

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held at 6:00pm on Tue 6 May 2025
at the Half Moon Hotel**

PRESENT: Rebecca Tee, Chair; Lyndon Fothergill, Treasurer; Ros Glover, Membership; Laurence Marsh, Vice-Chair; Susie Perring, Secretary; Henry Ferguson; George.

1. Apologies

Martyn Hall, Lin Proctor

2. Minutes of the meeting of 1 April

Action Points: We now have sponsorship of £500 from Hamptons Estate Agents, North Dulwich. This will cover our costs for the Celebration evening. The branch manager, Mel Carter, will come to the event.

Next month's agenda to include revised subscriptions. RG will supply a list of life members. Minutes agreed, with amendments from RG.

3. Excellence Awards Celebration

RT has sent round an updated timetable. The food has been ordered and RT will collect.

RT will arrive at 5pm. Helen Hayes MP cannot come until 7pm.

The arrival of one award-winner will be delayed until 8pm.

RT will announce a special offer for new members joining on the night: a free copy of *A Short History of Herne Hill*. We will be selling *The Herne Hill Heritage Trail* and *Sunset over Herne Hill*. LF will bring Sumup machine.

Guests will get a ticket for a free drink at the bar, and sandwiches from the buffet.

7 pm: RT will talk about the Herne Hill Society Excellence Awards.

7.30: SN Chair of the judges, will talk about The Environment Awards. CW will talk about The Heritage Awards. PR will talk about the Community Awards.

Helen Hayes MP will present the certificates and Awards

8.15: RT will give closing speech and thank-you to the judges. Presentation of bouquets (donated by the Brothers Green, Herne Hill).

9:00: Clear up and leave

Temple Bowling Club members may be in attendance at the far end of the bar and they have a right to be present. NB There will be a football match on TV that night which may be showing.

Victoria Tee will take photos. Nicko Barber will make a highlights video for use on the website etc.

Task allocation:

Front desk: Helen and Lin

RG: roving and seating.

RG and LF: selling books

HF: technical

KT: decorations and handing certificates etc for presentation.

Helen and Ella: food

LF will settle bar bill at the end of the evening.

As it is also the celebration of VE Day, Annie Gelly has sent a request to display and discuss a bell made from a German warship at the award ceremony. It was suggested that we offer to put an article in the magazine to provide a larger, more attentive audience.

4. Small Grants

Friends of Ruskin Park have requested a small grant for help with the Summer Fete.

LF suggested they could ask for less than the full amount, perhaps £250? They should put in a full application, as we need more information.

There is also an application from the Dorchester Court Residents Association for help with legal fees. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Should we have an annual budget for small grants? £1000? This might mean a change in the information for applicants. At the moment cases are decided on merit up to £500. LF will look at the terms, then it can put on the website if we want to change it. RG will look at the Constitution. LF will prepare a review of finances for the July meeting.

5. Finances

LF: we are still owed £423.02 in unpaid invoices from 4 local businesses.

Storage. LF looked at the items stored. We should keep the Gazebo and tables and chairs. LF will recycle the rest. RT will look at alternatives to the current storage.

6. Performance Stats

RG: we currently have 393 members.

The magazine is out on Thursday morning, ready to give to delivery volunteers by that evening. Plan to give out old copies of the magazine at the Awards evening to new members.

7. Planning

LM: there is a new application for a residential development (11-storey building) on the site of the recycling centre in Shakespeare Road. No more information yet.

Re-cycling is now sited in Windsor Road Norwood, behind the Bus Garage.

Station Hall, first-floor community space, has limited access. There is a move to provide better access with a lift and take space from the adjoining goods yard. There is no design yet, but the Herne Hill Forum has asked us for support. Agreed in principle. LM will write to them.

8. AOB

RT has received an invitation to attend the Jim Dickson Retirement Social at the Half Moon in June to thank him for 35 years work as a local councillor. RT will prepare a card.

LF and RG will speak to the Camberwell Society, following up our request to advise on DD changeover. RT will try to move this forward and suggest a Zoom meeting.

Next meeting: 3 June 2025

LF sends apologies in advance