

**Report of the 2010 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 June 2010 at 10.35 am**

The Minutes of the 2009 AGM, the 2010 Chairman's report, the 2010 Hon Treasurer's Report and RMS Accounts for 2009/10 were provided to the meeting.

**Business**

**1. Welcome**

- a. Chairman, Tony Barnes welcomed members to the 2010 AGM

**2. Apologies for Absence**

- a. John Selves

**3. Minutes of 2009 AGM**

- a. Acceptance was proposed by Roy Stevens, seconded by Geoff Stone and approved without change.
- b. There were no matters arising

**4. Chairman's Report**

- a. Tony Barnes reported on the consultation and subsequent sale of Speirs House to Greensleeves. IET Connect has formed a new benevolent fund, the 'Speirs House Fund' to assist members in need.
- b. The practice of the committee selecting the speakers for the Monthly Meetings is working well. The programme is now coordinated by the Hon Secretary with the selection of speakers shared by all members of the Committee. This has proved successful and we have had a good range of talks, rather more technical ones than in the past.
- c. The Visits programme included a tour of Mullard Space Laboratory and a visit to Cherkley Court gardens. The PC Group continues to be very active and the programme of Walks, the Portfolio Group, Discussion Group, and Theatre Group all continue to operate
- d. The RMS remains an autonomous body within the IET but there have been significant changes in the structure and operation of Local Networks.
- e. Tony thanked all of the event organisers, highlighting John and Barbara Tranter, for the Christmas Lunch and the July Cream Tea. He also thanked the Committee Members and numerous other helpers not mentioned, who have ensured the continued success of our organisation.
- f. The Chairman's report was accepted by assent.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The Hon Treasurer, Ian Lawrenson reported that apart from an increase in the Speakers' Fees and Expenses the various categories of expenditure are similar to the previous years. The IET has continued to pay the costs of our 'technical' monthly meetings at East Horsley, as well as the printing of the Programme Booklet and of our committee meetings. These are now paid centrally from Stevenage by personal cheque to the Treasurer and no longer by the Surrey Local Network.
- b. The Christmas Lunch raffle raised £160.65, which was slightly less than the previous year. It was sent to, and acknowledged by, IET Connect as a contribution for the Speirs House Account.
- c. The Treasurer invited Members to approve these accounts which was proposed by Ken Forman, seconded by John Tranter and carried by assent.
- d. The financial position of the RMS for the remainder of year 2009/10 is comfortable and it is forecast that the accounts will be in balance at the end of the financial year.
- e. At the AGM last year, it was agreed that the annual subscription to the Retired Members Section should increase annually in line with the rate of inflation to cover such increases in our net expenditure.

- f. In view of the fact that the Retail Price Index over the previous 12 months had been close to zero Ian recommended that the RMS subscription for 2010/11 remain at £18.00, which was accepted by assent.

## 6. Election of Officers and Committee

### a. Nominations for the Officers

<i>Chairman –</i>	<b>John Selves</b>
<i>Vice-Chairman –</i>	Vacancy
<i>Past Chairman –</i>	<b>Tony Barnes</b>
<i>Hon Treasurer –</i>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<i>Hon Secretary –</i>	<b>John Beynon</b>

- b. There were no other candidates and the above nominations were proposed by John Steel, seconded by Don Andrews and accepted nem con.

### c. Nominations for the Committee

<i>Visits Secretary –</i>	<b>Neville Whitfield</b>
<i>Membership Secretary, Booklets &amp; RMS Database –</i>	<b>Seb Welford Alan Inkster Roy Stevens Jim Thompson Vacancy</b>

- d. There were no other candidates and the above nominations were proposed by Peter Davies, seconded by Bill Eastwood and accepted nem con.

### e. Non-Committee Members

<i>Walks Secretary &amp; Welfare coordinator - Accounts Examiner</i>	<b>Ben Flude Frank Davenport</b>
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- f. There were no other candidates and the above nominations were accepted nem con.

## 7. Any Other Relevant Business

- a. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.55 am.

Reported by

B R Arthur, Hon Sec, IET, Surrey Local Network, Retired Members Surrey

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