

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 7.30pm.
Held at The Methodist Church
MINUTES

1. Chairman's Address

The Chairman, Jeff Phillips, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Members: Ian Barrison

3. Minutes of the AGM of the 21th May 2025

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 May 2025 have been sent out to members by email. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Martin Love and seconded by Roger Butterworth and unanimously agreed by the meeting with no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The 2025 accounts have been sent out to members by email. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Allison Wren and seconded by Mike Wiseman. Acceptance of the 2025 accounts was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Colin Stacey, the Society's Independent Examiner, has offered to stand for re-election. The re-appointment of the Independent Examiner was proposed by Ian Thonger and seconded by Linda Shall and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

5. Election of the President

Alison Steer, after many years as President of the Harpenden Society, has decided to retire. Chris Marsden, an ex-Chairman of the Society, has kindly agreed to stand for election as the next President of the Society.

The appointment of Chris Marsden as President of the Society was proposed by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Bob Fletcher. This appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.

6. Election of Officers & Committee Members

The Chairman handed over the meeting to the new President, Chris Marsden, to chair the meeting during the election of the officers and committee members.

Chris Marsden referred to the nominations for the Officers and Committee members listed in the agenda, copies of which had been sent out to members by email.

Chairman

Chris Marsden stated that the current Chairman, Jeff Phillips, had expressed a willingness to continue for a further year.

Officers

Chris Marsden stated that the secretary, Bob Fletcher had expressed a willingness to continue for a further year. He also stated that Harry Downie, after many years of service to the Society, is standing down and John Bristow has agreed to stand for election as the new Treasurer of the Society.

Secretary

Bob Fletcher

Treasurer

John Bristow

The election of the Chairman and Officers was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Committee members

Chris Marsden that the following were standing for re-election to the committee.

Ian Barrison, Paul Gloess, John Lowe, Ron Taylor, Martyn Reed, and Katherine Tate.

The proposer and seconder for each proposed committee member is listed in the AGM agenda which has been emailed to members prior to the meeting. The election of the committee members was unanimously approved by the meeting.

7. Date of the next AGM (provisional)

A date in May or June 2027 to be confirmed.

8. Close

The Society's Chairman, Jeff Phillips, thanked retiring Treasurer, Harry Downie, and retiring committee member, Alan Bunting, for all their efforts in helping the Society over the past years. Jeff Phillips also thanked Alison Steer for her many years of service as President of the Society.

The Chairman, Jeff Phillips, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.38 p.m.