

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

Founded as *The Sherlock Holmes Society* in 1934

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2022

at The Little Ship Club, Three Cranes Walk, Upper Thames Street,  
London EC4R 3TB

**A G E N D A**

**Members may attend *at no cost* the AGM business meeting, which should run from about 8-8.30pm. Please let the Chairman know at the address in item 4 below should you wish to do that.**

**If you would like to attend that and stay for the quiz, we do ask that you book and pay through our website.**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2021.**

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

**4. Adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021**

The accounts and attendant documentation for 2021 can be found on the Society's website. Any member wishing to receive a copy by post should contact:

Catherine Cooke, 15, Copperfield Court, 146, Worple Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20 8QA. email: c.cooke@dsl.pipex.com

**5. Annual subscriptions**

The Council recommends that there be no increase in subscriptions for the year 2023.

**6. Election of Officers and Council Members**

The Council has indicated its wish that Jonathan McCafferty continue in the role of President for 2022-2023. 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.

Two of our Officers are stepping down – our Honorary Treasurer Mr Ashley Mayo and our Honorary Secretary Membership Mrs Cath Mayo, of which more anon.

Mrs Judi Ellis and Mr. Bob Ellis have come to the end of their period of service on the Council and we thank them most warmly for their diligent work particularly during the difficult time of the pandemic and various lockdowns. Both have a wealth of experience and we very much hope we may, and indeed fully intend to turn to them both to draw on this experience going forward!

The Council recommends that Ms Rakshita Patel and Mr Basab Majumdar be elected to fill the vacancies.

The Council's recommendations are as follows:-

For Chairman	Miss Catherine Cooke
For Joint Honorary Secretaries	Mrs Elaine McCafferty Mrs Carole Markham
For Honorary Treasurer	VACANT
For Joint Honorary Editors	Mr Roger Johnson Mrs Heather Owen
For new Council members (three year terms)	Ms Rakshita Patel Mr Basab Majumdar

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

Mrs Cath Mayo stepped into the role of Membership Secretary at very short notice towards the end of 2018, picking up the reins, firmly steering our database and dealing with queries. Cath – very many thanks – we are extremely grateful.

Mr Ashley Mayo has served as the Society's Treasurer since 2015, not only taking a particular responsibility for the financial affairs of the Society - financial planning, budgeting and reporting, banking, book keeping and record keeping and maintaining a steady overview of the Society's fixed assets and stock – he has also led on such thorny issues as data protection, ensuring we collect and maintain our members' data in accordance with the law. He has also provided sound support and guidance to three consecutive Chairmen. It is an at times unenviable role but one which is absolutely essential to the running, even to the existence of the Society. We are enormously grateful to him for all his work on our behalf and allowing us to benefit from his experience. While officially stepping down as Treasurer, Ashley will be working alongside our new Treasurer, doing a full handover while ensuring continuity with this accounting year (which is the calendar year) until its completion. Our Treasurer position is currently advertised on the Society's website. Members will be kept advised of developments in filling the role.

**7. To confirm the appointment of Vantage Accounting Services Limited, S G House, 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 Catherine Cooke at the address noted in item 4 above.

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**At the conclusion of the formal Agenda, the announcement of the winner of this year's Tony and Freda Howlett Literary Award will be made.**