

# THE ALDEBURGH SOCIETY

(Registered Charity Number 262239)

April 2019

## NOTICE OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the **Church Hall** Aldeburgh at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 6th June 2019**.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and matters arising.
2. To receive the Committee's Report for 2018.
3. To adopt the Society's Accounts for 2018 and to elect an Examiner of the Accounts.
4. To elect Committee Members.
5. AGM close.
6. Discussion on Planning and Ongoing Matters.

Please join us for a glass of wine after the official meeting when any matters can be raised with the Committee. The Minutes of the AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and copies of the Society's Accounts will be available at the meeting. Members may also obtain copies beforehand from our redesigned website [www.aldeburghsociety.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghsociety.org.uk).

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE 2018

#### 1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am delighted to write to you once again as Chairman of the Society. I remain extremely well supported by Tony Bone, our President, and by all the members of our hard working Committee. Catherine Palmer, late of the NHS and now very involved in Aldeburgh affairs including the Carnival Committee, has joined us on the Committee and sits on our Planning Sub-Committee where she has been a real asset. Our membership remains at around 400 households. Having such a large membership gives us a voice on matters affecting the Town, with the Town Council and other local bodies. We are also as keen as ever to recruit more members.

Relations with the Town Council remain excellent. Councillor Jones attends all of our main committee meetings, briefs us on town matters and feeds back our views. We have been helping follow up one of the actions from the Town Plan where we looked at how the appearance of the Town centre could be improved. We will be presenting our conclusions to the Town Council. We worked together on the successful Brick Dock campaign which saw the Society help fund the Town's representation at the Planning Inquiry which upheld the refusal of planning for the development of 42 houses in the AONB. Thank you to all who helped on this campaign and to those who so generously contributed to the Society. We raised £20000 including a £5000 donation from the Society's reserves. The Aldeburgh Business Association is now represented at our Committee meetings ensuring dialogue between the Society and the business community. The website was redesigned (thank you Emma Close-Brooks) and we have digitalised our membership forms.

Consultations have kept us busy. We helped persuade the Boundary Commission that, for the new East Suffolk Council with its much reduced number of councillors and doubled land area, Aldeburgh and Leiston should have three District Councillors. We commented on the Local Plan consultation and most importantly we are continuing to respond on the energy infrastructure projects which risk blighting our coast. We remain focussed on the mayhem that will come from the simultaneous construction of both the Scottish Power windfarms and EDF's development of Sizewell C. Thanks to Alan and Christine Collett we were able to distribute leaflets to most households in Aldeburgh encouraging residents to respond. Template letters are on the website. We are corresponding with central government departments about the lack of coherence that surrounds these projects.

We remain vigilant with respect to planning applications affecting Aldeburgh. We look to see if applications add to or detract from the town scene and consider their conformity with the local plan. We remain ever grateful to Peter Hill, the chair of our Planning sub-committee for his vigilance and sensible submissions even in the face of considerable adversity.

We had four excellent talks. Michael Strand, Development Director of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, spoke passionately about the trust's plans to preserve and protect our natural environment in testing times. Nick Hulme, Chief Executive of the Ipswich and Colchester Hospitals NHS trust, spoke candidly to a very large audience about the challenges the trust faces in delivering health care in the current climate. Stephen Baker, Chief Executive of the new East Suffolk Council, outlined the plans for the new council and faced difficult questions from the audience about the Council's position on the proposed infrastructure projects. To conclude our season Sarah Holmes, Chief Executive of the Wolsey Theatre, together with her husband Peter Rowe, the artistic director, explored how the theatre has gone from near insolvency to its present success. They were happy to provide tips for Aldeburgh's arts community and the evening was lively. We hope to organise a trip to the Wolsey in the coming months. Our joint talk with the Library in January was a first and well received.

Our spring party in 2018 at the Red House was a great success (despite the weather). Thanks to all who helped. Our next one, to which the invitation is enclosed, is at the Pump House.

Finally, thank you to all members of the committee. New members are always welcome!

## **2 ORGANISATION**

Officers and Committee Members currently are:

Mr Tony Bone, President

Mrs Katherine Mackie, Chairman

Mr Adrian Brown, Treasurer

Ms Frances Paul, Membership

Mr Paul Bongers De Rath, Secretary

Mr Peter Hill, Chair Planning sub-committee

Mr Robin Boyd, Mrs Inga Grimsey, Mrs Diana Hiddleston, Sir Christopher Howes, Lady Morse and Mrs Catherine Palmer.

## **3 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Society had another satisfactory year financially. The final accounts are in the process of completion and review. Details will be available at the AGM and also beforehand on our website.

## **4 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The committee is standing for re-election including Mrs Catherine Palmer who was co-opted during the year. If any member wishes to join the committee please let me know.

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Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018

INCOME & EXPENDITURE	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
NET INCOME				
Subscriptions		2,609		1,324
Income from Lectures (donations/wine sales)	1,275		200	
less Expenses	489	786	229	29
Donations		13,225		2,219
Gift Aid		707		328
Party	680		550	
less Expenses	599	81	378	172
Interest (Ipswich BS)		186		136
		<u>17,594</u>		<u>4,150</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		21,000		1,500
Planning consultancy		1,200		2,580
Subscriptions		102		102
Printing & Postage		600		744
Sundry expenses		267		35
		<u>23,169</u>		<u>4,961</u>
Loss/Surplus for the year		<u>(5,575)</u>		<u>(810)</u>
BALANCE SHEET AS AT		31st December 2018		31st December 2017
Bank - Barclays Bank		1,521		2,282
- Ipswich BS		13,426		18,240
TOTAL		<u>14,947</u>		<u>20,522</u>
Represented by:				
Life membership fund		3,250		3,500
Free Reserve		7,619		7,369
Accumulated surplus		4,078		9,653
TOTAL		<u>14,947</u>		<u>20,522</u>

1) These accounts have been draw up on a receipts and payments basis

2) Following a review of life membership it has been determined to release £250 to free reserves.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*K Mackie* 13/5/15  
K Mackie, Chair

*Adrian Brown* 13/5/19  
A Brown, Treasurer

## **THE ALDEBURGH SOCIETY (Registered Charity No 262239)**

I report on the accounts of The Aldeburgh Society for the year ended 31 December 2018 set out overleaf.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
A G Edwards - Independent Examiner

Date: 14/05/19