2020 AGM ANNUAL REPORTS





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16th September 2020 7.00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

(Chaired by Cllr Keli Watts)

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 17th April 2019

Matters arising

4. Reports (oral)

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Adoption of the Annual Report 2019/20

Adoption of Accounts 2019

5. Election of Officers and Committee

Officers

President (Paul Johnson)

Chair person (David Brown

Vice Chair (Phil Steele)

Secretary (Barbara Lewis)

Treasurer (lan Luck)

Committee members

Jonathan Badger, Maura Bright, Maureen Coles, Roger Hatton, Stephanie Mercer, Cynthia Nolan

All are willing to stand for re-election to the committee

6. Co-opted members

Georgiana Robinson and Alice Caswell

Both are willing to be nominated as full Committee members

Nominations for further committee members are invited

7. Constitution amendment proposals

To adopt electronic committee meetings and Annual General meetings and voting should it be necessary to ensure the efficient administration of the Friends;

To replace committee member criteria "2 councillors representing Kettering Borough Council" with "2 representatives of the Local Authority".

- 8. Any other business
- 9. Thanks



Welcome to a very different AGM booklet for a very different AGM ... this year a 'virtual' meeting by **Zoom**. As a charity we need this meeting, to confirm/appoint our officers, accept the 2019 accounts and generally keep ourselves constituted and in being. But, for now, as you will all be aware, it isn't really viable to hold a public meeting in our usual format. Hence the online meeting for which you will need to register as described in the Secretary's email. You can ask questions in advance, and you can vote, all on the appropriate forms, which you will need to submit in

accordance with the Secretary's instructions. Please get involved in this new format – stay engaged, and hopefully we will be back next year with a more traditional meeting.

The main reports on 2019 were circulated back in the Spring, after we had been obliged to cancel the original AGM, so we have only included a brief summary with this 'agenda and accounts'. For more pictures, see this year's **Colour Supplement**.

Phil Steele (Reports Editor)

CHAIR'S REPORT – DAVID BROWN



That the year should have ended on such a tragic note, must not take away the joy and success of the previous 10 months. The backbone of the Friends organization, the monthly speaker meetings have again produced a fascinating range of topics. At the last AGM, I gave a talk about the Artists of Skagen. Followed in May by John McGowan on Printmaking. Sue Taylor spoke in June about Women Artists and July saw Duncan Webster on Photography.

After the summer break we heard from lan Luck on the St Ives School of painting, in September, Catherine Matthews on Henry Moore's wartime art in November. In January Angela Malin revealed the secrets of Church Chests and in February Peter Perkins told us about the Architecture of the Shoe industry.

During the summer break we organized an outing to Apethorpe Palace. This proved to be a highly enjoyable tour by English Heritage around the partially restored building that once hosted monarchs for questionable entertainments in the country! Our own party was held again in the museum just before Christmas and was a great success!

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TREASURER's REPORT on the 2019 year

Friends of Kagam	Comn	nunity AC	Premium AC	Petty Cash	Total
Opening Balance		2,341.62	9577.61		11,919.23
interest / bank error	294.00		16.23		
transfer	2,217.00		1,000.00		
income	9,836.21				
total	\rightarrow	14,688.83			
expenditure		(10,488.78)			
transfer		(1,000.00)	(2,217.00)		
to petty cash		(84.57)			
Balance 31/12/19		3,115.48	8,376.84	84.57	11,576.89

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	cheque	p cash	total
Subcriptions Talks, visitors Raffles, refreshments Cemetery tour and outings Social/community Enterprises Art in the Attic Heritage event Grants Donations Card Transactions	1,340.00 208.00 446.08 593.50	Bafm Sub/insurance Speakers Refreshments Printing Art in the Attic	30.00 79.49 276.60 394.72	190.00	442.00 220.00 79.49 276.60 394.72
	819.60 2,131.95 173.95 1,000.00 2,428.43 694.70 9,836.21	Prizes 80.0 Cemetery tour/ Apethorpe visit 243.2 Card 651.5 Website project 3,370.0 Social/community 503.9 Gallery 2,217.0 PA purchase 218.8 General 857.5	234.95 80.02 243.20 651.55 3,370.00 503.94 2,217.00 218.88 857.57 122.00	80.00	284.01 160.02 243.20 651.55 3,370.00 503.94 2,217.00 218.88 857.57 122.00
			9,721.92	766.36	10,488.28

Restricted and Designated Funds							
Fund	1 st Jan 2019	Change/utilisation	31 st Dec 2019				
Gallery Development Fund	2930.32	*(1181.45)	1748.87				
Museum Development Fund	1295.57		1295.57				
Maurice Bayes Fund	1839.00		1839.00				
Cadbury Fund	0.00		0.00				
Jowett Fund	0.00		0.00				
Johnson Fund	452.00	**1,000.00	1,452.00				
Website and media Fund	3,000.00	***(3,000.00)	0.00				
Conservation Fund		****1919.45	1919.45				
June Steele Fund	115.00		115.00				

Notes

- * for Prints Charming exhibition. Balance taken from former Jowett funds
- ** new donation
- *** includes Council grant. Actual expenditure on website project £3370.00
- **** from Art in the Attic

THE FRIENDS OF KETTERING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM Charity No. 216048 Trustee Report for the year ended 31st December 2019

This represents the Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2018.

The accounts have been independently verified to confirm that proper records have been kept.

Despite challenging times, in 2018 considerable support has been given to the Gallery and Museum and we have fulfilled some important objectives from Restricted Funds. Decisions have been taken in accordance with Charities Commission guidelines.

