

FARNHAM SOCIETY 78th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9th October 2025 - held at St Joan's Hall at 6pm.

Chairman: Richard Hunt Vice Chairman: Simon Bradbury Treasurer: John Cattell

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 78th AGM since The Farnham Society was founded in 1911 by the local luminaries, Charles Borelli, Harold Falkner and William Allen.

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted by all present.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman spoke of our pride in the heritage of The Society. A Society that has been part of great change since the days of our founders. He mentioned our strengths: that we are financially in good shape, have a steady membership of around 600 and a hardworking management committee.

As well as reflecting back on the past year, we also need to look forward and talk about future opportunities to develop The Farnham Society in the context of its challenges and the wider context of change – change in planning and development policies now being considered, as well as local government reorganisation with its potential influence.

Bullet points of the Chairman's Report are attached.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Adoption of the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 was proposed by Yolande Hesse and seconded by Zofia Lovell. Agreed unanimously.

Confirmation of the Inspector of Accounts proposed by Michael Blower and seconded by Chris Herbert. Agreed unanimously.

The membership fee remains the same for the coming year.

The Treasurer reported we are in a healthy situation. We plan to maintain our events and are hoping to organise more events in the coming year.

Thanks were given to The Treasurer and The Vice Chairman for all their hard work this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The re-election of the current officers was agreed and carried.

The Chairman then introduced a new President's Lecture, to be given by Bishop Chris Herbert, titled 'What is Farnham's Future?'