any such nominations, duly seconded, should be sent to reach David Jones at the address shown in item 4, not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

For many years Mr Bob Ellis has been responsible for the Society's merchandising. He has decided to stand down from that role and Mr. Paul Gillings has offered his services to replace Mr. Ellis. We are most grateful to Mr Gillings. Mr. Bob Ellis has been a long serving member of Council and a stalwart of the Society: He has been Chairman, Membership Secretary, Merchandising Officer, Producer of Society books and Christmas Cards, Organiser of Society Excursions - the list goes on! We offer our most heartfelt thanks to Bob for all his hard work and commitment to the Society. But you will note from our comments above that Bob's commitment to the Society continues as he has offered to cover the position on Council for Akiko's remaining term.

7. To confirm the appointment of Vantage Accounting, 6 St Cross Road, Winchester. SO23 9HX as the Society's independent accountant.

8. Any Other Business

Any Member wishing to raise an item under this heading is asked to give a minimum of seven days written notice to David Jones at the address noted in item 4 above.

The Tony and Freda Howlett Literary Award 2020

The Reverend Simon Smyth is indeed the very worthy winner of this year's Award for his article, "The Case of The Two Coptic Patriarchs" published in the Summer 2019 Vol. 34 Number 2 edition of the Sherlock Holmes Journal.