



## Purley Literary Society:

**AGM 19th March 2024 at Christ Church Purley**

**Meeting opened at 7.45**

**Approximately 48 members including the committee were present**

1 **Chairman's Introduction.** Richard Walker welcomed members and visitors and hoped that they had enjoyed the season of talks.

2 **Apologies for absence** received from David Martin, Philippa Bassett and Maureen Patel.

3 **Minutes of last AGM 21 March 2023.** Minutes which were on the website, were unanimously approved by show of hands.

4 **Accounts for 2023 -24 and Treasurer's report.**

Details of the accounts were shown on the screen and available on the website. Bob Cherry reported that the finances are still in good shape. There is currently £2796.25 in the Metro Business Account. The main factors are as usual the cost of lecturers and hire of the hall at Christ Church for the meetings and fees from members and visitors. The hire of the larger Hebron Hall at Christ Church for next season is at a slight reduction on the Philippi Lounge saving £270 per season.

It has been agreed by the Committee the membership fee will remain unchanged at £25 for full season, £14 for the Spring season and visitors £6.

He thanked Richard Shore for examining and signing off the accounts.

Approval of accounts proposed by Geoff Hunt seconded by Simon Little. Unanimously approved

5 **Reports**

**Membership.**

The move to a more suitable and conveniently located meeting place caused the membership to increase. This had led to a temporary hold put on new members, which will be lifted, with the move to the larger hall and change to meeting on a Thursday. Membership is currently 70 and 61 visitors this year.

**Programme.**

Richard gave some examples of the speakers expected to talk during next season with a wide range of subjects including some popular previous speakers: art historian Dr Lois Oliver; local historian John Griffiths-Colby; Antonia Gallop; and Clare Walker. Also new to Purley, author Alison Weir on an aspect of medieval history. Various subjects including, Air Ambulance, the London Transport Museum, Tanzania and "The Brenne" (an area of central France).

## **Change of day to Thursday.**

We have reached the maximum capacity of the current meeting room. To enable the society to expand we are moving to the larger Hebron Hall, where there is plenty of space, but which is only available on Thursdays. The hall, is accessed from the main entrance at the front of the church through the foyer which we hope to make use of as we arrive.

### **6 Election of officers and committee members.**

All members of the committee: Richard Walker, Georgina Inwards, Bob Cherry, Yvonne Walker, Sarah Thomas, Dawn Gibbons, Karl Harbour and Dave Murray, were willing to serve for another year and were elected unanimously by a show of hands.

**7 Appointment of independence examiner.** Richard Shaw is willing to continue and was duly appointed and thanked. Proposed by Gordon Porter seconded by Paul Newbold.

**8 Any Questions?** Gordon Porter asked if there could be a roving microphone for amplifying questions from the audience – we will look into it.

The meeting closed at 8.04

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.