

THE ALDEBURGH SOCIETY

(Registered Charity Number 262239)

April 2018

NOTICE OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PARTY INVITATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the **Church Hall** Aldeburgh at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 7th June 2018**.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th June 2017.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes.
3. To receive the Committee's Report for 2017.
4. To adopt the Society's Accounts for 2017 and to elect an Examiner of the Accounts.
5. To elect Committee Members.
6. AGM close.
7. Discussion on Planning and Ongoing Matters.

The Committee invites members to have a glass of wine following the official meeting when any matters can be raised with the Committee. The Minutes of the AGM held on 8th June 2017 and copies of the Society's Accounts will be available at the meeting. Members may also obtain copies beforehand from our website www.aldeburghsociety.org.uk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE 2017

1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about my first year as Chairman of the Society. I have been extremely well supported this year by Tony Bone, our ex Chair and now President, and by all the members of our hard working Committee. We were sorry to say goodbye to Judith Foord, our retiring President at the last AGM and also sorry that Dreenagh Forestier-Walker, after many years of service to the Committee, decided to step down last autumn. She has remained faithful to her duties as social rep and has worked hard for the annual party and at the lectures. Thank you both Judith and Dreenagh. Colin Sydenham has stepped down after many years on the Committee including as chair of the planning sub-committee. Emma Close-Brooks, busy on Aldeburgh Living, decided to step down too but both remain involved in an advisory capacity. Thank you Colin and Emma.

We were joined on the Committee this year by Lady Morse and Paul Bongers De Rath. Paul, a retired director of the Local Government International Bureau, has very kindly agreed to act as Secretary for the next year in place of Robin Boyd who has done the job for some years. Thank you Robin and Paul. Louise Morse is a retired doctor and a committed golfer, who is helping the committee in many ways.

We continue to have around 400 households as members. Having such a large membership gives us a voice on matters affecting the Town, and with the Town Council and other local bodies. We are also as keen as ever to recruit more members.

We continue to have an excellent working relationship with the Town Council. We are fortunate that Councillor Jones attends all of our main committee meetings and feeds back our views. I have had a number of meetings with Sally, the Mayor and various other councillors to see how we can help with the implementation of the Town Plan. My hopes of effecting change in traffic management and sponsoring speed restrictions in Aldeburgh are alive but proving harder to fulfil than I had imagined. Tony and I met Russ Rainger, the Suffolk County Councillor, to discuss Aldeburgh matters. We are also working on a closer relationship with the Suffolk Preservation Society.

We continue to examine every planning application 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. Peter and I visited the offices of Suffolk Coastal District Council in December to meet planning officers and discuss the Society's approach. We stand with the Town Council in opposing the appeal being brought by the developer who was refused permission (after our robust opposition) for the planned development of 42 houses in the old brickwork's pit. This is going to a public enquiry in early September- we will keep you informed.

In 2017/18 we had four excellent lectures. Sarah Bardwell, the General Director of the Britten-Pears Foundation, spoke passionately about developments at the Red House and the Britten archive. Geoffrey Probert, Suffolk's High Sheriff, gave a most engaging presentation about his year in office and the many local charities and projects he supports. Dame Clare Marx, CBE, Past President of the Royal College of Surgeons, gave us a most impressive talk on challenges facing the NHS, and Charles Walker and Graeme Richardson of the Aldeburgh Lifeboat (along with many crew members) provided a most enlightening and entertaining talk on the Aldeburgh Lifeboat and its future. Our spring party in 2017 was a great success. Thanks to all who helped. Our next one, to which the invitation is enclosed, is at the Red House.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work during the year. We are always seeking new committee members, so please let me know if you would be prepared to help.

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 and Lady Morse.

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 Lady Morse and Paul Bongers de Rath who were co-opted during the year. If any member wishes to join the committee a proposal form is available on our website.

Please note the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), 2018 came into force in May this year. As a charity which holds personal data, we are required to abide by the GDPR. By personal data we mean your contact details. Our data protection policy can be found on our website. The primary purpose of holding your data is to enable us to tell you as members about news or events which are relevant, for example, talks, events and meetings notices. We will not use the data for purposes other than to enable the proper functioning of the charity. We will not use our membership list to supply third parties with address lists or other information unless required to do so under UK law. We will communicate by post and if you have made your email address available to us by email. You may opt out of communications from us at any time.