



Lymington Voice

Lymington Society Newsletter & AGM Notice 2019

AGM 6.30 for 7.00 pm - 27th of March 2019

It's time once again for the Society's Annual General Meeting.

We are in the McClellan Room at the Lymington Centre. This is the chance for members to hear what the Committee has been up to in the last year, and to have a say in the running of your Society.

Refreshments of Wine, Soft Drinks and Nibbles will be served from 6.30pm with the meeting starting at 7.00pm.



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Chairman's Comments

By Clive Sutton

First let me thank you all for your continued membership of the Society. Our effectiveness depends in large part on the strength of our membership.

2018 was another busy year for the Society, and one which saw the completion of the Society's support for the restoration of the Walhampton monument erected to the memory of Sir Harry Burrard Neale. That has been linked with events to mark the anniversary of his death and is leading to the creation of a group of Friends to continue to support the monument. I hope you have all seen the publicity which this effort has produced and I hope you will go to the monument and appreciate the work that has been done to it, which will see it through the next few hundred years.

Planning

The Approaches to Lymington

The ordinary planning work of the Society has continued and I have personally been involved in, and concerned by, the proposals by developers to bring flat developments to Milford Road. Firstly at Tudor Close where a detached residential home in its own grounds is proposed to be demolished to provide 12 flats: this was refused by the planners and is now subject to appeal. Secondly, a proposed development of 31 flats between Foxpond and South Greenlands demolishing a further three detached houses in their own grounds; this has also been refused by the planners.

Both of these developments would have a significant impact on the local distinctiveness supplemental planning guidance, which was contributed to by the Society nearly 10 years ago, and also on the character of Milford Road which, together with

Southampton Road and Avenue Road, gives access to the High Street. These roads still have a largely domestic character to them, rather than being bounded by dense development.

The Haven Marine Park

In addition, we continue to make representations on individual developments such as the redevelopment of the Haven Marine Park site which would be so prominent when viewed from the other side of the river.

Pennington Lanes

In particular we have made proposals in connection with the Pennington Oakhaven site to preserve the character of the lanes, which has already been identified in the Local Distinctiveness Guidance.

New Planning Sub-committee

Because detailed consideration of planning applications is so time-consuming, we have delegated this to a smaller committee who looks at the detail and reports to the main committee. I am very pleased to say that this committee consisting of James Bull and Don Mackenzie now includes new secretary Roger Liley, who has a design background, and also another new member Oliver Dunne, who has a planning background. There is more about Roger and Oliver on the back page of this newsletter.

Social Programme

Our social programme continued this year with at least seven well attended meetings during the course of last year on such varying subjects as Shell posters, solar farms, RNLI, oyster beds and the work of New Forest Rangers. Our next years programme will be in this edition, and again I thank Pam Morrissey for organising these events with the help of other members of the committee.

Annual General Meeting 2019

**Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Lymington Society
will be held on Wednesday March 27th at 7.00 p.m.
The Community Centre, New Street, Lymington.**

Refreshments will be served from 6.30 pm

Annual General Meeting 2019

Agenda

Wednesday 27th March 2019

- Introduction & welcome to the Mayor Dr Ivor Johnston, President
- Apologies, Minutes of the 2018 AGM Clive Sutton, Chairman
- Chairman's Address Clive Sutton, Chairman
- Treasurer's Report Heather Burrell, Treasurer
- Nominations for, and Election of, Members of the Executive Committee:
 - Present Committee members standing for re-election are:
Clive Sutton, Donald Mackenzie, Nigel Seth-Smith, Peter Stone,
Pam Morrissey, James Bull, Heather Burrell, Roger Liley, Oliver Dunne
- Social Secretary's Report Pam Morrissey
- Any Other Business
- Close of Business

Refreshment Break

- Address by: Local architects PAD Studio, about their award winning developments.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Members and guests were welcomed with a glass of wine.

Welcome

President Ivor Johnston welcomed the Mayor, Town Councillors a New Forest District Councillor and Lymington Society members to the meeting.

He paid tribute to Peter Chitty who died recently. Peter was a long standing and valued member of the Society, serving first as Secretary, then Treasurer and finally as President. In all three roles he worked hard and with great success, enhancing the influence and standing of the Society in Lymington.

The President thanked Clive Sutton for the significant contribution he made to the work of the Society throughout the year.

