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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 21st APRIL



Our outgoing Chairman Brian Brignall welcomed our new Chairman, Keith Burnett, into office and presented Keith with the chain of office. Keith presented Brian with his Past Chairman's tie.

Brian thanked each of the Executive Committee members, especially Martin Hart, Secretary, and Phil Preedy, Treasurer, and our walk organisers for their support and assistance over the year. Mike Fraser, Ian Macrae and Mike Spraggs would stand down as walk organisers after the August walk after three years' devoted service and a new walk organiser was sought.

The post of Social Secretary was vacant.

The Secretary's Report and The Report and Accounts for the year were noted. There was a small surplus for the year of £90.

Anselm Frost was reappointed as auditor.

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The Executive Committee for 2026/27 is:

Chairman	Keith Burnett	Confirmed at AGM
Treasurer	Phil Preedy	Elected at AGM
Secretary	Martin Hart	Elected at AGM
Deputy Chairman & Chairman elect	Stewart Murray	Elected at AGM
Committee Member	Malcolm O'Connor	Elected at AGM
Committee Member	Phil McHardy	Elected at AGM
Asst. Secretary	Colin Greasby	Co-opted by Exec
Speakers Secretary	Robert Heath	Co-opted by Exec
Web Master	Keith Willcocks	Co-opted by Exec
Walk Coordinator	Ian Macrae	Co-opted by Exec (standing down in August)
Pro-Biz editor	Peter Thomlinson	Co-opted by Exec
Social Secretary	Vacancy	Co-opted by Exec
Event Organiser	Hywel Thomas	Co-opted by Exec



WALK & PUB LUNCH: THE ALBERT, KINGSTON HILL, NORBITON, TUESDAY 5th MAY



The Albert pub in Kingston Hill was the chosen location for the monthly pub lunch and walk, but owing to the limited parking spaces available in the pub's car park walkers were advised to meet up in the parking area next to the Kingston gate of Richmond Park. And true to form all of those who had said they would be walking arrived at the correct time and place of which there were eleven.

Prior to setting off, a special welcome was extended to Alan and Sonia Henderson who were joining us for the first time. We then set off in the direction of Gallows Pond. across open grassland and then ascended a steep incline and meandered through the park towards the Isabella Plantation and. being early May. knew it to be in full bloom.

On entering Isabella, a short comfort break was taken and we then strolled along the blossom lined footpaths through the amazing camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons; all in full bloom and wonderfully scented. A group photograph was taken by a member of the public and we then proceeded to Still Pond, where a mass of flora surrounds the lake, before returning back into Richmond Park where another incline led up to Thatched House Lodge. This is the home of Princess Alexandra and former residence of Robert Walpole, Britain's first Prime Minister. It was then back downhill to the car park where a quick phone call to Phil McHardy at the pub confirmed room for four cars in the car park. After a bit of car-sharing we arrived at The Albert where, as well as Phil, we were joined by Martin and Hilary Hart. Despite the pub having no fish, an enjoyable meal and drink was had by all.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE: Walk and Pub Lunch, VENUE TBC

TUESDAY 16th JUNE: Club Lunch, Speaker : John Nicholson "Molecules and Murder"

TUESDAY 23rd JUNE: Club Summer Party, Tamesis Club, Trowlock Way, Teddington TW119QY