ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

46th Annual General Meeting of the Streatham Society (Charity Number 283297) will be held on 6:30pm on Tuesday 7h June 2022 at St Leonard's Church

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 5th October 2021 -** To be agreed and matters arising

2. **Chair's Report**

3. **Reports and Accounts -** To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

4. **Appointment and remuneration of independent examiner of accounts -** To appoint an independent examiner for the financial year to 31st March 2023.

5. **Appointment of charity trustees**

Existing Trustees to be reappointed:
Shea Richardson (Chair)
Russell Henman (Vice Chair)
Mark Bery (Secretary)
Judy Harris
Robert Doyle
Liz Burton

New Trustees to be appointed:
Nick Cattermole (Treasurer)
Dan Fieller
Tim Whitaker

6. **Members' resolutions : None received**

7. **Any other business -** To deal with any relevant matters raised at the meeting.

Following the AGM, at 7:30pm Saki Hajnal will give an illustrated talk on the Streatham Ice Rink-the early years. This is a Wandsworth Heritage event

Minutes of the Streatham Society AGM held on 5th October 2021 for the year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees in attendance. Shea Richardson (Chair), Mark Bery (Secretary), Janis Benson, Robert Doyle and Judy Harris

Trustee apologies: Liz Burton (Treasurer) and Russell Henman

1.Minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on 23 November 2020 were approved as an accurate record

2.Chair's report 2020/21
Covid-19 restrictions had caused meetings to be cancelled from March 2020 and the Society had since adapted to the situation by holding regular Zoom talks with recordings on YouTube. These proved popular and attracted an audience from distant attendees some overseas. The Chair thanked members of the Executive and other members of the Society for their hard work.

Paid membership was 273 which was slightly lower than 2019 but good considering there were no in-person meetings

3. Report and Financial Statements.
Robert Doyle reported a deficit for the year of £3,407 for the year attributable to the suspension of membership fees and reduction of income from raffles and refreshments at meetings during the year. The Society remained in a healthy position with cash reserves of £32,893 at 31 March 2021

Mr Fred Johnson ACMA, CGMA was thanked for providing an Independent Examination of the Financial Statements

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the Year Ending 31 March 2022 was not made and the Trustees would appoint an Examiner during 2021

5. Appointment or Charity Trustees
No nominations had been received to be a Trustee of the Society and existing members of the Executive who are Trustees of the Charity agreed to continue to serve for a further year

6. Members' Resolutions: None

7. Any Other Business

John Brown presented Mark Bery, on behalf of the members of the Society, Arnold's History of Streatham- 1886, in appreciation of his role on Society activities during the pandemic

Secretary, 5th October 2021

Annual Report for 2021

At last, after two years of interruptions with the pandemic we are finally able to return some form of normality. I am therefore, delighted to report that our return to in-person talks has been a great success. Our decision to move to St Leonard's has given us the space to welcome more people into a comfortable and safe environment. Everyone can now see the screen; our tea and other refreshments are better organised and the addition of being able to offer visitors and members a glass of wine has added to a more convivial atmosphere.

Since our return to in-person talks in September, we have had a broad and varied range of interesting speakers covering such topics as the Brookwood Necropolis Railway, Streatham and Brixton Chess Club, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and more, right up to our recent talk on the painter Evacustes Phipson and his Croydon paintings. I would like to thank all our speakers for delivering our exciting and varied programme of talks

In the same month we participated in the Lambeth Heritage Festival which is organised by Lambeth Archives and Lambeth Local History Forum. We had a presence at the Lambeth Local History Fair which was held at St. Mark`s Church in Kennington. We had our own bookstall which had many Streatham Society publications on display. After two years of Covid restrictions it was uplifting to see these events were well attended and to see friends again.

Also, in September there was an open day at Conyers Road Pumping Station which was hosted by Thames Water and the Streatham Society. Tours of the grounds of Henry Tate`s estate have also been well attended as was the tour of West Norwood Cemetery by Bob Flanagan looking at the graves and monuments of former Streatham residents. These were yet further opportunity to be able to show how active The Streatham Society is in the community.

Earlier in the year we contributed a range of events for the Wandsworth Heritage Festival event which included the very popular tours of St Leonard's Church by John Brown and a walk through Furzedown by Helen Long. We also remained active with monthly Zoom talks when we were not able to meet in-person.

Thanks go out to the volunteers who helped on the days. Without our volunteers we would find it very difficult to cover such a wide range of events, however we are always looking for more volunteers so please join us and come along and see the fun you can have!

Our membership is growing. In the first four month of the year, we had a higher than usual number of new members join. This is maybe because of our active Facebook page and website. Our presence on social media has grown and across all platforms we have a staggering 6k followers

In our publications we stock approximately 60 titles which are available to purchase from our website

Overall, the society is financially in very a very good state and is growing and gently adapting to changes and new ideas We are so lucky to have such a strong group of volunteers committed to our aims and the work needed to keep the Society alive, therefore at this point I would like to give a particular thank you to hard working committee members who are:

Mark Bery our Secretary is fantastic! He has helped us to move forward and is dynamic, enthusiastic, and full of energy. He works hard to keep up with events and change and is a delight to work with, is passionate about everything especially the Streatham Society

Judy Harris, Newsletter Editor, Membership and Publications. Judy is the backbone of the Society, and we would be lost without her. She almost single-handedly produces The Streatham Society Newsletter which really is amazing. Please keep sending interesting articles to help her fill the pages!!

Thanks for all their hard work goes to Robert Doyle, Russell Henman and Liz Burton who has done a great job and will be stepping down as Treasurer. I am very pleased Liz will remain a trustee.

