

Minutes of the AGM of the Herculaneum Society held on Saturday 7 October 2017 at 15.00 in the Lecture Theatre of the Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LU

Present: Trustees: Robert Fowler (Chair), Daniel Delattre, Kate Starling, Nigel Wilson
Secretary Krystyna Cech, Members: Alison Alden, John & Joy Bithell, Bonnie Blackburn,
Alison Carter, Marsali & Revel Coles, Joëlle Delattre, Judy Fowler, Iona & Sheena
Hampson, Leofranc Holford-Strevens, Alicia Hollings, Peter Jones, Alison Palmer, Peter
Pickering, Patrick Pollard, William Poole, Alistair Sinclair, Peter Spital, Djamila Zaid.
Apologies: Gillian Austin, Barbara Bell, Paul Everard, Lindsey Davis, Ia & John McIlwaine,
Dirk Obbink, Gill & Roy Reeve, Carol Scott, Graham Shaw, Harry Summerton, Martin
Taylor, Brenda Vicary-Finch

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were received.

The accounts of the Herculaneum Society were presented and received by the members.

Robert Fowler reported on the recent and future activities of the Society. Kate Starling presented her plans for the 2018 Herculaneum Congress.

The Accounts

The Herculaneum Society is £3500 to the better this year. This is due in part to a generous anonymous donation of £5000 and to £1700 being made from the 2016 Congress. We are still awaiting Gift Aid on £1850. An apparent drop in membership income is due to how memberships were classified with some memberships now recorded as donations. The 2016 AGM at the National Maritime Museum incurred some unusual expenditure (£300).

Upcoming Events

There will be a half day event at the British Academy, London on Saturday 20 January 2018. The Society has invited Dr Francesco Sirano (the recently appointed Director of the Herculaneum Archaeological Park) to make an address and there will be other speakers, too.

The Trustees have decided that the Society should support the Ancient Graffiti Project and will jointly run a crowd funding campaign next year with the intention of raising \$30,000 for future work on site in Herculaneum.

In August 2018 there will be a one-day conference on Wincklemann at Christ Church with Society involvement.

In 2019 the Getty Museum is putting on a Pompeii and Herculaneum exhibition. It is hoped that the American Friends will be organising events around the exhibition which the UK Friends may wish to attend.

Kate Starling presented her plans for the next Herculaneum Congress : Thurs 21 – Sat 23 June 2018. Following feedback from the 2016 Congress, it has been decided

to revert to holding the Congress in June

to invite Christian Biggi to, once again, be our main local contact in the area liaising with the authorities

to redouble efforts to gain access to the Villa of Papyri and the Herculaneum Sewer (unsuccessful last time)

to slow down the pace, allowing plenty of time for lunches and rest

Besides bespoke visits to Herculaneum there was a discussion of places to visit while in the area. Friends will receive details of the programme and booking forms in January 2018. Hotel rooms at the Miglio d'Oro and Hotel Herculaneum have been booked.

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Bob Fowler proposed a vote of thanks to Kevin Lavery who has retired from his post as Trustee due to ill health. He was thanked in absentia for his many years of support of and help given to the Society.