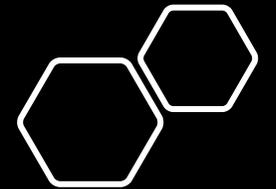


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Winchester Art History Group



WAHG AGM 2020

The Annual General Meeting for 2020 was scheduled for 20 May 2020. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that it is not possible to hold a plenary session of members as would normally be the case.

The information and reports that would have been presented at the meeting is provided by this presentation and supporting papers.

Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2019 AGM are given in the accompanying report
'Minutes of WAHG AGM 2019.pdf'

Chair's Report – Overview

- 2019 represents another successful year for WAHG with an original programmed activity delivered by a range of professional art historians including 15 seminars, 4 day visits and 2 trips.
- Since our establishment in 2008 we have provided some 150 seminars by around 50 speakers.
- In a departure from our normal practice Malcolm McNeill of Christie's offered a free valuation of art works brought in by members.
- Tony Kenyon, a local artist and illustrator, gave us an insight to his way of working and producing illustrated material.

Chair's Report – Review of 2019 Programme

- Jan – June: The Art Of Illustration
 - *Durer, Ukiyo-e Prints, Chinese Prints, Soviet Art, William Blake, Ottoman Illustrations, Bawden & Ravilious, Tony Kenyon*
 - The planned seminar on the *Winchester Bible* by Claire Donovan was cancelled as a result of Claire's illness and subsequent death – a huge loss for the academic community.
- Visits to Tate Britain (Social Satire in Art) & House of Illustration and Skinners Hall & Guildhall Art Gallery
- Trip to Northern Italy – Vicenza, Verona, Ferrara, Ravenna, Mantua and Padua.

Chair's Report – Review of 2019 Programme

- Sep – Dec: Influences from Elsewhere
 - *Katie Faulkner Overview, Holbein the Younger, Japanese influence, Josef Herman, Postcolonial Influence, James Tissot, Picasso*
- Visits to Tate Britain (Bauhaus & William Blake) and Pallant House, Chichester
- Trip to Dublin

Chair's Report – Financial Report

- Winchester Discovery Centre have informed us that the charges for our use of the Performance Hall will increase from April 2020. We have negotiated a plan to introduce the new payments over two years.
- It seems clear that there will be increasing inflationary pressures in the next few years. However, we have a strong balance sheet and there is no reason to increase any of our standard charges at present.
- The summary of our year end 2019 financial status is given in the paper - [WAHG Accounts 2019.pdf](#)

Chair's Report – Outreach Programme

- As a result of our decision to strengthen our relationship with the Winchester School of Art and support their activity we offered a bursary to one of their students in mid 2019. Unfortunately the candidate withdrew in September and we sought a replacement who was accepted in January 2020 – Emilie-kay Kemp.
- Before any progress could be made the COVID-19 epidemic took hold and WSA was closed. The bursary holder has returned home.
- A brief report from Emilie-kay is in the accompanying papers – Emilie-kay Kemp Report March 2020.docx

Chair's Report – WAHG Membership

- We have had a long list of potential members on our waiting list for some time. The committee decided that we could allow 10 more members to join and still maintain our objective that all members who wish to attend any seminar are able to do so.
- As a result of this action the total membership number at the start of July 2019 was 115.

Chair's Report – Other Developments

- DropBox: in late 2018, on an initiative of the Programme Planning Group (PPG), we introduced the use of DropBox – an Internet based file sharing function – which allows us to share the most recent decisions on our programme development. This reduces the risk of potential errors and misunderstandings.
- Seminar Questionnaires: we have also introduced short questionnaires which members are encouraged to complete immediately following a seminar. We believe this will provide valuable input to guide future decisions on subject areas and speakers.

Committee Elections

- Two of our Committee members, Daphne Winning and Carol Orchard, have come to the end of their sixth consecutive year of service and are retiring in line with our Constitution rules.
- Daphne, as Travel Coordinator and PPG Liaison, and Carol, as Venues Organiser & Committee Secretary, have been dedicated and reliable committee members who have worked consistently to the benefit of WAHG. We offer them our most sincere thanks for their significant contributions to our success.

Committee Elections

- Two WAHG members have volunteered to join the Management Committee (MC). They are:
- **Felicity Pennycook** – Programme Planning Group Liaison
- **Evelyn Thurlby** – Venues Organiser and Publications
 - In addition **Carol Orchard** has volunteered to attend the committee meetings as Minutes Secretary.

Current Active Volunteers

- June Brooks - MC
- Catherine Campbell – MC
- Christine Clarke-Smith – MC
- Gill Graham-Maw – Catering
- Rodger Hake – MC
- John Harding – PPG
- Sian Morphet - PPG
- Margaret Munro – MC
- Carol Orchard – Minutes Secy
- Eira Parry-Jones – PPG
- Barbara Peacock - Travel
- Felicity Pennycook – MC & PPG
- Beth Taylor – Discussion Group
- Evelyn Thurlby - MC

COVID-19 Situation

We hope that the situation we are currently experiencing will develop such that we'll be able to return to something like our 'normal' operation. In any case we shall keep developments under regular review and look for innovative ways of operating when appropriate. Meanwhile I hope you well and free from this unusual danger we all face.

Rodger Hake