



Annual General Meeting

30th April 2012

The Kingston Arms, Newport Road, Cowes

Present:

Nine Trustees: Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Day, Paul Fuller, Tim Gladdis, David Jones, Graham Lloyd, Jon Matthews, John Pullen and Barry Sowerby; in addition *ten* Friends were present.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Jon & Pat Pengelly, Jo Cottingham, Gordon Childs, Elizabeth King, Tony Brown, Ken Brudenall, Roger Mazillius and Aquila Reed.

2. Minutes of the AGM of 18th April 2011 and the EGM of 19th September 2011.

These were accepted as a true record of both meetings.

3. Chairman's Welcome and Report:

The Chairman, **Lora Peacey-Wilcox** thanked all those who attended the AGM.

She thanked the Board for their dedication. The transformation of the East Chapel speaks for itself; the new grouting, doors and wonderful windows.

Lora thanked the sponsors of the windows for their generosity: she also thanked **Dennis Bradbury** for creating the wonderful windows.

Lora mentioned the financial gain through becoming a Registered Charity; so far £1,922 has been gained from the taxman through Gift Aid.

Lora went on to thank the Trustees individually:

Jon Matthews who has been the constant drive behind all that happens; he deserves our praise and thanks. Lora also thanked the Secretary, **David Jones**, for his support; the Treasurer, **Jon Matthews**; **Barry Sowerby** our Archivist; **John Pullen** for finding a “Schools’ pack” co-ordinator; **Graham Lloyd** and **Paul Fuller** for their continued support: **Tim Gladdis**, our gifted webmaster; and **Richard Day**, our “hero” of conservation. Lora also thanked Richard’s Saturday team, in particular **Rob Smith** who has been there from the beginning, **Gary Peacey** and **Brian Buckett**.

Special thanks were extended to **Iain Donald** whose support for us has been unshaking. Finally the Chairman thanked **Sarah Salero** - what a hero and expert painter and decorator - the inside of the Chapel now looks beautiful.

4. Treasurer’s Report:

Jon Matthews gave a summary of the circulated written report. There is an end of year total in the bank of £24,073.46. Donations were in excess of £10,000 and sponsorship over £3,000. Fund raising was a disappointing £272; Jon felt this was an area that the Board needed to explore.

Jon reported that we now have 20 Life members and that, to date, 184 Friends have renewed the subscriptions.

5. Election of Trustees:

Chairman: **Lora Peacey-Wilcox**

Secretary: **David Jones**

Treasurer: **Jon Matthews**

Trustees: **Richard Day, Paul Fuller, Tim Gladdis, Graham Lloyd,
John Pullen and Barry Sowerby**

All Officers and Trustees were elected by unanimous decisions.

Following the end of official business presentations were made by Jon Matthews who outlined progress on the East Chapel; Tim who explained the workings of the website which he hopes to re-vamp; and Richard who showed how the work of the conservation team was improving the Cemetery. Barry gave a slide presentation giving a ‘before and after’ picture of what we have achieved in the 4 years since our incorporation.