

THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS PLUME'S LIBRARY

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Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Friends (which is also the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Charity) conducted remotely due to Covid 19 restrictions, recorded as of 21st May 2022.

Janis Croom was the “rolling” chair

1. Minutes of the last AGM May 2020

The signed Minutes will be now be filed together with the finalised and examined Annual Accounts and the Annual Report.

2. Events and books

The 2021 AGM was held online due to Covid.

In February there was a quiz, which was nearly held in person but due to covid was again online. Frank Garcia set the questions and Janis did the online bit. Thanks to both of them. The quiz made £500.

In August 2021 the library was opened after having the ceiling repaired. Thanks to all concerned.

In September there was an open day with a booksat that made £346. Thank you to all the stewards.

In November there were visits from the Plume school.

In the year 5 books were found and replaced. This was helped by donations and a grant from The Friends of National Libraries.

3. Annual report by the Chairman of the Friends on the past year.

The Annual Report, already approved by the Committee, has been posted on the Friends page of the Plume Library website and enclosed in the mailing for the information of the Friends.

4. Presentation of the accounts and report of the Hon Treasurer (Janis Croom)

The finalised accounts, already approved by the Committee, have been posted on the Friends page of the Plume Library website and circulated to the membership. These have been examined by David Sage, our Independent Examiner.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

David Sage has confirmed that he is willing to continue to act as Independent Examiner of the Friends accounts for the forthcoming year. This appointment is proposed by Janis Croom and seconded by Sue Edward. We convey thanks to David for this generous service to the Friends.

6. Report on membership in the year ended 31st March 2021

Mary Wells was the membership secretary. Sadly she died. She will be missed. She hosted meetings, produced some excellent catering (especially her smoked salmon sandwiches) and came up with the idea for tea in the churchyard.

Sue Edward is now the new membership secretary. The total number of members at the end of the financial year is 131.

7. Election of Honorary Officers

- (a) Chairman: the serving (interim) Chairman, Sue Swaffin-Smith has stood down at this AGM. We have had no nominations so no Chairman has been elected for the year 2021-22. It is now the intention of the committee to choose a Chairman (from the committee) for each meeting on a rotating basis.
- (b) Treasurer: the serving Treasurer, Janis Croom is eligible and willing to stand for the coming year. This has been proposed by Sue Swaffin-Smith and seconded by Dido Arthur and accepted unanimously.
- (c) Secretary to the Charity: The serving Secretary to the Charity, Janis Croom is eligible and willing to continue for the coming year. This has been proposed by Sue Edward and seconded by Tony Doe and accepted unanimously.

8. Election of Committee

The Friends constitution allows up to nine members of the Committee in addition to the Honorary Officers. The following are current committee members who are eligible to stand and willing to continue: Dido Arthur, Sheila Bates, Al Brown, Tony Doe, Sue Edward, Sue Roache, Sue Swaffin-Smith. All are eligible and willing to stand for election. A nomination was made of Malcolm Edward. All have been proposed and accepted by the committee and the membership have been notified and their approval is now assumed and thus the Committee are considered duly elected.

9. Resolutions proposed by members

No resolutions had been received.

Refreshments were offered (without any smoked salmon sandwiches) and a raffle was held.

Edward Maggs, a fifth generation booksellers from the London booksellers Maggs then gave an interesting and amusing talk on living in Burnham and links to literature in the Dengie region.

Thanks were given to Ed and Janis.