

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The Society's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Community Centre, Staines-upon-Thames.

The Chairman welcomed members and the President, Lord Owen and Vice- President, Lady Borwick to the meeting and went on to expand on some items in the Annual Report. A vote of thanks was recorded for Colin Reynolds, long-term Chairman of Upper Thames Branch who had not stood again.

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were endorsed and the Report and Accounts for the 2021/22 year were presented by Independent Examiner, Ian Anderson, assisted by Honorary Treasurer, John Tamsitt and then approved. Members went on to re-appoint Ian Anderson and Company Secretary/ Honorary Solicitor Guy Barlow for a further year.

Our three Vice- Presidents : Lady Borwick, Mark Edwards and Sir David Suchet were re-elected for a further term and the Branch Chairmen endorsed as ex-officio Council members : Caroline Blease (Upper Thames), John Skuse ( Middle Thames), Roy Miller ( Teddington to Old Windsor), Hilary Pereira ( Upper Tideway) and Peter Finch ( Central Tideway & Estuary).

Under Any Other Business, the issue of grants for organisations along the river was extensively discussed and there was general agreement that a more active search for suitable recipients should take place.

RTS merchandise was on sale, as were copies of a revised edition of member Miranda Vickers' book " Eyots & Aits – Islands of the Thames".

The Chairman thanked our Administrator, Helen Batten for her work for the Society , appealed for members' news and photographs of events for the magazine and website and hoped everyone would enjoy the river and its activities during the remainder of the year.

## **RTS COUNCIL.**

The AGM was followed by a short Council meeting which re-elected Peter Finch as Chairman, Gillian Rix and Hilary Pereira as, respectively, Vice-Chairman ( Non-Tidal) and Vice- Chairman ( Tidal) and John Tamsitt as Honorary Treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and Caroline Blease welcomed as the new Chairman of Upper Thames Branch.

The AGM proceedings were reviewed and points for action noted, followed by a decision to meet again in May.