

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 9th 1981
SMALL PUBLIC HALL, HARPENDEN AT 8.0 p.m.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held here on Tuesday, March 11th. 1980
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Committee
8. Report on Jubilee Planting in Lower High Street
9. Reports by the panel of judges on nominations for the Society's 1980 Award
10. Resolution to increase membership subscriptions
11. Resolution to add office of Vice-Chairman to list of officers elected annually
12. Any other business
13. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Announcements about forthcoming events:

Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition
Annual Wine and Cheese Party

SLIDE TALK BY VICE-PRESIDENT MR PAT WILSON

"HARPENDEN'S COTTAGES AND VILLAS"

HARPENDEN SOCIETY AND UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP

Analysis of Income and Expenditure of Year Ending 31 December 1980

£ 1979		£ 1980
12.66	Balance in hand 31.12.80 (less outstanding cheques)	1790.05
(396.09)	Less opening balance	(712.66)
<u>316.57</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>1077.39</u>

INCOME

652.29	Subscriptions	695.80	
44.61	Interest Received	206.10	
29.02	Sundry Income	4.62	
90.12	Transfer from ULVG	-	
<u>147.16</u>	Functions Account	<u>234.33</u>	
	Tree Appeal Income	806.10	
	Less Expenditure	<u>(33.03)</u>	
<u>963.20</u>		<u>773.07</u>	
		1913.92	1913.92


EXPENDITURE

(18.39)	Schools Group	-	
(18.70)	Subscriptions to other Societies	(37.75)	
(95.01)	Office expenses (postage, telephone, etc.)	(217.13)	
(73.16)	Hire of Rooms	(100.32)	
(82.06)	Printing	(183.84)	
(31.33)	Purchase of Plaque	(37.66)	
	ULV Group Income	85.70	
35.32	Less Expenses	(175.65)	
(122.20)	Leaflet Campaign / Advertising	(40.00)	
(101.57)	Purchase of trees	(13.35)	
(50.12)	Purchase of stands	(43.24)	
-	Donation to St. Nicholas Church	(25.00)	
(89.41)	Sundry Expenses	(48.29)	
<u>(646.63)</u>		<u>(836.53)</u>	(836.53)
316.57			1077.39

FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT

133.02	Wine and cheese evening	204.94
<u>14.14</u>	Other receipts	<u>29.39</u>
<u>147.16</u>		<u>234.33</u>

The above Analysis and Account of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 1980, are in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society and Upper Lea Valley Group. They give a correct view of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.


Chartered Accountant
Honorary Auditor.
12 February 1981

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 9th March 1981,
at 8 p.m. in the Small Public Hall

The President, His Honour Judge Dow, took the chair.

1. APOLOGIES from Miss Mildred Ashford and Mrs. Stella Bush.
2. MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th March 1980 were read, confirmed and signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that once again the Society has had a very active year. Major projects include the tree planting work in the High Street carried out in commemoration of our Golden Jubilee. On the 29th November the Norway Maple was planted by Colin Curl, the Mayor and Vice-President of the Society, to replace the dead elm. The seat will be replaced shortly and carry a plaque. Two plane trees, two maples and an acacia will also be planted in other places along the lower High Street with support from the Society. Special thanks were recorded to Anthony Evans.

On the 7th May the annual Wine and Cheese Party was very successful.

The Harpenden Society Award was presented by our President for the extension of the Glen Eagle Hotel. Thanks were recorded to all helpers.

There was a lively season of public meetings organised mainly by Jack Bush.

In April there was a large turn out to a talk given by the Public Relations Officer for British Rail, Mr. Saunderson.

Mr. Paul Arnold, District Arborist, conducted an entertaining evening in September on "Trees in Harpenden."

Our October meeting was entitled "Vandalism - who pays?" by a Crime Prevention Officer.

The December Pies and Punch meeting included a talk with slides of "Old St. Albans" by the deputy librarian of St. Albans.

In February there was a record turnout for a talk about Harpenden Common by Lady Bawden, Joan Thurston and Doug Weston.

Re Sub-Committees, Plans and Planning Control under Bernard Rees has been very busy vetting many applications, including proposed BUPA hospital off Pipers Lane, access road to the Highfield Printing Works and Batford Mill expansion, also proposed demolition of part of the house on the Harpenden Lodge estate. A major issue has been the appeal by Croudace Ltd. against the council's decision not to allow their application for 85 4-bedroom houses on land between Cross Lane and Mud Lane on East Common.

The Transport Group has been strengthened by the inclusion of several society members. They initiated the idea of a cycle way between Harpenden and St. Albans.

A Southdown Group has been formed under Keith Jennings to develop the Harpenden Society policy for Southdown and promote this at District Council level, working in conjunction with the Cravells Area Residents' Association.

In February Society representatives met with Mr. Sanders, representative of British Rail, regarding the squalid state of the station and graffiti on the Stewart Road footbridge. We hope this will be fruitful as the rebuilding programme for the station has been put back for at least three years.

