ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Streatham Society (Charity Number 283297) will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at St Leonard's Church, SW16 1HS to transact the following business:

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting -** 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 2023.

4. **Appointment and remuneration of independent examiner of accounts -** To appoint an independent examiner for the financial year to 31st March 2024.

5. **Appointment of charity trustees -** Nominations for the position of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members must be received by **30th June 2023**.

All committee members are Trustees of the Charity.

6. **Members' resolutions -** Resolutions should be sent to the Secretary by **30th June 2023**.

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

Mark Bery, Secretary 4th April 2023

Following the AGM, at 7:30pm John Brown will give an illustrated talk Streatham in a Dozen Objects

To aid communication with members it would be helpful to have members' email addresses. For those members who have not registered an email address with the Society and wish to be contacted by email, please include details via the web site (there is a form on the contacts section https://www.streathamsociety.org.uk/contact.html or email streathamsoc@gmail.com

Streatham Society AGM

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at St Leonard's Church at 6:30pm

Trustees in attendance
Shea Richardson (Chair), Janis Benson, Mark Bery (Secretary), Liz Burton (Treasurer), Robert Doyle and Russell Henman (Vice Chair)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2021 were approved as an accurate record

2. Matters Arising
   None

3. Chair's Report 2021/22
   After two years of disruption arising from the pandemic it was pleasing that the Society was able to return to in-person talks which are proving to be a great success at St Leonard's Church, allowing more people to attend in a comfortable and safe space in the centre of Streatham

   The Society, in addition to monthly talks had also been involved in several events including the Lambeth History Fare and the Lambeth Heritage Festival, the Wandsworth Heritage Festival and walks in West Norwood Cemetery and the Furzedown.

   The Society is financially secure and growing and adapting to changes and new ideas

   The Chair thanked all volunteers who have given their time to ensure we are able to put on these events. A special thanks was given to Janis Benson who was stepping down as a Trustee after 20 years of loyal service, being involved in all aspects of the Society and to Liz Burton who has been the Treasure for the last few year

4. Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 March 2022
   The results indicated income of £10, 546 and expenditure of £4,404, resulting in a surplus of £6,142 for the year compared to a loss for the previous year of £3,407. It was noted that the surplus for 2021/2 resulted due to significant transactions at year end which included publication costs for one title falling in 2022/3 with the associated income being recorded in 2021/2

   At year end the reserve position was £38,799 represented by cash at the bank (RBS and Lloyds) and in-hand

   Thanks were recorded to the independent examiner, Nick Cattermole, for his review of the financial records and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

5. Appointment and remuneration of an independent examiner of accounts
   Chris Sluman was appointed as Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st March 2023

6. Appointment of Charity Trustee
   Nick Cattermole (Treasurer), Dan Fieller and Tim Whitaker

7. Members' resolutions
   None

8. Any Other Business
   None

Streatham Society Annual General Meeting 2023

Chair's Annual Report for 2022 – AGM 6th July 2023

Once again it has been another successful year for the Streatham Society!

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for the year 1 April 2022- 31 March 2023.

Our 2022 (Jan-Dec) membership increased to 301 including 40 life members. An additional £446 was donated with subscriptions. We now claim Gift Aid when applicable which provides a significant fillip to our funds.

At last year's AGM, members approved the addition of three new Trustees to the Executive bringing the total number to 8 for the year. Our new Trustees, Dan Fieller, Tim Whitaker and Nick Cattermole (Treasurer) have made a huge contribution to our work with input to specific areas of our activity.

Our other Trustees for the year are Shea Richardson (Chair), Russell Henman (Vice Chair), Mark Bery (Secretary), Judy Harris and Robert Doyle.

Trustees are not paid but are reimbursed incidental expenditure if claimed and related to the activities of the Society.

Our role in local planning has been strengthened with the presence of our new Trustees and Tim Whitaker is leading this area of our activity. We are now in a better position to comment on local planning matters. There are several complex cases which we have either already been involved or will be involved as plans are developed on sites in Streatham. We have started to review Conservation areas to ensure they are being protected.

Publications: We have about 60 publications advertised on our website, also on sale at our meetings and events. After a surge in sales during Covid lockdown our online orders have returned to our average of 21 orders for 45 books. Our quarterly newsletter *Streatham Society News* is posted to members. Back copies are available on-line. Thanks to John W Brown and an increased number of contributors, it has maintained its 34 – 36 pages.

The Society is financially in a very strong position with a very small deficit for the year of £64, essentially a break-even position and healthy cash reserves of £38.7k as of the 31 March 2023. We gave grants to the Streatham Festival and have plans to utilise funds for several initiatives next year including: a new web site, the purchase of equipment for our talks (laptop and projector screen), underwriting the cost of plaque schemes and giving grants for community projects.

We have run a very full programme of monthly talks through the year. My grateful thanks to those who organise these events and to the exceptional speakers. The success of these talks is evidenced by the large number of attendees we have had at each event with a record c.100 we had for a very entertaining talk by Bell Ribeiro Addy, MP for Streatham in February *Why Streatham would survive the Apocalypse.* A special mention for the talk on *The Manor of Norbury* in November by Michael Gilbert which was a tribute to our dear friend Dave Clark who made an enormous contribution to local history in the area, in particular Norbury.

