



2011 Annual General Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Firstly, my thanks go to John Barnes, known to many of you for his work at East Cowes Heritage Centre, for scrutinising the 2010-2011 Accounts in super quick time so I can present **Certified Accounts** to you at this AGM.

I am pleased to report that, as of 31st March 2011, we had funds amounting to **£16,482.24**; **£6,476.37** of this was in our current account and **£10,005.87** was on deposit. **£12,500** of this was received from the **Southern Co-op** following our nomination to be the recipients of their **Community Support** card scheme in 2008.

Of these funds, **£870** has been 'ring-fenced' from donations made by the **Watling** family and friends for the restoration of the east window in the east chapel. We also have pledges from the family to underwrite the *removal* of the lights (windows) for off-site restoration – the cost of which, including VAT, exceeds £2,000. These pledges have yet to be 'called in' - but we expect the work to be done this summer. A further **£150** received from another "Friend" has been ring-fenced for work on restoring the smaller windows in this chapel – and another £1,000 would be welcomed for this purpose.

Thanks to the efforts of **Carol Flux**, we received a grant of **£3,839** from the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation** in 2010 for the installation of electricity in "the Friends' House" close to the main entrance of the Cemetery – and the connection of water for a tap on its front elevation.

We have received credits totalling **£116.97** in our first year of participating in easyfundraising.co.uk; this really is easy fund raising and I will explain the process verbally. There is no reason why we should not be attracting £1,000 or more by this method every year.

Earlier this year we found a deposit account paying 2.80% for multiples of £10,000 (if invested for two years) and the Board agreed to make such a deposit last month. This will yield **£561.10** in interest on 1st March 2013.

In August 2010 the IW Council completed the work to underpin and stabilise the west chapel *at their cost* - and the result is there for all to see (that was the full extent of the work that the IW Council were prepared to fund).

Accordingly, in September 2010 the Trustees commissioned **Alan Gentry**, a "Friend" of Northwood Cemetery and a Structural Engineer by profession, to report on the structural condition of the east chapel. His report contained several recommendations and we are committed to implementing these - specifically the urgent repairs to make the chapel water-tight and internal masonry repairs.

Tony Hayman, a local Cowes builder, has been awarded this work and is scheduled to start next week; we have allocated **£2,650** for this purpose.

We are currently inviting quotations for repairing and restoring of the low-level west elevation (pictured here) to the east chapel ("Bernie's den") and hope to make progress on this at our Board meeting on 3rd May.



Membership Report

The membership increased to **262** in 2010-2011, a small increase from the previous year's 250. Now, 18 days into the 'new year' we have already received 140 subscriptions and I have every confidence we will maintain the same level of membership in 2011-2012 when all subscriptions have been collected; however, I do not foresee a dramatic increase in subscriptions above the "250" level.

At last year's AGM we introduced a Life Member category and I am pleased to say that, thus far, we have **11** life members. **Sue Brown** (Huntingdonshire), **Den** and **Hilda Collinson**, **Jon Matthews**, **Angela McMurtry**, **Carmen Millwood**, **Nicola Murgatroyd** (Buckinghamshire), **Barry Sowerby**, **Lora Peacey-Wilcox**, **Charlie Taylor** and one "Friend" who wishes to remain anonymous. We hope to 'recruit' further Life Members at the AGM.

Jon Matthews
Treasurer and Membership Secretary