

Annual General Meeting 2012

The 88th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 5.30 pm on Friday 6th July in the Middle Temple Hall, London EC4, by kind invitation of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple. The meeting was chaired by the Earl of Leicester, President of the Society and attended by 149 people. The weather was mixed.

There was an optional walk around the Temple, with some internal visits, in the afternoon – led in two groups by Roger and June Evans.

After receipt of apologies for absence (from 24 members, including Professor R.W.Brunskill and Lord Cormack) and the signing by the President of the Minutes of the 2011 AGM (previously published in Volume 56 of the *Transactions* for 2012), the Secretary, Mr Matthew Saunders, summarised the events of the year. He reported particularly on the comparatively good news of The National Planning Policy Framework, where the final draft was much better than its predecessors, and then the bad news of the Budget's proposed changes in VAT. The Chancellor had proposed the abolition of VAT relief on alterations to secular listed buildings. The Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2011 were presented by the Society's Treasurer, Mr Simon Barnes, and approved *nem. con.* by the meeting. He also nominated Messrs Blease Lloyd 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 to the President from the Chairman, Giles Quarme, there was an address on the Hall by Robert Hradsky and a visit after tea to the Temple Church, where members were addressed by the Revd Robin Griffiths-Jones, The Reverend and Valiant Master of The Temple.

GILES QUARME RIBA
CHAIRMAN