

Dear Member

I am writing to you as the Society's new Chairman, having been elected following the retirement of Jim Robinson on his return to live in the USA. As you will be aware, our planned Annual Meeting and AGM in Aldeburgh on Saturday 5 September 2020 has had to be postponed because of the Covid-19 emergency. We now plan to hold next year's event on Saturday 4 September 2021 in Aldeburgh (pandemic permitting). To comply with our legal requirements as an educational charity, we must convene a 2020 AGM before Christmas and this will now commence at noon on Saturday 28 November 2020. It will not be a virtual meeting (Zoom or otherwise), rather a mechanism by which proxy votes can be counted and the result made known on the website, as well as posting answers to any queries sent in by members (see below for more on this).

Overleaf is the Notice of the AGM, and enclosed is the Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year to 30 April 2020 and a Form of Proxy.

The first part of the Ordinary Business is to re-appoint Trustees as Directors of the Company as set out on the Form of Proxy. You will notice that the Committee has appointed three new trustees in recent months who need to be re-appointed at the AGM. These partly replace Jim Robinson and Michael Fowle, who will be retiring after the AGM. Ann Davidson will become the Society's Treasurer and Patrick Mulcare (husband of one of Allen Lane's granddaughters) the Secretary. Neal Houghton will in due course take on one of the other roles. Please complete the Form of Proxy and either post it to me at the address below or email as a scanned attachment. We need at least twenty members to vote to constitute a quorum.

The second part of the Ordinary Business is to receive the Trustee's Report and Financial Statements, and AOB will address issues relating to the society's activities which Trustees will post as reports on our website.

Any questions that Members may have relating to the Ordinary Business or the AOB Reports should be sent to me, either by post or email, and we will publish both the question and answer on our website.

I do hope you and your family and friends have been able to stay safe and well in these extraordinary times and on behalf of all Trustees, we hope to see you at our 2021 AGM.

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