

THE MILESTONE SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1105688
NOTICE of THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place at
10.30am on Saturday 4th October 2014 at
Droitwich Spa Methodist Church Hall, Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa WR9 8AN
to be followed by the Annual Conference (see separate programme).

AGENDA

- 1 Chair's welcome to Members to the Society's 13th AGM
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 5th October 2013 in Stafford
- 4 Hon Secretary's Report for 2013-2014
- 5 Membership Secretary's Report for 2013-2014
- 6 Hon Treasurer's Report for 2013-2014

6.1 Membership fees

The Society's subscription year runs from 01 June. The subscription categories and levels in 2013-2014 (as increased at the 2012 AGM) have been:

Single membership £12.50

Joint membership (i.e. shared address, single mailing) £15.00

Corporate membership £20.00

Overseas membership £25.00

The Committee does not propose to request an increase in the level of subscriptions at 1st June 2015

7 Chair's Report for 2013-2014

8 Election of Officers & Committee Members for 2014-2015:

To elect the Executive or National Committee of the Milestone Society by electing five honorary officers and up to a total of twelve committee members; Note: the quorum for meetings is four, achievable either by attendance or by video conferencing provided that at least three Trustees of the Society should be present.

8.1 The Officers and Committee Members including Advisory & Supporting Members with their particular areas of responsibility in 2013-2014 have been:

EXECUTIVE

Hon Officers

Chair - Jan Scrine

Vice-Chair - John Nicholls

Hon Treasurer - Alan Rosevear

Hon Secretary - John Atkinson

Membership Secretary - Brian Barrow

Committee members (listed alphabetically)

Mike Buxton

Robert Caldicott

Mike Faherty

Nigel Ford

Mike Hallett

John Haynes

Derek Turner

David Viner

ADVISORY & SUPPORTING

The Committee is supported by a number of members who undertake specific functions on the Society's behalf. Some of these specific roles are carried out by committee members; none of these carries *in itself* a committee place but the existing (and successful) practice of welcoming any member to committee meetings (in person or by E-comms) to report and contribute will continue.

The list below is not in any particular order of significance.

County & Local Network Co-ordination - Derek Turner

Database Managers - Alan Rosevear, Mike Faherty

Web presence co-ordination - Jan Scrine

Repository manager - John Armstrong

Editor, Newsletter - Mike Hallett

Editors M&W/OTG - John Nicholls, David Viner

Editorial Panel editors as above plus Carol Haines, Keith Lawrence

Heritage & Conservation Agencies Liaison - Jeremy Milln

Highways Agencies Liaison - Alan Reade

Theft & Recovery Liaison - Robert Caldicott

Compliance (Insurance, Constitution & Charitable status) - Mike Buxton

Database co-ordinator (Canals) - Mike Hallett

Canals & Waterways Liaison - David Blackburn

Milestone & road history and heritage - Mervyn Benford, Carol & Alan Haines, David Viner

County/Local Representatives are listed in publications

8.2 From the Chair & the Executive Committee, the following recommendations are made to the AGM for Officers & Executive Committee Members for 2014-2015, continuing the format approved at the 2011 AGM, which has proved successful and effective; the members shown having indicated their willingness to stand for election.

Proposed Composition of Committee 2014-15

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Jan Scrine*

David Viner*

* retiring by rotation and standing for re-election [*one third*]

8.3 Any Member(s) may make (and is welcome to make) any other nomination(s), and should ensure that he/she has a seconder for the proposal and also has the consent of the person proposed.

8.4 Members elected as Hon Officers / Committee Members are asked to ensure that they can attend at least the three committee meetings pa. (either personally or remotely) plus the AGM, in order to fully fulfil their respective roles.

8.5 The Society's Constitution states:

"7 (ii) Election to the Executive Committee shall be for three years. One third of the membership shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election, the members so to retire being those who have been longest in office since the last election but not reckoning ex officio members. As between members who have been in office the same length of time, those due to retire shall be chosen by ballot".

At the 2012 AGM it was agreed to adhere to the three year requirement more transparently.

8.6 The Society's Trustees are currently, in alphabetical order, John Atkinson, John Nicholls, Alan Rosevear, Jan Scrine and David Viner. No change is proposed in the Trustees for 2014-15.

8.7 To note the schedule of Advisory and Supporting membership roles.

9 The Committee is reviewing the Constitution to bring it into line with recent changes in governance requirements, including the role of Trustees. It is expected that the revised document will be presented to members for ratification and adoption at an EGM held at the start of the Spring Meeting at Chieveley on 16th May 2015. NB: The Society's Trustees have an obligation to run meetings in the absence of a nominated Chair.

10 To note the continuing pattern of publications. The Editorial Panel and respective editors have continued their work during the year. *Newsletters* Nos 26 and 27 have been published and the third combined *Milestones & Waymarkers* and *On the Ground* was published as Volume Six in October 2013. No change is proposed in the pattern of publications for 2014-15.

11 Hon Auditor 2014-15: to consider and if agreed to reappoint John Armstrong as Hon. Auditor, as proposed by the Committee.

12 Any other business

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NOTE : Input and proposals from members are welcomed via the Hon Secretary.

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