



# THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

Founded as *The Sherlock Holmes Society* in 1934

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.30pm BY ZOOM

### 1. WELCOME

The Chairman, David Jones, welcomed all members to the Annual General Meeting 2020.

### 2. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16 MAY 2019

These were read and agreed. Proposed by Roger Johnson and seconded by Bob Ellis.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

### 5. ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Honorary Treasurer, Ashley Mayo presented the Annual Accounts which were adopted, proposed by Elaine McCafferty and seconded by Helen Dorey. The Chairman thanked Mr Mayo for all his work on behalf of the Society.

### 6. 2021 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Following the presentation of the annual accounts the Council's recommendation that there be no increase in subscriptions for the year 2021 was adopted.

### 7. THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

Jonathan McCafferty had kindly agreed to continue as President.

The Council's recommendations for the coming year were proposed by John Morewood and seconded by Elaine McCafferty and unanimously elected en bloc:

For Chairman	David Jones
For Joint Secretaries	Catherine Cooke Cath Mayo
For Honorary Treasurer	Ashley Mayo
For Joint Honorary Editors	Roger Johnson and Heather Owen
For new Council members	
Three year term	Bonnie MacBird Chris Seymour
Two year term	Robert Ellis

The Chairman, David Jones thanked all members of the Council for their hard work during the year. The Council members had supported all activities enthusiastically. He also warmly thanked both retiring members of Council, Valerie Schreiner and Luke Kuhns for their support and hard work, particularly leading the Society's development of Social Media.

### 8. APPOINTMENT OF THE SOCIETY'S INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

Members confirmed the appointment of Vantage Accounting, 6 St Cross Road, Winchester. SO23 9HX as the Society's independent accountant. Proposed by Judi Ellis and seconded by Marcus Geisser.

### 9. THE TONY AND FREDA HOWLETT LITERARY AWARD 2020

Roger Johnson announced that this year's award had been won by Simon Smyth for his excellent article "The Case of the Two Coptic Patriarchs", published in the Summer 2019 issue of *The Sherlock Holmes Journal*.

### 10. HONORARY MEMBERS

The Chairman announced that three Members had been granted the highest award the Society has, that of Honorary Member, to Robert (Bob) Ellis, Michael Cox and Peter Blau.

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm and was followed by the Society's 2020 Film Evening.

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