

	MILL ROAD HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING																																								
DATE	May 10 th 2017																																								
Present	<p><u>From current Committee</u> Allan Bringham Emma Bonsall Julia Ewans (<i>Treasurer</i>) Robin Mansfield Simon Middleton Lucy Walker (<i>Chair</i>) Caro Wilson (<i>Secretary</i>)</p> <p><u>Also attending</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Linda Robinson</td> <td>Ian Bent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jo Costin</td> <td>Mary Naylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Antony Carpen</td> <td>Mary Burgess</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen Weinstein</td> <td>Bernard Shaw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fiona Anderson</td> <td>Barbara Rooney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pamela Wesson</td> <td>Shirley Gibey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sheila Jeffery</td> <td>Sophie Smiley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anna Smith</td> <td>Piete Brooks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shelley Lockwood</td> <td>Ingelin Rees Roberts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tamsin Walker</td> <td>Chris Herriman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brenda Hunt</td> <td>John McGill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sue Wells</td> <td>Will Hudson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eunice Botwright</td> <td>Lesley Abrams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craig Wisniewski</td> <td>Carmen Martin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe McIntyre</td> <td>Edward Jenkins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lizzie Hutton</td> <td>Nick Miles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diana Loizou</td> <td>Vera Schuster Beesley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benedict Bengler (UCL)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Danilo Di Cuia (UCL)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		Linda Robinson	Ian Bent	Jo Costin	Mary Naylor	Antony Carpen	Mary Burgess	Helen Weinstein	Bernard Shaw	Fiona Anderson	Barbara Rooney	Pamela Wesson	Shirley Gibey	Sheila Jeffery	Sophie Smiley	Anna Smith	Piete Brooks	Shelley Lockwood	Ingelin Rees Roberts	Tamsin Walker	Chris Herriman	Brenda Hunt	John McGill	Sue Wells	Will Hudson	Eunice Botwright	Lesley Abrams	Craig Wisniewski	Carmen Martin	Joe McIntyre	Edward Jenkins	Lizzie Hutton	Nick Miles	Diana Loizou	Vera Schuster Beesley	Benedict Bengler (UCL)		Danilo Di Cuia (UCL)		
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Apologies	Raj and Tina Shah																																								
Minutes	The minutes of the General Meeting on 10.02.16 AGM were accepted.	ACTIONS																																							
1. Matters Arising	The Committee were asked how they were trying to communicate with people who did not use email. Lucy said we tried to leaflet our programme as widely as possible and flyer for some events. It was suggested we consider leafleting with the Mill Road Newsletter. Lucy asked that people let the committee know of anyone who would																																								

	specifically want non-email communication and that everyone take responsibility for putting a programme leaflet through the door of neighbours who might be interested including those not necessarily on email.	
2. Chair	Chair, Lucy Walker, gave her report (attached to these minutes)	
3.Treasurer	<p>Treasurer, Julia Ewans, presented the annual accounts (filed with these minutes)</p> <p>The legacy funding from the HLF Mill Road History Project had meant that for the last year we had not had to charge our members anything.</p> <p>Now, in order to cover our major costs of room hire and printing, there is a need to secure an income. Following some discussion about options and individual capacity, the meeting agreed that there should be a suggested donation of £2-£4</p>	
4, Election of 2017-18 Committee	<p>Current Committee members are all prepared to stand again. Jo Costin was nominated as a new member and warmly welcomed.</p> <p>The 2017-18 Committee is thus:</p> <p>Allan Brigham Emma Bonsall Jo Costin Julia Ewans (<i>Treasurer</i>) Robin Mansfield Simon Middleton Lucy Walker (<i>Chair</i>) Caro Wilson (<i>Secretary</i>)</p>	
5. AOB	<p>5.i In answer to a request from the Chair for suggested contributions Antony Carpen volunteered a talk about Florence Ada Keynes</p> <p>5.ii Helen Weinstein asked whether/ how she could communicate with MRHS members to ask if they would like to be involved with her schools projects. She was referred to Simon Middleton.</p>	

Mill Road History Society

AGM 10 May, 2017

Report from the Chair, Lucy Walker

This has been our first year as an 'independent' society. We have been supported

- i) financially, by Heritage Lottery funds from the Mill Road History Project, set aside specifically for the purpose of developing an active group,
- ii) by loyal members who bring friends and family to our events, and
- iii) by generous speakers, researchers and writers who give their time and expertise largely for free.

For which we offer sincere thanks.

Beyond Mill Road we benefit from a host of supportive networks, including other history groups, the Cambridge Collection in the Central Library, the County Archives, the local archaeology units; also the Museum of Cambridge, members of the history and film departments at ARU and the University of Cambridge.

We also benefit from a Committee which works well together and between us we have a range of skills and networks which enable things to happen and we have fun. We would like to

- Thank Rasik Kotecha for being on our committee for the first year, and for his continued support in helping us create a special Mill Road Celebrates India day as part of Open Cambridge in September.
- Recruit a couple more people to the committee, so if anyone would like to nominate themselves please do.
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In 2016-17 we ran a varied and well-attended programme including a Victorian musical parlour evening, assisted people doing research, provided tours of the road for ARU Creative Writing and 6th form Historical Geography students, and published an excellent 'How To' document about researching and writing a building report (by Ian Bent, Katie Blyth and Allan Brigham). We also assisted Mary Naylor bring back from Australia a wonderful enamel Dales Brewery poster, promoting their Gold Cup beer - now displayed in the Museum of Cambridge. We still have some events to run including the premier of 2 short plays by local playwright Paul Crossley – rewrites of Chekov's The Bear and The Proposal, set in the contemporary Mill Road area – to be performed on June 23 and 24 at the ARU Drama Centre in Covent Garden. And also a walk in the Kite district with Allan Brigham and Susan Woodall on July 17th.

We have been planning our programme for 2017-18, continuing to alternate venues in Romsey and Petersfield. Next year we will be using the Ross Street Community Centre a bit more, but we will also use St Barnabas and the Bath House, and the Deaf Centre in Romsey Terrace for our Open Cambridge event.

Please note that our talks will be held on a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday next year, because that is when Ross St Community Centre is available.