

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
FRIENDS OF ROMSEY ABBEY
TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2016 IN THE ABBEY

Present: were 41 members.

Welcome: The President Revd. Canon Tim Sledge welcomed all the Friends and our Honorary Vice President, The Romsey Town Mayor, Councillor John Parker and the Mayoress Tessa Parker. The Vicar explained that the work of the Friends enhances the visitor attractions in the Abbey. Recently the Friends have paid for the refurbishment of St Anne's Chapel and the introduction of live streaming for weddings and services.

The meeting began with The Friends prayer.

Apologies: Anne Hewett, Angela Twigg, Michelle Twigg, Carol and Brian Lamb, Rosemary Larking, Muriel Hobbs, Tim Rogerson, Liz Hallett, Clive and Margery Gregory, Stan and Anita Wood and Sue Holden.

The Chairman introduced the Trustees:

Roger Rowe Membership Secretary and Vice-Chairman
Dick Hewett Chairman of the Events Committee
Michelle Twigg has resigned as Treasurer so Roger and Dick will take care of the accounts until we find a new Treasurer.
Jill Hall Secretary
John Thompson-Hall Chairman of the Projects Committee
Ken Gibson

Minutes of the AGM on 2nd June 2015 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Kay Peake and seconded by Anne Wattie.

Chairman's Report was taken as read. All the information about the AGM was now on the website as well as all the officers' reports. John Twigg thanked the supporters who came to the events and was very grateful to Roger Rowe for offering to taking over as Vice-Chairman and Dick Hewett who has taken over the Events Committee. He thanked all the committee members for their work and support. He emphasised the need for new younger members and encouraged everyone to recruit family members.

Treasurer's Report. Copies of the report had been distributed. We are now looking for new or major projects for the coming year. We are looking for a replacement for Michelle. John Twigg thanked her for all her hard work.

The Projects Report was taken as read. John Twigg said how grateful he was that John Thompson-Hall had taken on the role of Chairman. A small effective group has been set up which has close liaison with the Vicar.

Events Report. Dick Hewett took the opportunity to promote some of the events which are happening for the rest of the year.

Membership Secretary's Report. Our membership has grown from 348 to 365 over the past year. New software has been set up to ensure personal data protection. This means that although we have all the personal data for each member required for the membership letter this can never be published over the internet.

Election of Chairman was presided over by the Revd Tim Sledge:

Chairman John Twigg proposed and elected. John Twigg said that it had been a privilege and pleasure but this would be his last year, so we will be looking for a replacement.

Vice-Chairman and Membership Secretary Roger Rowe.

Secretary Mrs Jill Hall.

Events Committee Chairman Dick Hewett.

Projects Committee Chairman John Thompson-Hal.

Committee members and Trustees: Tim Rogerson and Ken Gibson.

Mr Mike Perfect (events sub-committee) all elected en bloc.

Website John Compton

Newsletter Ria Skelton

AOB None

The meeting was followed by a glass of wine.

Ken Gibson introduced John Campbell DCC Thames Valley Police.

John Campbell gave an interesting and humorous talk about the behind the scenes policing for royal events. He gave details about the security and planning for the Queen's 90th birthday and how all the other services became involved.

John Campbell took a number of questions after which John Twigg gave a vote of thanks.