



## Annual General Meeting

Gresham's Big School, 6.00 for 6.30pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The 2015 AGM was postponed from its usual date in May because of the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. There is no charge for attendance at the AGM and no booking is required. A buffet will be provided after the meeting.

Current committee:

<b>Chairman</b>	Steve Benson
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Mary Alexander
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Susan Williams
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Geoff Davis
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Norman Cooker
<b>Planning Officer</b>	Wendy Roebuck
<b>Committee Members</b>	Ros Fairhead, Lindsay Furniss, Tony Leech

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence (committee)
2. Minutes of AGM 2014
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other business (please inform Chairman in advance if possible).

All members of the committee have agreed to stand for re-election. Any nominations from members must be received (accompanied by a statement by the candidate of willingness to stand, and the names of a proposer and seconder) by the Secretary before September 3rd. If more than one candidate is proposed for an office, an election will be held. The constitution allows for three non-office holding committee members who serve for three years, so Lindsay Furniss (2014) and Tony Leech (2014) remain members but Ros Fairhead (2013) has resigned so an additional member is required.

After the business, **Steve Benson** will speak:

**Old Balaclava** - the life of James Olley, survivor of the Crimean War and the Charge of the Light Brigade, who had Holt connections.

### Holt Society at the Norfolk Show

The Holt Society was pleased to have been invited by the Holt Chamber of Trade to join many of the town's traders in their *This is Holt* tent at the Royal Norfolk Show (right).

Please introduce friends to the Society – the more support we have the greater our impact. Contact Norman Cooker (01263 712113 or [normancooker@gmail.com](mailto:normancooker@gmail.com))  
[www.holtsociety.org](http://www.holtsociety.org)



# Anniversary celebrations

The committee hopes that you were able to take part in at least some of the activities celebrating our 50th anniversary in the first week of May – and that you enjoyed them.



**Left:** *A Sense of Place*, a pop-up exhibition in St Andrew's Church Hall.



**Right:** *The Glimpses of Holt* exhibition at the Picturecraft Gallery.

**Below:** Members' Party at The Lawns Estate, former home of Jane Hales.

**Right:** *Art and Words: Holt History*. Holt Primary School.



**Left:** Launch of John Roebuck's *Wartime and Post-war Holt* at the Holt Bookshop.

**Right:** Prizegiving at the *Bake-Off Competition* organised by Holt Women's Institute.



## National Trust Textile Centre, Oulton

The National Trust's textile collection of over 100,000 items in properties all over the country is of international importance. Many are displayed in the houses where they were made or for which they were originally acquired. When, from time to time, they need repair or restoration, they are brought to Oulton. On a Holt Society visit in March 2015, twenty-four members were privileged to see the skill and dedication shown by the six specialist needlewomen carrying out conservation work on rich hangings and fine tapestries. It was a very special visit.

*Norman Cooker*

## Voewood, Holt

Voewood is considered to be one of the finest Arts and Crafts houses in Britain and our group was fortunate to be welcomed and guided by owner Simon Finch. His vision and eclectic style has created a unique feel to the house which can only be appreciated by visiting – photography fails to capture its magical feel. The rooms are enhanced by the unique decoration and collections of objects, many made especially in South Africa.

A tour of the Grade 1 listed gardens, followed by tea and cake, brought the much-enjoyed tour to an end.

*Norman Cooker*