LEWES ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lewes Archaeological Group will be held in the **Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall]**, from about **8.45pm on Friday 20th November 2026**, following the lecture given by Peter Varlow on the History and Archaeology of St Thomas a Becket Church (this will start at 7.30pm as usual).

Any nominations for Officers and/or Committee members should be sent to Lewes Archaeological Group, to reach us seven days prior to the meeting, with an intimation that the nominee is prepared to stand for election. Nominations may be sent to: Fiona Marsden, 13 Lansdown Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2JT or emailed to Martin Cohen at docmartincohen@yahoo.co.uk.

The following Officers and Committee members are willing to stand for election or re-election:

Chairman	**Martin Cohen**
Vice Chair	
Hon. Secretary	
Hon. Treasurer	**Brian Phillips**
Committee	**Anne Locke**
	Paula Stanyer
	Sabrina Harcourt-Smith
	Fiona Marsden
	Chris Greatorex
	(Chris ex-officio member in his role as Assistant County Archaeologist)

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 21st November 2025.
2. To appoint an Independent Examiner of the accounts. (**Sheila O'Sullivan** is willing to continue in this role)
3. To receive the accounts and the Hon. Treasurer's Report.
4. To receive the Chairman's Report.
6. To elect the Officers of the Group: Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.
7. To elect up to nine Committee members.

Any other business, proper to an Annual General Meeting

We would also welcome offers of help with our events or activities, which could either be though joining or being co-opted to the committee and/or taking on some specific task like maintaining the membership records or organising a summer event or fieldwork project – advice and support would be available. If you think you might like to get more involved please do get in touch with Sue Berry at georgianbrighton@gmail.com, even if you can't make the AGM or don't see yourself as a committee person.

Martin Cohen acting Chairman

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

21 November 2025, Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Those present: Martin Cohen (Chair), Brian Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Paula Stanyer, Fiona Marsden, Anne Locke, (Committee Members).
Richard Stanyer, Bryan Creer, Linda Lamont, Tim Locke, Peter Varlow, Michael Blewitt (Members).

Apologies: Christine George, David Rudling.

1) **The Minutes** of the AGM held on the 15 November 2024, previously circulated, were approved. There were no matters arising.

2) **Appointment of the Independent Examiner for the accounts**: Sheila O'Sullivan has agreed to continue as the independent examiner of accounts and she was duly re-appointed. She had examined and accepted the accounts for 2024-2025.

3) **Treasurer's Report:** Brian distributed copies of a spreadsheet setting out income and expenditure for the year 31 October 2024 to 31 October 2025. He reported another financially strong year, with a surplus of £489.20, helped by paying for the room for just two lectures. The previous year we had a loss through paying for the room for two seasons. We had an income of £1259, with high takings at four of the six lectures and many members renewing promptly. We kept up our three affiliations, including our insurance, and there were some secretarial expenses. The cash balance on 23 October 2025 is £2796.93 (with a £60 float). With such healthy finances, there is no need to raise subscriptions or entry charges to talks at present.

4) **Chair's Report**: The last year saw a successful season of talks thanks to Sue Berry. We are grateful to Sue for also for taking over as Chair and keeping LAG going. Sue resigned in April and following a committee meeting Martin took over as acting Chair and organised the current programme of talks. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Wendy Muriel who has been a fantastic secretary for the last eight years. Wendy indicated recently that she was no longer able to continue as secretary. Efforts were made to find someone to take over from her as secretary but sadly no-one came forward. Instead the committee has shared out the tasks amongst committee members. It is not too late to say if you would like to take on this role or indeed to join the committee. Just get in touch with me. Membership is slightly up to around 70 members which is excellent for LAG. Brian has outlined LAG's healthy financial position. So, all is well for the year ahead.

5) **Election of Officers**: No other nominations for the offices of Chair and Hon. Treasurer had been received and there being no objections the Martin Cohen was elected Chair and Brian Hon. Treasurer. As explained in the Chair's report the role of Hon. Secretary remains vacant.

6) **Election of Committee Members**: As there were no other nominations and the existing committee members with the exception of David Gregory were all willing to stand again, there being no objections they were re-elected unopposed *en bloc*. (So, Anne Locke, Paula Stanyer, Fiona Marsden, Sabrina Harcourt-Smith and Chris Greatorex).

Any Other Business
There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9:15pm.

Paula Stanyer LAG Committee Member
November 2025