

# Annual General Meeting 2016

The 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 5pm on Tuesday 5th July 2016 in the Great Chamber of The Charterhouse, London by kind permission of the Master, Brigadier Charles Hobson O.B.E. The meeting was chaired, for the first time, by the new President, The Rt. Hon. Lord Inglewood, D.L., and attended by 115 people. It was a pleasant summer afternoon.

The President began proceedings by welcoming members and expressing his pleasure at the Trustees' invitation to serve as President.

After receipt of apologies for absence (from 24 members) and the signing by the Chairman of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM (previously published in Volume 60 of the *Transactions* for 2016), the Secretary, Mr Matthew Saunders, summarised the events of the year. There had been quite a few changes in what was a very small outfit. Alison Du Cane had stood down as Assistant Secretary and had been succeeded by Rebecca Whewell. There was a new Editor, Dr John Bold and a new IT adviser, Richard Travers. Secretarial services were now being provided by Caroline Welch in succession to Susan Dalton who had been typing the newsletter and minutes for some three decades. He warmly thanked all his colleagues, particularly the outgoing, Alison and Susan (who would be carrying on as Field Officer to the Friends of Friendless Churches). He noted the increased presence of the Society in the Twittersphere through the endeavours of Rebecca and Lucie Carayon. The website continued to be developed through the skills of Caroline Welch.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 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 Chairman then put the election of Officers and Members of Council to the meeting in two separate blocs. They were elected *nem.con*.

Formal business concluded by a presentation to Alison for all her hard work for the Society over eight years (three books on Venice). There then followed an address on the Charterhouse by Brigadier Hobson and the day was rounded off by tea in the gardens and guided tours of the building.

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