Clive Sutton added his condolences on the death of Peter Chitty – he was particularly grateful for the support which Peter gave him when he took over as Chairman and valued his wisdom and good humour. He also mentioned the recent death of Valerie Shepherd who had been a great stalwart of the Society.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Stone, Nigel Seth-Smith and Lesley Saunders

Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes of the 2017 AGM had been printed in the recently published Lymington Voice Newsletter.

The minutes were agreed to be a true record.

Chairman's Address

Clive Sutton gave the Chairman's address.

Treasurer's Report

Heather Burrell gave details of a healthy financial situation. She thanked Derek Sheffer for leaving the accounts in such good order, and Bill Madden for auditing the accounts, and noted that he had more work to do since she took over as Treasurer!

Subscription income has continued to decline but social events produced a small surplus in 2017 thanks to Pam Morrissey's excellent programme and members' enthusiastic participation.

Heather reported that income on the Burrard Neale project in 2017 was £25,500, thanks largely to the generosity of the late Charles Burnett III, Mrs Sybil Warner and Carol Norris. This funding played a significant part in the successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and will be used in 2018 as the restoration work to the monument begins

Nominations for and Election of Executive Committee

There followed the nominations for the Executive Committee. All members of the Committee offered themselves for re-election.

In addition Oliver Dunne and Roger Liley were introduced to the members and added to the list of candidates proposed as committee members. The election of members of the Executive Committee en bloc was proposed by Elizabeth Lewis, seconded by Daphne Johnston and approved by those present.

Social Report

Pam Morrissey reported on the highlights of the year's social events. These included fascinating talks by Frank Green, Richard Reeves and Anthony Woolhouse, a visit to the New Forest Fruit Farm and the Summer Garden Party held at the home of David Rule and Sandra Leary.

Daphne Johnston asked if it would be possible to buy tickets for the Christmas Party in advance. This was agreed and arrangements for this would be publicised nearer the time.

Jenny Sutton asked whether the Society's Press Officer could submit an article to the Lymington Times about the Society and what it does, as this might help to raise awareness.

Charitable Status

The Chairman outlined why the Committee are changing the constitution as outlined in the latest edition of the Lymington Voice Newsletter. The objects of the Society will remain largely the same with the only significant change being that the funds have to be used for charitable purposes. Those present discussed this issue.

Under the new constitution, the current committee will become trustees of the Society. It was also noted that there should be between 3 and 10 trustees. 9 members were elected to serve earlier in the meeting.

Neil Eccles then proposed that the new constitution be adopted. This was seconded by Tom Russell and approved by those present.

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Data Protection

2018 AGM minutes—contd. from p3

Clive Sutton outlined the implications for the Society and its members of the new Data Protection legislation which comes into force in May 2018. He emphasised that the Society would only hold information for which we have a correct lawful basis as outlined in the recent issue of the Lymington Voice Newsletter. Members have to opt in rather than opt out of this new system and the written notification serves as notice to all members as to which information the Society holds on them and how it may be used.

Any Other Matters

Clive Sutton opened up the meeting to questions from members.

Daphne Johnston asked whether using donations to pay for professional fees could be classed as a charitable purpose. Clive Sutton said that this was a valid use of funds as the fees are paid in order to enable the Society to carry out its objects.

The Mayor, on behalf of Lymington and Pennington Town Council, thanked the Society for its work. He expressed gratitude that a successful bid had been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and that through this the Burrard Neale Monument will be preserved for the future.

Jane Wilford said that a lot of people question the value of the monument and the amount of money being spent to preserve it. Did Burrard Neale do anything really great? Clive Sutton replied that the Heritage Lottery Fund is specifically for the conservation of buildings and that the money from them would not have been available to spend on other matters.

Don Mackenzie reported to the meeting that significant donations to the Burrard Neale Project had been received from individuals including the late Charles Burnett III, Sybil Warner and Carol Norris. He outlined highlights of Admiral Sir Burrard Neale's career and why he was significant in the history of Lymington and indeed the nation. When the monument was first opened over 2,000 people attended the event and 1,500 subscribed to the cost of building it.

Andrew Sanger asked whether more needs to be done to publicise this information locally. Don Mackenzie replied that there is a dedicated website – www.burrard-neale250.org.uk – and information boards at each end of the Solent Way leading to the monument.

Andrew Sanger asked if the profile of the monument could be raised once the restoration work is complete and Don Mackenzie replied that there will be a lot of press coverage at that time.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Anne Corbridge, praised the work of the Society in managing the Burrard Neale Project and said that she agreed we should make every effort to obtain maximum publicity for the restoration.

Andrew Pearson who lives near the monument said that he had a large piece of granite weighing over two tons in his garden which he believed had originally come from the monument site. This could be used if required!

