

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held at 6:00pm on Tue 3 February 2026
at the Half Moon Hotel**

1. **Present:** Rebecca Tee, Chair; Ros Glover, Membership Sec; Lyndon Fothergill, Treasurer; Lin Proctor; Henry Ferguson
Apologies - Martyn Hall; Susie Perring
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – as sent out on 3 February. Unless members have any comments before 6 February, RT will post.
3. Matters arising:
 - 3.1. *A Brockwell Boy* – discussion over whether we should reprint or just migrate to website (only two copies sold last year). Discussion expanded to other titles such as *Grace's Story* which also only sold two. Given that we attend many fewer events than before our ability to sell is reduced. *Decision deferred for further an analysis until a future meeting.*
 - 3.2. Performance statistics: 167 are still to renew membership compared to 244 at same time last year. Put on Instagram to encourage renewal. Membership total is currently 429.
4. **AGM**

RT confirmed Dr Jane Jordan as the speaker for the AGM. Fee of £50 was agreed. The title of her talk will be “Henry Doulton’s Lady Artists”. RT reiterated importance of all Committee members attending.
5. **Finance**
 - 5.1.LF outlined the plan to replace trees in Fawnbrake Avenue and to mark one in Laurence’s name. We have a budget of £200 for a plaque. *FT to liaise with David Williams, who is organising.*
 - 5.2.There are currently no outstanding debtors.
 - 5.3.Direct Debits – LF in conversation with Dulwich Society who advised to implement as soon as possible. Still to be decided whether to go with PayPal or GoCardless (£70 cheaper). Discussed use of MailChimp to identify non-payers – LF to discuss with RG and CW. Advance notice to members important. Discussion over whether we should keep concessions – Dulwich Society don’t but Camberwell do. It was agreed not to do anything that could affect Gift Aid donations.
 - 5.4.There are around 70 life members who don’t pay since their first payment – as some are postal it was suggested we ask for extra postage contribution, which could also attract Gift Aid.

5.5.Small Grant for the wooden train at HH station. LF to find out more from the Herne Hill Forum.

6. Laurence's legacy

It was acknowledged what a very special man Laurence was and his contribution to Society is unmatched. He leaves a very big gap.

6.1.Planning group – RT has been in touch with Mike Rundle and Colin MacInnes to discuss how to move forward – RT wants them to meet to discuss next steps. RT will report back when she hears more.

6.2.Magazine - Laurence worked exceedingly hard to complete the magazine before his death. It is nearly ready; if anyone has any issues regarding its release, particularly from advertisers, please refer to RT. An obituary issue to Laurence will follow. As far as future editions are concerned Kate, who does design work has offered to help if needed. As Laurence did the much of the writing it was agreed we need to draw on the pool of quality writers. We may need to increase cost of advertising as well, they can be contacted after next edition is published.

6.3. History - To find more information we will ask local tour guides and contact our existing contacts.

6.4.Laurence's art – how can we celebrate and share? Suggestions included Carnegie Cafe and Library, Brockwell Hall, Station Hall and the Station Tunnel. *To be discussed at a future meeting as a year-long tribute to Laurence.*

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3 March 2026.