The question of the Nicky Line was also raised. A summer walk has been arranged for the 7th June for society members and friends to promote the footpath idea.

The Commons Group, convened by Lady Bawden, has been active. Complaints were made to the Gas Board about the excessive number of marker posts at the top of Walkers Road and these have been improved.

The Trees Group, convened by Bill Barnes, has been active in addition to the High Street programme.

Ann Godfrey and the Schools Liaison Group are just completing a second Resources Box for the use of local schools. Future projects are likely to include a town trail for schoolchildren.

The Recycling Group has been promoting the idea of bottle banks but has so far made no definite progress.

The Upper Lea Valley Group continued its excellent conservation work throughout the year and had its own annual public meeting on 11th September. Thanks to Jack Haggard and Lorna Wang.

The idea was put forward of hanging baskets for the High Street and we hope these will go up this summer.

It has been decided to publish, with the Local History Society and the Town Council, a set of eight picture postcards of Harpenden which will be shown at the Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition.

We joined in the protest at Connell's unilateral decision to use "For Sale" boards outside private houses.

We have continued our support of LADACAN, opposing the development of Stanstead, favouring a coastal site.

We shall be exhibiting at the Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition in March and have decided to take part in the Round Table's Harpenden Carnival in May.

To conclude, the Chairman thanked all those officers and Committee Members he had not specifically named, particularly Anthony Evans, our retiring Vice-Chairman, Ted Ward, our retiring Secretary, Norman Powlesland, our retiring Treasurer, and Brenda Suitters, our retiring Membership Secretary. He also thanked Isobel Haberer and Mildred Ashford and commented how fortunate he has been to have such a strong and enthusiastic team.

Fortunately Norman Powlesland has agreed to accept nomination for Chairman and Ted Ward has accepted nomination for Vice-President. He was confident that the new Committee will continue to maintain the Society in its important role of protecting Harpenden.

Finally he thanked our President, His Honour Judge Dow, and our Vice-Presidents Colin Curl and Pat Wilson for their help throughout the year and particularly our President for chairing this A.G.M. tonight.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts appear rather misleading as the tree planting money, collected during the year, has not yet been paid out and it appears there is a large excess of income over expenditure. The actual balance is only about £150 and it was suggested that the subscription should be raised next year. While in 1979 £122 was spent on a leaflet campaign which produced a satisfactory response of new members, this year we put two advertisements in Forum at £20 each which were not very successful. We also made a contribution to the refurbishment of the church tower.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were nominated, proposed and seconded :-

Chairman - Norman Powlesland
Secretary - Mrs. Beryl Stuart
Treasurer - Ian McNicoll
Additional Vice-President - Ted Ward

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were nominated, proposed and seconded :-

Mrs. Stella Bush, Mr. Stephen Gaubert, Mr. Leslie Pepper, Miss Margaret Pratt and Mrs. Christine Withers.

8. JUBILEE PLANTING - already covered.

9. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE SOCIETY'S 1980 AWARD

Mrs. Curl, wife of our Vice-President, read her husband's report. A decision had been made that none of the nominations was worthy of an award for 1980.

10. RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

This was proposed by Mr. Ward and, after debate, a decision was taken by vote to make the minimum family subscription £2 and individual £1.50 as from 1982.

11. RESOLUTION TO ADD OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO LIST OF OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY

Miss Ann Godfrey was nominated and approved.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We are negotiating with the County Council to obtain slide tape presentation re Stanstead.

Re the conversion of the Nicky Line to a pathway, it was thought that the bridge over the A6 (1083) will eventually be demolished so that it would start somewhere west of the former A6. Mrs. Curl expressed a view that this was a very long term project.

13. DATE OF NEXT A.G.M.

Wednesday, 3rd March 1982, in the Small Public Hall at 8 p.m.

President - Judge Dow, 2 Kirkwick Avenue (2006)

Chairman - Norman Powlesland, 9 Alders End Lane (2406)

Secretary - Beryl Stuart, 2 Pondwick Road (60385)

Treasurer - Ian McNicoll, 12 Tintern Close, Kinsbourne Green (01-930-2399 and 63398)

Vice-President - Ted Ward, 4 Birch Way (3179)

Vice-President - Colin Curl, 34 Haddon Crt, Milton Road (3449)

Vice-President - Pat Wilson 5 Salisbury Rd. (4474)

Vice-President - Miss Helen Finnie, 43 Milton Road (2717)

Vice-Chairman - Ann Godfrey, 6 Douglas Road (3167)

Stella Bush, 9 Hawthorn Close (4693)

Stephen Gaubert, 90 Eastmoor Park (4475)

Leslie Pepper, 37 Moreton End Lane (4725)

Margaret Pratt, 33 Queens Road (2012)

Christine Withers, 12 Long Buftlers (68509)

Lady Bawden, 1 Crabtree Lane (2264)

Jack Bush, 9 Hawthorn Close (4693)

Keith Jennings, 146 Cravells Road (60357)

Bob Raw, Halfcourt, Byron Road (4230)

Lorna Wang, 16 Ox Lane (60948)