



The Arts Society, Romsey

Member Society of NADFAS (regd. charity No. 1089743)

2020 AGM - File Note

- 1. In accordance with government guidelines the AGM in June was not held due to the Coronavirus pandemic. No large gatherings were permitted. Therefore, the details which have normally been reported, Chair and Treasurer's reports were distributed to members via our website and email.***

2. Chairman's Report

Well I think this is the first time in the history of our Romsey Arts Society that the report is not being presented in person to our members. What an unusual year for everyone that has brought many challenges to the committee.

You will all be aware that we had to cancel 4 lectures and three visits because of the lockdown and social distancing rules. We have also had to cancel a study day and our young arts project. The committee have been very grateful for the positive feedback we have had from members to our missives keeping you informed.

At the moment we are working towards restarting in September, but can make no promises. We are making contingency plans to try and have double lectures in order to reduce numbers attending each one. This is also a challenge working out who attends the earlier or later lecture. Another alternative we are exploring is broadcasting lectures locally. We are not being idle. We cannot successfully plan any trips for the foreseeable future as most venues are closed and will have strict limits on numbers, both travelling and attending. We will not produce a programme card to give to members until September, but send out the outline programme for everyone to see with their renewal letter.

The great shame of all this is that committee members have worked so hard to produce an interesting and varied programme of lectures, visits and study days. We also had a very exciting young arts project lined up for several local schools. The fact they are cancelled has only added to the work undertaken and I especially want to thank the committee for all their hard work and support over the last weeks. I am delighted to report that with one exception the committee have all agreed to stay on for a further year. There will be no vote of course so you are stuck with us!! The exception is David Queckett, our front of house manager. He has personal and health issues and we are very grateful to him for the time he has given to us. We now URGENTLY need someone to replace him. The task is not physically arduous as TVBC staff put out all the chairs and tables, so please contact one of the committee if you are able to help, either as Manager or as an assistant once or twice in the year.

Of course, we are always happy to welcome new volunteers to help with committee work. So do please get in touch with us if you have time on your hands and would like to give something back! I would also like to thank those who have volunteered in many ways to support us, heritage, church recording, young arts, coffee making, room setup. We can't manage without you.

Finally, I am happy to report that the little group of 9 volunteers who have been working on a church recording project at St John the Baptist North Baddesley Church have completed the final printed church record which is ready to be handed over once churches can be opened again. This project has taken 4 years to complete and all are pleased with the final product. We are in the process of producing a booklet giving the story of the history of the North Baddesley church which will be available to purchase to help support the fabric of this fascinating building. We will be advertising this on our website shortly.

Cheryl Collier, Chairman

3. Honorary Treasurer - Report and approval of Financial Statement 2019

3.1 Accounts 2019

In these extraordinary times I am giving you my annual report on the society's finances in written form. In 2019 the society had a deficit of £1203 compared with a surplus of £1055 in the previous year (2018). There are a number of reasons for this.

Our income was about £1000 lower, mostly because the profitability of our outings and study days was not as great as in 2018, and also because for timing reasons our gift aid recovery covered only one tax year and not the two which were covered in 2018.

Our expenditure was about £1200 higher than in the previous year. About £1000 of this reflected the costs of the highly successful Young Arts photographic project led by Annie George, and £300 was a donation to King John's House towards the cost of a museum grade display cabinet for some of their artefacts.

As a result of the deficit our reserves at the end of 2019 stood at £14766, a drop of (unsurprisingly!) about £1200 compared with end 2018.

Those who study our accounts in detail may notice under the heading of Other Debtors a figure of £300. This is a repayable deposit we have had to make with TVBC to cover the costs arising from any significant cleaning of Crosfield Hall if our activities (and especially food and drink) create spillages. This requirement is being imposed on all users of the hall. In practice members of the society are pretty well behaved and we don't expect this deposit to be used!

The detailed accounts are attached (appendix 1).

Mike Phillips
Hon Treasurer

3.2 Appointment of Independent Examiner 2020

Chris Amery has agreed to stay on as the Independent Examiner of the accounts for one more year.

4. Elections (committee consists of a maximum of 15 members incl. Executive Officers):

4.1 Resignations from the Committee

Mr David Quekett
Mrs Sally Whatmore

4.2 Election of Executive Officers of the Society 2020/21

Mrs Cheryl Collier – Chair
Mrs Debbie Elsworth - Hon. Secretary
Mr Mike Phillips – Hon. Treasurer

4.3 Election of Committee Members 2019/20

The following have indicated that they are willing to continue serving for a further year:

Ms Ronnie Munday
Ms Jane Goddard
Mrs Wendy Rowe
Mr Charles Slatter
Mrs Anne George
Mrs Liz Williams

Appendix 1

THE ARTS SOCIETY ROMSEY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year from 1 January 2019

	FY 2019 =====		FY 2018 =====
RECEIPTS			
Subscriptions	£12,890		£12,931
Visitors	£455		£469
Gift Aid Refund	£227		£465
Outings Surplus / (Deficit-)	-£35		£26
Special Interest Days Surplus /(Deficit-)	£117		£786
Interest	£26		£15
Sundry	£0		£0
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Total Income	£13,680		£14,691
PAYMENTS			
Speakers	£4,287		£4,583
Hire of Hall	£920		£912
Entertainment	£411		£510
TAS Affiliation Fees	£5,051		£4,813
Committee travel (net)	£375		£416
Postage and Stationery	£233		£306
Insurance	£180		£182
Bank Charges	£60		£60
Young Arts	£1,811		£1,496
less grants received		-£600	£896
Heritage	£300		£0
Donations	£100		£0
Storage	£0		£296
Secretarial & Audio visual expenses	£760		£454
Church recording	£105		£83
Leaving Gifts	£30		£15
Equipment & IT	£260		£86
Sundry	£0		£24
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	£14,883		£13,636
Surplus / (Deficit-) for the year	-£1,203		£1,055
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BALANCE SHEET			
	31-Dec-19		31-Dec-18
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Bank and Cash Balances	£22,856		£24,312
Prepayments	£257		£155
Other debtors	£300		£0
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Total Current Assets	£23,413		£24,467
Creditors	-£8,647		-£8,498
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Net Assets	£14,766		£15,969
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Represented By			
Opening Balance 01 January 2019	£15,969		£14,914
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	-£1,203		£1,055
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	£14,766		£15,969
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End of file note 11 August 2020