

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee**  
**Tuesday 3 September 2019 in Herne Hill United Church, 7.30pm**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Present: Colin Wight CW (Chair); Martyn Hall MH (minutes); Jackie Plumridge JP; Val Suebsaeng VS; Henry Ferguson HF

Apologies: Pat Roberts PR; Laurence Marsh LM

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

These were approved

**3. Matters arising and action points from the last meeting**

A) Membership survey follow-up: we agreed to invite Dave & Annie Gelly to the next Cte mtg, with a view to one or both being co-opted the Cte, if both parties agree. **Action: CW**

B) The funding received from the Mighty Hoopla will be passed to Lambeth Council upon receipt of their instruction. We still await confirmation of the arrangements for installation of signage and listening posts for History Hear in Brockwell Park.

C) Herne Hill Books have now paid £257 of the £350.50 owed. Colin to contact Nikki to thank her and ask which invoices she thinks she's paid. **Action: CW**

D) Small Grants Scheme. CW had updated the website to publicise the new higher limit of £500 per grant. It was agreed that MH would contact Robert Holden with a view to having posters advertising the Small Grants Scheme on both Herne Hill noticeboards. He would also find out if Voluntary Action Lambeth and Southwark have lists of relevant organisations in Herne Hill. **Action: MH**

E) TL Bristowe Memorial Lecture. The BPCP has still not paid the £55 it owes towards the costs of the event. CW will find the details of the Treasurer from Ann Kingsbury and send to MH, who will chase payment. **Action: CW/MH**

**4. Forthcoming talk in September**

Final details were left to CW to arrange.

**5. Future events**

Wed 9 October: Ruskin & Friends concert. This will take place in Herne Hill United Church itself, not in the meeting hall. It will start at 7.30 pm, but access will be required from 4.30 pm. MH will contact Yami to confirm we can have access as from 4.30. **Action: MH**

We will sell publications but there will be no raffle. We will provide refreshments if this is possible, at no charge. JP will arrive at 6.45/7 pm for this purpose. The Society will pay for the venue. **Action: JP**

**6. EGM to discuss the future of the Society**

This will be held on Wed 13 November at HH Baptist Church. MH will wait to hear from CW before cancelling HH Utd Church room already booked for that date. **Action: CW/MH**

The main aim of the EGM is to enable the Cte to make clearer decisions about the Society's future. CW will prepare a paper, possibly in bullet point form, outlining the position & future options. This will be the main agenda item at October's Cte, with 45/60 minutes allocated for it. **Action: CW**

## 7. Issues for possible winding up of the Society

It was agreed that Cte members would send to Pat Roberts any issues not yet raised.

**Action: all**

## 8. New publications

We discussed three possible new publications:

A) John Ruskin in Herne Hill. This would consider Ruskin's experience of living in HH and how it influenced his thought. Jon Newman & LM were working on this. CW said it was highly likely to appear in the next six months. **Action: LM/Jon Newman**

B) Herne Hill's old mansions. LM and Ian McInnes had done a lot of work on this. CW said it was likely to be published but it was not clear when. **Action: LM/Ian McInnes**

C) Republication (with the Guild of St George) of John Reardon's "John Ruskin's Camberwell". We will leave to the Guild as to whether and when to republish.

## 9. Publications stocks

Discussion of the previously agreed decision to offer a Christmas promotion selling selected books and maps at reduced prices was deferred.

## 10. WW1 Memorial Plaque

This will be unveiled on Sun 10 November at 10.45 a.m. The plaque design has been agreed and Mark Brooks is carving it on black Welsh slate. CW will write to our MP, Helen Hayes, Herne Hill Councillors and Dan Townsend inviting them to attend. **Action: CW**

NB The number of Herne Hill residents recorded on the WW1 website as having died in WW1 has now risen to 480.

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