

NOTICE OF THE 2019 AGM OF THE STRATFORD SOCIETY

The AGM will be held at 6.15 on Monday May 20, 2019 in the Wolfson Hall at the Shakespeare Birthday Trust on Henley Street. Please do read the Annual Report and Accounts. After the AGM we will have a presentation from Tim Cooke, CEO of The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of meeting of May 21 2018 (see below at end of notice)
3. Chairman's Report – Kevin Bond
4. Treasurer's Report – Jon Craig:
 - a. Accounts
 - b. Acceptance of the accounts
 - c. Appointment of Burgis & Bullock as Independent Examiners of Accounts
5. Annual Reports (in the Annual Report and taken as read):
 - a. Membership - Julie Renfrew and Jon Craig
 - b. Talks and Presentations – Lindsay MacDonald
 - c. Planning – David Renfrew
 - d. Transport – John Deegan
 - e. Historic Spine Joint Working Group – John Scampion
6. Elections of Officers and Group Chairs:
 - a. Chairman –
 - b. Vice-Chairmen – Kevin Bond & Lindsay MacDonald
 - c. Secretary - t.b.a.
 - d. Treasurer – Jon Craig
 - e. Membership – Julie Renfrew
 - f. Programme – Lindsay MacDonald
 - g. Transport – Jon Deegan
 - h. Planning – David Renfrew
7. General Committee:
The Officers and Group Chairs plus Ian Prosser

8. Vote of thanks to the following retiring and retired committee members: Julie Crawshaw (Chairman), Kevin Taylor (Secretary), Oliver Spicer, and to Ian Fradgley and Nic Walsh for all their help.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Welcome to Tim Cooke (CEO, Shakespeare Birthday Trust) who will give the post-AGM talk.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM, May 21 2018 at the Shakespeare Birthday Trust

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were taken "as read".
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2016.** APPROVED
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman, Julie Crawshaw gave her annual report and amplified the written report within the Trustees Report. Low membership was a concern and this anniversary year presented a good opportunity for a re-dedication of purpose and re-generation of our work.
4. **Honorary Treasurer's Report.** The accounts showed a deficit of £3,790 for the year, but this was mainly due to spending on development of the website and additional leaflets (£3,061) and a timing issue whereby the pavement plaques purchased in 2017 were not all paid for until 2018. The cash position remains strong with reserves of more than £12,000. It was RESOLVED to approve the Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2016 and further RESOLVED to reappoint Messrs Guard D'Oyly as the Independent Examiner..
5. **Officer and Group Reports.** Reports from the Groups were included in the Trustees Report for the year ending 31 December, 2015 – Membership; Talks and Presentations; Planning; Town Transport; Historic Spine (John Campion).
6. **Election of General Committee Members and Office Holders.** The following persons were ELECTED: Julie Crawshaw (Chairman); Kevin Bond (Deputy Chairman); Jon Craig (Treasurer); Kevin Taylor (Secretary and Membership); Lindsay MacDonald (Programme Secretary) along with general committee members John Deegan, Ian Procser, Oliver Spicer and David Renfrew.
9. **Date of the 2019 Annual General Meeting to be advised.**
10. **An excellent talk was then given by Marion Homer about the Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank.**