



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:

Monday 20th March 2023

at the

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

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2022
3. Proposed amendment to the Constitution (see next page)
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022
8. Election of General Committee Office Holders and Members for the year 2023–24
9. Any other business

The current and proposed roles on the Committee are as follows:

Position	2022	2023
Chairman	Lindsay MacDonald	Jann Tracy
Deputy Chairman	John Scampion	Lindsay MacDonald
Secretary	Olga David	
Treasurer	Jonathan Devereux	Jonathan Devereux
Membership	Ian Fradgley	Ian Fradgley
Planning	Margaret Cund	Margaret Cund
Events	John Freeland	John Freeland
Town Centre	John Scampion	John Scampion
Historian	Robert Bearman	Robert Bearman
Publicity	Helen Elliott	Helen Elliott
Transport	Jann Tracy, Steve Turner	Steve Turner
Governance	Ian Prosser	Ian Prosser

After the conclusion of the formal business, at approximately 6.30 pm, there will be a talk by Dr Roger Pringle on "The Americans in Stratford".

Proposed minor amendment to the Constitution

Clause 2 'Status and Objects' of the Society's Constitution currently reads:

The Society is a registered Charity (Reg. No. 251182) and is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising the town of Stratford-upon-Avon and its surroundings which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the said area":

- a) to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the said area;
- b) to educate and stimulate public interest in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the said area;
- c) to encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the said area.

It is proposed to add the word 'environment' to the second item, thus:

- b) to educate and stimulate public interest in the geography, **environment**, history, natural history and architecture of the said area;

The rationale is that in recent years the importance of the natural environment has become of ever-increasing importance in the public mind, because of global climate change. The town values its green spaces, and the Society actively seeks to preserve them wherever possible, by resisting planning applications that would have a negative impact on the environment.