



## LEWES ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

HONORARY PRESIDENT: MICHAEL J ALLEN, MCIFA, FLS, FSA

### 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 March 2020**, following the lecture given by John Bleach on Malling, Lewes: An Anglo-Saxon Estate, a Christian Centre and Medieval Parish (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 [paulawodcohen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulawodcohen@yahoo.co.uk)

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

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Hon. Secretary  
Hon. Treasurer  
Committee

**Paula Stanyer**  
**Anne Locke**  
**Wendy Muriel**  
**Brian Phillips**  
**Sabrina Harcourt-Smith**  
**David Gregory**  
**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 16th March 2018 and any matters arising.
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.
5. To elect the Officers of the Group: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.
6. 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 through 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 me at [paulawodcohen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulawodcohen@yahoo.co.uk), even if you can't make the AGM or don't see yourself as a committee person.

Paula Stanyer, Chair

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**15 March 2019, Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall**

**Those present:** Paula Stanyer (Chair), Anne Locke (Vice Chair), Wendy Muriel (Hon. Sec.) Brian Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mike Allen (Hon. President), Fiona Marsden, Sabrina Harcourt-Smith (Committee Members).

Gail Vines, Frances Price, Bryan Creer, Elizabeth Wood, John Woollard, Elaine Evans, Maria Gardiner, Jo Miller, John Skelton, Katy Skelton, Ann Bacon, Richard Stanyer, Sue Weeks, David Adams, Grace Blaker, Linda Lamont, Philippa Thomas, Elizabeth Newton-Price, Sheila O'Sullivan (Independent Examiner of Accounts)

**Apologies:** David Gregory, Chris Greatorex, Tom Hollobone, Peter Varlow, Debby Matthews, Anthony Freeman, Christine George, Jessica Butt

- 1) **The Minutes** of the AGM of 16 March 2018 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. There were no matters arising.
- 2) **Appointment of the Independent Examiner for the accounts.** Sheila O'Sullivan had agreed to continue in this role and she was duly appointed unopposed after being proposed by Fiona Marsden and seconded by Maria Gardiner. She reported that she had examined and accepted the accounts for 2018-19.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report.** Brian Phillips distributed copies of a spreadsheet of Income and Expenditure to the attendant members. He reported that the balance showed a small financial loss due to the early payment of next season's room fee, but overall the Group's finances are still healthy with a cash reserve of over £2,300. A quarter of the income comes from members' subscriptions as usual. The remainder comes from admission charges; attendance at meetings has held up, often filling the room, making the lectures worthwhile occasions. Some of our expenses have remained the same, possibly due to the early booking of the lecture room. The last increase was only £9 for the season, or 50p per hour. The annual subscriptions paid for affiliations to other Societies and Associations etc. do gradually increase year on year. The rest of our spending is comprised of payments to speakers and producing publicity. Brian concluded by saying that in this healthy financial position he recommended keeping the subscription and admission charges unchanged for the forthcoming year. Sheila complimented Brian on the excellent standard of his documentation and had approved the accounts.
- 4) **Report from the Chair.** Paula began by stating it had again been a good year with an excellent programme of very well attended talks and successful tours of the Plumpton Roman Villa and Bridge Farm excavations. Membership has increased slightly with seven new members having joined during the year and the finances continue to be healthy, as previously outlined by Brian. Paula was sorry to have to report the death of Colin Child at the end of 2018. He was the Independent Examiner of accounts for many years and an enthusiastic supporter of LAG. His daughters have written a tribute to him which will be included in the next newsletter due to be circulated the following week. LAG will be celebrating its 50th anniversary year on April 11th 2019. The year's celebrations will be launched the following day (12th April) with a talk given by Mike Allen, Honorary President of LAG, in which he will look back to LAG's early excavations and research and how these relate to more recent developments. A series of guided walks in and around Lewes plus a visit to Bridge Farm excavations have been planned to take place over the summer. A programme of talks with a focus on Lewes and speakers who have strong links with LAG has also been prepared. Printed copies of both programmes were available at the meeting for members to take. Copies would also be sent out to members and supporters the following week. Finally, Paula thanked fellow committee members and Bryan Creer and Sheila O'Sullivan for their support given to her and LAG during the year and she thanked those members who attended the AGM for their support.
- 5) **Election of Officers.** There being no other nominations and the existing officers all being willing to continue in post the current officers were re-elected unopposed *en bloc*. Proposed by Katy Skelton and seconded by John Woollard.
- 6) **Election of Committee Members.** There being no other nominations and the existing committee members all being willing to stand again, they were re-elected unopposed *en bloc*. Proposed by Grace Blaker and seconded by Anne Locke.

**Any Other Business.** Maria Gardiner suggested it would be appropriate to have a celebration cake at Mike Allen's 50th anniversary launch talk. Sabrina offered to provide a cake.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.09pm.