Clive Sutton thanked Peter Stone, Don Mackenzie and the Town Council for all their efforts and continued hard work to ensure that the project is successful.

Andrew Sutherland noted that the monument is not really very visible from the High Street. Clive Sutton agreed and said that it is hoped to cut back some of the surrounding trees on the site this spring in order to allow more light in. If the monument was more visible it might be more loved.

Miss Lewis asked if the Society is able to do anything to improve the signage outside the Post Office and also all the cigarette ends littering the town which are unsightly.

Clive Sutton replied that one of our committee members, James Bull, is very keen to improve the street scene along the High Street and has been working with the local conservation officer to this end. It is hoped that it might be possible to put some large planters at strategic points along the High Street.

Councillor Anne Corbridge said that conservation officers have very limited powers of enforcements and that planters might present a problem as every planter has to be licensed by Hampshire County Council. She said that it was very important for all members of the community to be aware of what a significant problem vandalism was in the town at present.

The Mayor said that the Town Council would like to see some kind of awareness raising along the lines of 'Pride in Lymington & Pennington' and that the Lymington Society could play a role in this.

It was agreed that the summer planting in Lymington is spectacular and the Mayor paid tribute to the Lymington Town Council team of 8 gardeners who work so hard to achieve this.

The problem of cigarette ends is a matter for New Forest District Council, not the Town Council.

Following a short refreshment break, Clive Sutton introduced our guest speaker, Nick Saunders, who gave a fascinating talk about the role of the Special Operations Executive in WW2 and the training of secret agents in Beaulieu.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The Lymington Society

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Subscriptions	2748	2651
Interest: Nationwide	11	11
Surplus on Social Events	607	242
	3366	2904
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Meeting Expenses/Room Hire	478	538
Hon Sec./ Treas. Expenses	20	19
Printing/ Newsletters	725	840
Subscription/Affiliation Fees	42	40
Insurance	368	343
Donations	327	255
Advertising/Publicity	677	248
Professional Fees	-	456
Other	148	106
Total Expenditure	2785	2845
Surplus for the Year	581	59
	3366	2904

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Nationwide Building Society	10655	10645
Lloyds Bank Current Account	3025	2454
	13680	13099
<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>		
General Funds as at 1 Jan 2018	13099	
General Funds as at 1 Jan 2017		13040
Prior Year Adjustment	-	
Add surplus for the year	581	59
Balance at Year End	13680	13099

Heather Burrell Treasurer January 2019

Auditors Report

In accordance with your instructions I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet together with the books and records submitted to me.

I have checked the figures to the underlying information supplied and found them in accordance herewith.

W F Madden Ph D, 2 Twynham Place, Lymington.
January 2019

The Burrard Neale 250 Project

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Donations	2200	25500
Friends of Sir Harry membership	240	
Total	2440	25500
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Professional Fees for Lottery Application	-	5000
Professional Fees for Monument Restoration	-	108
Landscaping	310	-
Restoration of Monument	23500	-
Total Expenditure	23810	5108
Surplus [Deficit] for the Year	[21370]	20392

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Lloyds Bank Current Account	1879	23249
<u>CAPITAL</u>		
Balance as at 1 Jan	23249	2857
Deficit/Surplus for the year	[21370]	20392
Balance at Year End	1879	23249

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Social Programme

By Pam Morrissey, Donald Mackenzie and Nigel Seth-Smith

First an apology

Before we tell you about 2019's events, we must apologise to those members who missed the talk about the work of the New Forest Rangers, owing to our newsletter and flyer carrying the wrong date. The date was changed after the Spring newsletter went out, and the website was updated, but when we put together the Autumn social programme flyer we somehow copied the wrong date. A last minute email alerted many of you to the correct date, but many others did not get the email, and turned up on the 7th only to find that the talk had been the previous day. We really do try very hard not to let this sort of thing happen, but there is the occasional slip-up. Once again please accept our apologies, and do please keep us up to date with your email addresses, and also keep an eye on the website for the latest information.

February 27th - Visit to Fibre Mechanics

Visit to old Green Marine boat building factory to have conducted tour of new production facility. Now run by Fibre Mechanics, a co-operative run by mainly old Green Marine staff.

Currently mass producing an exciting race boat design called a Melges IC 37 for the New York Yacht Club



There will be limited space for this event, so please contact Nigel Seth-Smith or Don Mackenzie to let us know if you want to come.