Trustees are elected annually from amongst the members taking account of the various skills that are required to run the charity. They ensure that the accounts are drawn up on an accruals basis consistent with the previous year, and accepted accounting standards. The trustees have also considered the risks attached to the charity and believe that sufficient procedures are in place to mitigate those risks. General funds for running the society remain under pressure, however, and the recruitment of new members will be a key factor going forward to ensure the good financial health of the organisation. We need more members and are keen to welcome new volunteers.

The trustees confirm that the Charity complies with section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to public benefit.

Phil Steele, Treasurer

David Brown, Chair:

Records verified - Ian Luck, KDAS (Chair and Treasurer)

(Chair's report continues from Page 3.)

... Our October meeting was cancelled, and in its place we organized a very well attended and much appreciated daylong 'History of Kettering' event. Speakers covered the Archaeology, History and Artistic Heritage of

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The Friends have continued to support the Gallery and Museum, with donations for purchases: easels, a PA system, a cinema quality sound system for the Film Nights as well as purchases for the collections. We have helped out at pop-up events in the town and in the museum and staffed the bar at the Mavor's Jazz Night.

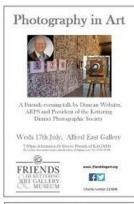
A major piece of work during the year has been the setting up and running of the new ARTworks gallery in the Newlands center. As well as providing a very effective environment to promote and advertise the AE Gallery and Manor

the town. It was a significant joint project with Northamptonshire Heritage Forum and the Civic Society. As part of this, the afternoon sessions of Cemetery walk, Town walk and Church tour were well supported, and feedback was very positive.

House Museum, it has given us the opportunity to promote art and culture generally in the town, showcase local artists and provide a splash of colour to the town centre. It has also led to a closer more productive relationship with our KDAS colleagues. Win-win all round, I sav!

Another important piece of work has been the creation of the Friends' new website at www.friendskagam.org. This fantastic achievement by the Website subcommittee has received praise from far and wide. This project, along with ARTworks reflects the increasing outreach role that the Friends have assumed.

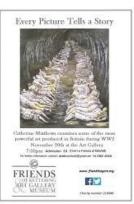
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(David concludes ...) We continue to have strong representation on the groups concerned with the Kettering Town Centre project, both the architectural and cultural aspects, the Gallery/Museum/Library working groups and Kettering Business Partnership. We firmly believe that the future of culture and the Gallery and Museum in the town is inextricably linked to the future of the town centre itself.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all our committee members who have continued to give generously of their time and knowledge. What a team we have!

Secretary's report for 2019

Barbara Lewis says ... When I became membership secretary the membership stood at 41. It is now 127. The last two years have seen the greatest increase in membership, year on year, from 97, two years ago.

The lack of family membership in recent years has been replaced by an increase in youth membership which enables children to attend workshops at the museum for free. Volunteers have again, this year, helped at the free fun days, held at the Museum, Manor House Gardens, and Market Place - with some new fund raising games (such as park the car and how many marbles can you spoon into the flower pot) as well as helping with the tin can skittle alley and standing on the gate to count how many people attended the 'National Play Day' event.

Thanks are due to the all the volunteers, but I do believe everyone who helped really enjoyed the few hours spent recreating childhood experiences. Certainly, the parents' comments were very positive at all the events and our volunteers are often essential to enable the wide scope of activities offered at these events.

The committee, but I feel particularly the Secretary, Chair and Treasurer, are responsible for ensuring the friends act within the terms of the constitution and within the law governing small charities and ensuring that the committee does not feel overburdened by the work involved. We have a very willing and committed group who spend many hours supporting and promoting the Art Gallery and Museum.

This year has been one of significant changes, challenges and opportunities. The opening

of 'ARTworks', the creation of the new website and the staff changes at the Museum, as well as the Council initiatives to improve the town - and in the background, the future of Kettering when the unitary authority is in place - have all meant there has been increased administration and attendance at meetings by committee members.

The changes brought about by GDPR and Charity Commission rules and, looking forward, the possibility of grant applications for some of these projects means it is vital that membership records and details of volunteer input are recorded and analysed.

As well as this essential administration, volunteers and committee members have kept ARTworks open, attended craft fayres at the Library, the charity day at St Andrews, delivered *Whats On* and helped organise the NHF Heritage Day and the visit to Apethorpe (as well as organising the monthly talks, the Christmas social event and raffles!)

My thanks to everyone who volunteers and who supports the work we do.



(the Chair and Secretary share a moment at ARTworks)

Of course, the greatest developments since the last AGM have been the development of the new website (which was previewed last year), and the flourishing of our Community Space ...

Maura has more on the website

What's new? You can now: ● Join the Friends online via the site ● Donate on our Golden Giving page ● Explore what's on in the cultural life of the town: exhibitions, workshops, film nights and children's activities ● Read about the history of the Friends and our work inacquisitions and conservation ● Check out reviews and news on the blog ● Read about famous local artists such as Sir Alfred East, Thomas Cooper Gotch, Frank Jowett and Walter Bonner Gash ● The site has an SSL certificate and we have invested in the security of the site ●

You can find us at www.friendskagam.org

Its modern, stylish design by Kettering's Atelier Editions is optimised for mobile devices and we've created a range of new content to showcase our strengths and the important work done by the Friends to support the work of the Manor House Museum and the Alfred East Gallery.



Finally, the best lockdown news of all, the Art Gallery has reopened and, on restricted hours, ARTworks is back. Stay safe, and please zoom in for the much delayed Friends AGM. Watch out for further news as we get it.