A special thank you this year goes to Janis Benson, who has been responsible for our bookstall and is now retiring from the committee after 20 years of loyal service. During that time, Janis has been involved in all aspects of the Society and I am delighted she will remain a member. We send Janis our love and best wishes and look forward to seeing her at future meetings.

Finally, I cannot end this report without thanking and mentioning a very special person, John Brown, "Mr Streatham", who deals with Local History, Family History, Planning Enquiries and is the author of numerous books. Although not a committee member he is one of our most active supporters. Always helpful, kind and very generous with sharing his knowledge of local history.

I am sure that all our members will be waiting in anticipation of our planned events for the year ahead

Shea Richardson, Chair
May 2022

THE STREATHAM SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

GENERAL ACCOUNT		2022	2021
Income			
Notes			
	Subscriptions	£ 3,824.83	£ 670.00
1	Donations	£ 656.98	£ 212.20
	Raffles	£ -	£ -
2	Refreshments	£ 317.47	£ -
3	Publications	£ 5,443.18	£ 1,695.95
4	Bank Interest	£ 247.34	£ 251.05
	Cash in hand	£ 31.00	£ 51.00
	Repayment of float	£ 26.00	£ -
		£ 10,546.80	**£ 2,880.20**
Expenditure			
Notes			
	Affiliation fees	£ 48.00	£ 48.00
	Donations	£ 558.70	£ 1,670.00
	Speakers' fees	£ 210.00	£ 180.00
	Publications	£ 120.00	£ 1,574.00
	Printing, postage, stationery	£ 2,170.64	£ 1,668.18
	Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
5	Room hire	£ 450.00	£ 750.00
6	Technology	£ 454.13	
	Refreshments	£ 163.80	
	Miscellaneous	£ 154.00	£ 321.72
		£ 4,404.27	**£ 6,286.90**
	Surplus/(deficit)	**£ 6,142.53**	**(£3,406.70)**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Notes			
	RBS account	£ 30.03	£ 44.84
	Cash in hand	£ 31.00	£ 51.00
	Lloyds current account	£ 23,183.54	£ 17,243.35
	Lloyds deposit account	£ 15,554.12	£ 15,554.12
		£ 38,798.69	**£ 32,893.31**

The notes are explained in the Treasurer's Report, to be presented at the AGM.
Money placed in deposit account 16/4/19

THE STREATHAM SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

BANK ACCOUNT HOLDINGS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

The Society had a total of **£38,798.69** in the Lloyds deposit and current accounts.

There was a balance of **£30.02 i**n the RBS account.

Please refer to the Income and Expenditure account for 2021-2022 included with this report.

NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

Note 1: Income from Donations

Donations went up by 300% on last year, but have not yet achieved pre-pandemic levels. This year, Eventbrite delivered over £200 of donations from people who booked through them to go on tours or attend Zoom talks.

Note 2: Raffle and Refreshment Income

In-person meetings resumed in September 2021, but we are no longer running raffles.

Note 3: Publications Income

This year we have produced books for:

- Streatham and Brixton Chess Club
- Immanuel and St. Andrew C of E Primary School, Streatham
- St. Joseph Catholic Schools, Upper Norwood

On the face of it, our income from publications appears healthier than before the pandemic and over 300% more than last year. Sadly this does not tell the whole story. Before the end of the last financial year I was able to pay in a total of **£3564.00** from the organisations listed above, for which the Society produced books to sell; however, this was not balanced by the costs of these publications. The invoices for publications expenses were not received in time to include them in the 2021-2022 figures.

Note 4: Bank Interest

- Lloyds: £247.31
- RBS: £0.03
- **Total: £247.34**

Note 5: Room Hire

In September 2021 we resumed our in-person meetings with a change of venue from Woodlawns to St. Leonard's Church. The hire charge is £50 per meeting.

Note 6: Technology Expenses

As the use of technology becomes increasingly important, I have awarded it its own category. As last year, I hosted the Streatham Society's copy of Zoom Pro, which allows us to hold online meetings.

We have also invested in two card readers, and pay on a regular basis for web hosting.

Other Points to Note

- The Society has made a surplus this year of **£6142.52**.

INCOME COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS (LESS BANK INTEREST)

Income Stream	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Donations	£656.98	£212.20	£476.10	£1,316.00	£783.00
Subscriptions	£2099.83	£670.00	£2,870.00	£2,425.00	£3,040.00
Raffles	£0	£0	£528.70	£426.00	£465.00
Refreshments	£317.47	£0	£470.00	£266.00	£460.00
Publications	£5443.18	£1695.95	£3,313.90	£1,719.00	£1,923.00
	£8,517.46	**£2,578.15**	**£7,658.70**	**£6,152.00**	**£6,671.00**

GIFT AID

- A retrospective claim has been submitted.

MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS

- It is the Streatham Society's policy to take the full cost of assets on acquisition.

OTHER

- I am sorry to report that we have still not managed to close the RBS bank account. This is however, our overall aim.
- Our Lloyds deposit account holds **£15,554.12** which was invested for three years and matured on April 19th, 2022. We have re-invested it for a further two years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to thank the following for the help they have given me and the Society in general over the last financial year:

- The Committee and Mark in particular for their support in these difficult times
- Judy for maintaining excellent records of all income for subscriptions, publications and donations.
- Nick Cattermole for the meticulous work he has put into examining the accounts.
- Our in-house speakers who have given excellent talks at no cost to the Society.

E. Burton

Liz Burton, Treasurer, May 9th 2022