Fibre Mechanics, 18 Waterloo Rd SO41 3SJ, 6pm

March 27th 2019 A G M



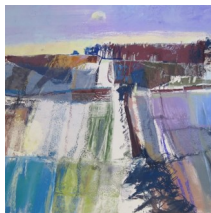
Lymington Society Annual General Meeting.

Followed by a talk from award winning local Architects PAD Studio, based in Angel Courtyard.

McLellan Room Community Centre 6.30 for a 7:00 pm start

May 14th St Barbe Private Viewing

Private View of the St Barbe Open Exhibition. Look round this increasingly high quality art exhibition with talk by Steve Marshall highlighting trends in contemporary art and how the winning pictures were assessed and chosen



St Barbe Museum, New Street 6:00

June 13th Summer Garden Party.

This year the Summer Garden Party is in the beautiful garden of Moore Blatch on Lymington High Street

Moore Blatch 48 High St SO41 9ZQ, 6pm

Recent Social Events

June Annual Garden Party Chawton House Gardens The High Street



The Lymington Society was very grateful to Chawton House Surgery partners for allowing us to use their delightful gardens. A delightful day, with better weather than last year!

September The work of the RNLI

We were very pleased to welcome Steve Billet to talk to members about the work of this voluntary organisation which as we all know is very much a part of life by the sea in Lymington.



October - The revival of the Solent Oyster Beds



A talk by Jacob Kean Hammerson of the Blue Marine Foundation, who are a world wide conservation organisation that was represented at last year's Seafood festival, and who are seeking to reseed oysters in the waters of the Solent.

November The Work of the New Forest Rangers

We are extremely lucky to live in such a diverse rural area and with the Forest on our doorstep and it was great to be able to hear first hand about life as a New Forest Ranger from Richard Daponte



December Lymington Society Christmas Tree



Once again the Society sponsored a tree in the Friends of St Thomas' Church fund raising event.

Thanks to Pam Morrissey and Heather Burrell for decorating the tree, with images of the Burrard Neale monument

Christmas Drinks Party at Stanwell House Hotel

Approximately 70 members and guests came together for this annual society event. We were pleased to welcome several councillors and people who had helped and supported the Society during the year, and everyone enjoyed a festive drink and canapes.

Launch of the Friends of Sir Harry Burrard Neale



A major project for the Society over the last few years, working together with the Lymington and Pennington Town Council, has been the restoration of the Burrard Neale monument.

The project, which is now almost complete, was funded with money from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and one of the agreed conditions was that an organisation be created to promote and maintain awareness of the monument and the man that it commemorates.

The Society is organising a public meeting at 6.00 pm on Friday 15th of February at St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery, Lymington, to officially launch the **Friends of Sir Harry**.

The aim of the Friends will be to ensure that the Burrard Neale Monument, and other related memorials in the town, are looked after, and that the local and national achievements of Admiral Sir Harry Burrard Neale continue to be researched and appreciated in the years ahead.

We are delighted to announce that Lord Montagu of Beaulieu has agreed to be Patron of the Friends, and will be attending the Launch Event.

If you wish to join the Friends, or are interested in helping to preserve and maintain the monument, you will be warmly welcomed at a short Drinks Reception, followed by the official launch of the Friends of Sir Harry in the presence of Lord Montagu, Sir Desmond Swayne TD MP, the Mayor Ann Corbridge, local Councillors and invited guests.

If you are unable to attend the Launch Event on February 15th, you can join the Friends, or volunteer to help, via the website www.friendsofsirharry.org.

Sir Harry Burrard Neale Bt., GCB GCMG, 2nd Baronet of Walhampton, (1765-1840) was a 'local lad made very good', joining the Navy at 13 and progressing to be Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. He achieved national prominence in 1797 for his role in helping to quell the mutiny at the Nore - an anchorage in the Thames Estuary - when, with the help of his loyal crew, he sailed his ship away under fire from the mutineers and raised the alarm. Sir Harry was also Mayor of Lymington and an MP for the town for no fewer than 25 years over a period of 45 years. He and his brother introduced gas lighting to Lymington in 1832. Sir Harry was buried in St. Thomas' Church.

The Friends are planning a programme of future events about the many and varied aspects of the life and times of Sir Harry, including his naval career, where he captured or sank 20 enemy vessels, his political career as an MP, and his local contributions as Mayor, and as a major local benefactor and estate owner.

Sir Harry's life was one of great service - to the navy, to his country and to his local constituents - and in his lifetime he was held in great esteem, as can be seen from the fulsome praise written on his monument.

