

AGENDA: GENERAL MEETING
2nd July 1991 at Harnham Memorial Hall 6pm.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting (13th April 1991).
3. Chairman.
4. Constitution.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Membership Secretary's Report.
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next meeting.

Bulletin 1.

As some members may not be able to attend the general meeting on 2nd July, the Agenda for which is above, the following bulletin gives details of what the Society has done since the meeting of April 13th.

1. An information/membership brochure has been produced. One of these accompanies; please read it and encourage your friends to join the Society in support of this very worthwhile cause. If you would like more leaflets please contact Mrs Cusack, the Hon.Membership Secretary, who will arrange for them to be sent on to you. The more members we have the greater will be our impact when it comes to opposing objectionable planning applications.
2. The Committee has produced and distributed its "Interim Critique" of the Rothermel Thomas Report on the future conservation and management of the Close. This Critique details the numerous factual errors and omissions in the Report and proposes simple, inexpensive and adequate alternatives to the radical changes the Report recommends.
3. A riposte to the Chapter Clerk's "The Rothermel Thomas Report: Some Questions Answered", entitled "The Rothermel Thomas Report: Some Answers Questioned" has been prepared and distributed, mainly to members of the Cathedral Congregation. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary.
4. The Secretary and members of the committee have sent letters to the press promoting the Society's view that radical change in the Close would be most harmful, is undesirable and unnecessary.
5. A copy of the Society's Constitution, which will be presented for approval at the meeting on 2nd July, accompanies.
6. Members of the Committee have pursued a good deal of research into issues raised in the Rothermel Thomas Report and into earlier proposals for change in the Close.
7. The Society has engaged in correspondence with the sponsors of the Rothermel Thomas Report - the Dean & Chapter, the Cathedrals' Fabric Commission and English Heritage - and with the Wiltshire County Council, the Highways Authority, with a view to discussion of the problems of the Close with the object of arriving at constructive solutions of them.

8. A letter outlining the Society's aims was sent to all Salisbury District Councillors and they were all invited to a special presentation of an analysis of the Rothermel Thomas Report and of the Society's proposals for the conservation of the Close. This presentation took place on 5th June.

As many members will no doubt be aware, Dr Robert Pinkerton, the Society's Chairman, died on 12th May. Dr Pinkerton was widely respected and had many friends. He was Chairman of the very successful Scanner Appeal and a trustee of the Salisbury Hospitals' Trust. His loss was a grievous blow to the Society. On the Society's behalf a contribution was made in his memory to the Salisbury Hospitals' Trust. Cyril Monk, a Vice-Chairman, took over as Acting Chairman. He has recently been succeeded as Acting Chairman by Ronald Briggs, a barrister well versed in conservation and planning issues.

The Society is indebted to those who have made generous donations to its funds in the first few weeks of its existence, thus enabling it to be successfully launched and to make a positive contribution to the protection of the Close.