

**Minutes of the AGM of the Herculaneum Society** held on Saturday 16 November, 2019 at 17.00 in the Lecture Theatre of the Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LU

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Present: Trustees: Robert Fowler (Chair), Joy Bithell, Kay Byers, Alison Carter, Annalisa Marzano, Carol Scott, Kate Starling, Nigel Wilson. Apologies: Daniel Delattre, Holger Essler, Gianluca del Maestro. Secretary Krystyna Cech. Members: Alison Allden, John Bithell, Bonnie Blackburn, Marsali & Revel Coles, Pat Gerber, Iona & Sheena Hampson, Jonathan & Dawn Haslam, Leofranc Holford-Strevens, Philip Hooker, Fabrizio Innocenti, Joel and Laurence Lebersorg, Yvonne Nava-Ledezma, Alistair Sinclair, Peter Spital, Martin Taylor, Djamila Zaid. Apologies: Barbara Bell, Paul Everard, Isobel & Andrew Hamilton, Jonathan & Dawn Haslam, Alicia & Michael Hollings, John McIlwaine, Alison Palmer, Peter Pickering, Gill & Roy Reeve, Ken Walker.

- The meeting began with RF paying tribute to Ia McIlwaine, a long-standing Friend, who passed away recently. Condolences in the name of the Society have been sent to John McIlwaine.
- The minutes of the 2018 AGM were received.
- The accounts of the Herculaneum Society were presented and received by the members. Thanks to Benefactors the Society saw an increase of £3,400. £3,000 was spent on bursaries. The financial situation is good.
- RF reported on the recent and future activities of the Society. It was stated that the past year had been very active for the Society. In 2020, the Society, in collaboration with the Institute of Classical Studies, will be hosting a talk by Michael Scott at Senate House, University of London on 'Invisible Herculaneum'. Also in 2020, the 8<sup>th</sup> Herculaneum Congress will take place in June.
- Memberships. It was stated that memberships were down by about £1,000 last year. There is a need for members to be contacted when they fail to renew. A Membership management system should help with this.
- Kate Starling presented an outline of the programme for the 2020 Herculaneum Congress which will take place on 11 – 14 June. The programme at the moment includes 2 full days on site in Herculaneum and a visit to Ferdinando de Simone's excavation site at Aeclanum as well as an optional extra day visit to Caserta. There is a possibility we will include a visit on one of the first two days to Boscoreale where it has now become possible to visit the villa. Booking forms will be sent out in December.
- The Newsletter. It was agreed that another Newsletter should be produced next year in time for the AGM.
- AOB. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 18.00.