



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member,

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Stratford-upon-Avon Society, which will be held on:

Tuesday 21st June 2022

at the

White Swan Hotel, Rother Market, Stratford-upon-Avon

The room will be open from 5.30pm, and the meeting will commence at **6.00 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th July 2021 (attached)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner 2023
6. Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021
7. Election of General Committee Office Holders and Members for the year 2022–23
8. Any other business

The Committee currently consists of the following. All except Dr Diana Owen are standing for re-election (T indicates registration with the Charity Commission as a Trustee).

Dr Lindsay MacDonald	T	Chairman
John Scampion CBE	T	Deputy Chairman
Olga David		Secretary
Jonathan Devereux	T	Treasurer
Ian Fradgley	T	Membership Secretary
Margaret Cund	T	Planning
John Freeland	T	Events
Jann Tracy		Transport
Dr Robert Bearman MBE	T	Historian
Helen Elliott		Publicity
Dr Diana Owen OBE	T	Environment
Steve Turner	T	Transport
Ian Prosser	T	Governance

After the conclusion of the formal business, at approximately 6.30 pm, there will be a talk by Tony Bird OBE with his reflections on how the town has changed during his lifetime and what needs to be improved for the future.

Minutes of AGM, 7 July 2021 (held by Zoom)

1. **Apologies.** Kevin Bond (Chairman)
2. **Minutes** of the previous AGM on 20 May 2019 were approved. The AGM scheduled for May 2020 did not take place because of the covid lockdown.
3. **Chairman's Report.** In the absence of the Chairman, our retiring President, Sir Brian Follett, gave a summary of the activities happening in the town up to the present day: current developments; reformation of Bridge Street; loss of shops; the Riverside project; recreation ground; the Town Centre working group; and re-launch of The Society.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The finances of the Society are strong. The report and accounts signed by an independent examiner have been circulated. It was resolved to approve the Trustees' Report and Accounts for the past year and it was agreed to appoint Burgis & Bullock as Independent Examiners of Accounts for another year.
5. **Officer Reports.** Reports are taken as read. Brief report on events held by Zoom the recordings of which were later edited and made available on the Society's channel on YouTube (*Lindsay*). Transport – current Covid restrictions allow shared space in High Street and improved pedestrian environment on Bridge Street (*John Deegan*). Membership (*Ian*); Historic Spine and Town Centre (*John Scampion*).

6. Election of members of General Committee

- a. President – Kevin Bond
- b. Chairman – Lindsay MacDonald
- c. Deputy Chairman – John Scampion
- d. Secretary – Olga David
- e. Treasurer – Jonathan Devereux
- f. Membership – Ian Fradgley
- g. Transport - Jann Tracey and Steve Turner
- h. Planning – Margaret Cund
- i. Historian – Bob Bearman
- j. Environment – Diana Owen
- k. Civic Affairs – Ian Prosser
- l. Events – Lindsay MacDonald
- m. Town Centre – John Scampion
- n. Publicity – Wendy Ryder

This slate of candidates was accepted by vote of the members.

7. Vote of thanks to the retiring and retired committee members:

Sir Brian Follett (President), Dr Kevin Bond (Chairman), Jon Craig (Treasurer), John Deegan (Transport), David Renfrew (Planning), Julie Renfrew and Ian Andrew (Membership) for all their contributions.

Lindsay proposed Sir Brian Follett for election as an Honorary Member of the Society for his outstanding contributions over a long period, which was approved unanimously.

8. There being no other business the meeting was declared closed and an address was given by the retiring president Sir Brian Follett. He spoke about the future of the Society, and the urgent issue of finding new members. The Society needs new life to stimulate it.