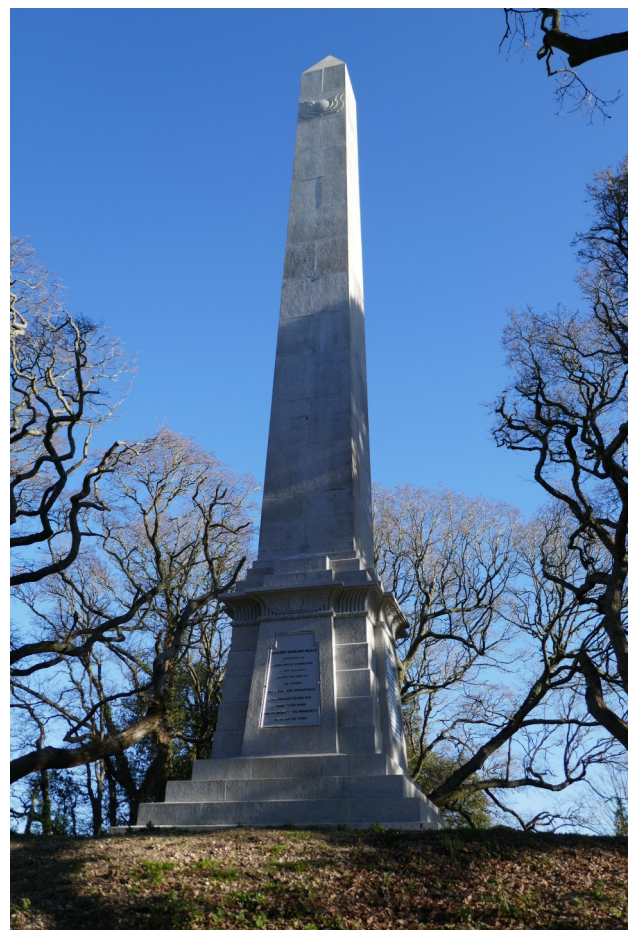
Repair Café at The Lymington Centre



As we all consume more and more possessions, and they get more and more complex and liable to failure, the ability to get something going again when it fails becomes harder, and we are inclined to replace it. This is not good for our pockets or for the environment. There's a movement to do something about this, and one of the organisations making a difference is the Repair Café group. You bring along your broken what-not (or perhaps your laptop computer that just isn't co-operating in some way) and volunteer experts repair it, or show you how to. There's one starting up at the Lymington Centre, with the first meeting on March 16th from 9:30 to 12:30. It's hosted by the Lymington branch of New Forest Transition "working towards a sustainable SO41"

The areas for repair on the Lymington Centre website are:

- Clothes - repair, alternations and advice
- Electrical items - repair and advice
- IT Help - problems with connection, touch screens, memory...
- Phone Screen Repair - advice and help



The Monument after its restoration, gleaming in the sunshine

New Committee Members

Roger Liley



My wife, Ruth, and I moved here from London where we lived for over 30 years. So it's been quite a change for us.

Why choose Lymington? ...Because from London we could've gone anywhere!

I always wanted to live by the sea as we enjoy sailing (though only when the sun shines!) and because of my design business I needed to be close to London. If you draw an arc two hours out from there it hits the coast at Lymington and we feel very fortunate to have found it.

We were immediately attracted to the Georgian high-street. The sense of life and vitality was evident and it immediately felt like the place to be.

Our neighbours here have been very friendly and welcoming and one asked me to join the Lymington Society of which I am now the Secretary. I am also a member of St John's Church Boldre PCC. I continue with my design business and I'm developing my fine art business – mainly portraits – which I am very excited about, but it's early days yet. I have two adult daughters who both work in London and a dog who loves the water!

Lymington is definitely a town with a great future and we look forward to being part of it and making a positive contribution.

Oliver Dunne



I was first attracted to Lymington when it was my 'go to port' in my very first old but lovely 20 foot sailing boat based on the Hamble, with my wife Kate.

We successfully (bit of luck) managed our careers so that we were able to move to Lymington in 1984 and haven't budged since. Both our parents followed us and not long after both of our children were born in Lymington hospital.

My career has been as a chartered surveyor, now semi retired (and frankly would rather be sailing and playing golf). After a few beers one evening last year, I was persuaded (cajoled) by Donald Mackenzie into joining the Lymington Society.

Having spent most of my time working in the property department of various local councils, I do have a bit of an insight into the workings of local councils with my knowledge of property, and I hope I can contribute to the Lymington society.