

# Annual General Meeting 2014

The 90th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 15th July 2014 in St Lawrence's church, Whitchurch (Little Stanmore) near Edgware, London by kind permission of Father Paul Reece and The Churches Conservation Trust. The meeting was chaired by the Earl of Leicester CBE, DL, President of the Society and attended by 103 people. The weather was that of a pleasant Summer afternoon.

The meeting was preceded by an optional tour of the newly-opened Museum to The Battle of Britain at nearby Bentley Priory.

After receipt of apologies for absence (from 27 members, including Professor R.W.Brunskill) and the signing by the President of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM (previously published in Volume 58 of the Transactions for 2014), the Secretary, Mr Matthew Saunders, summarised the events of the year. On the national stage, by far the most significant development was the proposed dividing up of English Heritage, the Government commitment of £80m towards meeting the backlog in repairs at vested sites and the creation of Historic England. On the domestic front, he reported on the very generous legacy to the Society, left by Martin Andrews, which embraced £200,000 in cash and a timber-framed listed building at 19 Causeway, Horsham. He thanked Alison Du Cane, Lucie Carayon and the Society's trustees for all their hard and dedicated work – and Dr Richard Morris for producing a volume of Transactions of bumper size and content. Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2013 were presented by the Society's Treasurer, Mr Simon Barnes and approved *nem.con* by the Meeting. He also nominated Messrs McClintocks as the Society's auditors and their re-election was confirmed *nem.con*.

The Meeting then proceeded to the elections. A list of those standing had been issued as part of the AGM Notice and brief biographies had been available on request during the preceding month and were provided for the meeting. All Officers and Trustees standing had been proposed and seconded before 31st March in accordance with the Constitution. The President then put the election of Officers and Members of Council to the meeting in two separate blocs. They were all elected *nem.con*.

After the closure of formal business, with a vote of thanks from the Chairman, Giles Quarme, to the President, there was an address on the church by Sheila Woodward and a performance of music on the Handel organ. The day was rounded off by tea in the Church Hall

GILES QUARME, R.I.B.A.  
CHAIRMAN