We held a Christmas Party for members in December, the first for several years where John Brown gave an entertaining talk on *A Streatham Christmas.* We will be holding a Christmas party on 5th December this year with an external speaker already booked and I hope as many members as possible can attend this social event.

We contributed events for both the Lambeth Heritage Festival in September and the Wandsworth Heritage Festival in June. These are always very popular and very well attended. The Society were present at a number of other events in the area; the National Garden scheme at Ripley House, the Open House London event run by Thames Water at Conyers Road Pumping Station and John Brown gave talks on local history at the Furzedown Project and the Streatham Festival

The Society contributed to the *Heritage without a House* project looking specifically at the site of Streatham Park, the demolished home and grounds of the Thrale family - a university research project led by Drs Cassie Ulph and Kate Fennelly and a successful local-engagement event was held at Streatham Park Bowls club in June. A follow-up session and talk on Hester Piozzi (Thrale) of *Streatham Park* will be provided by Cassie in February 2024

The Society is fortunate to have amongst the membership, qualified Tour Guides and a special thanks must go to Barbara Wright who invited members to her walks in Westminster and Helen Long who led tours of St Paul's Cathedral. We plan to hold more events run by our members in the next year.

Our presence on social media continues to increase and we now have more than seven thousand followers across the different platforms. We also have a full suite of recorded talks on our YouTube channel which are hugely popular to the public.

John Brown continues to help with family research, enquiries from authors or generally from those who are just asking for pictures of a particular road or building. Enquirers are always very grateful for the detailed response they are given by John.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Executive, our members and volunteers who have ensured we have delivered our activities. I would however particularly like to than both Judy Harris and Mark Bery for their hard work, enthusiasm, passion, and continued commitment to the Streatham Society.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help at events or run our bookstall. I am also delighted we have two proposed new Trustees for next year who will help us to meet our aims and objectives for 2023/4 and successive years.

I look forward to seeing you all in the exciting year ahead!

The Streatham Society is a Registered Charity. Charity Number 283297.

Shea Richardson, Chair of Trustees

THE STREATHAM SOCIETY

FINAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

		2022-23	2021-22
		£	£
Opening balance		**38,767.68**	**32,625.15**
Income			
Membership subs		4,060.10	3,824.83
Donations		416.76	656.98
Refreshments		1,234.17	317.47
Publications	Note 1	1,721.76	5,443.18
Interest		249.34	247.34
Other		2,272.66	57.00
Total income		**9,954.79**	**10,546.80**
Expenditure			
Donations (in lieu of speaker fee + St Fest)		620.00	558.70
Speaker fees		249.50	210.00
Printing (newsletter)		1,596.07	2,170.64
Publications	Nore 1	5,358.34	120.00
Meeting room hire		725.00	450.00
Refreshments		468.64	163.80
Insurance		75.00	75.00
Admin costs		926.64	656.13
Total expenditure		**10,019.19**	**4,404.27**
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(64.40)	6,142.53
Balance at 31st March		**38,703.28**	**38,767.68**

Nore 1 Publication costs were high in 2022/3 due to the Society purchasing stock with related income received in 2021/2

Financial Statements prepared by Nick Catermole ACA, Treasurer

Independently Examined by Chris Sluman

AGM of the Streatham Society 4th July 2023- Proposed new Trustees

We have two members who have expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee

1. Freda Graham

I took early retirement from Marks & Spencer after 37 years, in June 2007, where I held a series of management roles including Marketing, Finance and Buying, finishing my time in Corporate Social Responsibility. I then embarked on a career change into the educational sector, joining an "outstanding" comprehensive school in west London, as the Principal Director for non teaching staff.

I moved from Kensington to Streatham in December 2021, and the first thing I did was join the Streatham Society so I could find out more about the area and meet my neighbours.

I have an Asdan Qualification in Community Voluntary work and I have been volunteering in my local community since 1984. My previous roles include :
-Independent custody suite visitor to Police Stations for Kensington & Chelsea
-Member of Kensington & Chelsea Police Consultative Group
-Independent Monitoring Board for Wormwood Scrubs Prison
-Member of the Kensington & Chelsea Youth Offending Team community referral Order panel.

2. Emma Fleming

I am very interested in becoming a trustee of the Streatham Society, having been a member for the past couple of years. I am very community minded and looking for an opportunity to learn more about heritage and public engagement, having just graduated from an MA in Folklore Studies. I'm a founding member of Streatham WI (Women's Institute) and have held various committee roles - including Secretary, President, Social Media and Hospitality - over the last decade. I am well versed in equality, diversity and inclusion best practice and enjoy bringing people together around a shared interest. During my time with King's College London, I co-founded NEST, the staff network for parents and carers which included creating and distributing a well received digital newsletter. Both of these experiences have provided me with an understanding of running events (both on and offline) and creating communities of very different people who happen to share a specific characteristic.

I have recently provided freelance administrative support to the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, working with them to consolidate their ticket sales and membership information in a new database (Salesforce) and helping facilitate community information events and focus groups about their heritage plans. I am a Friend of West Norwood Cemetery and have been providing technical support for their public talks, recording them and making them available online to members. I'm also an experienced writer and performer who really enjoys podcasting, having been co-host and editor of the popular TV recap podcast Lovejoy Actually from 2018 – 2021. I believe my interest in public engagement, alongside my technical skills and committee experience would make me a great addition to the trustees.