



NOTICE is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of The Kew Society will be held at **19.00 on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at the National Archives, Kew TW9 4HF** for the following purposes:

1. To propose to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th October 2022 (these are available at www.kewsociety.org).
2. To propose to accept the Annual Report of the Trustees (which will be available at www.kewsociety.org a week in advance of the meeting).
3. To accept the Annual Statement of Accounts (which will be available at www.kewsociety.org a week in advance of the meeting).

4. To elect trustees:

Claire Bethel, Nora Dennehy, Venetia Harper and Alice Shackleton are standing down as trustees after three years in office

Proposed by the existing trustees for election:

Russel Hayes
Jeremy Lumbers

5. To elect Officers of the Executive Committee:

Proposed by existing trustees for election:

Shiona Williams – Chair
Jeremy Lumbers – Vice Chair
Diana Ormond – Honorary Secretary
Steve Williams – Honorary Treasurer

6. To appoint Claire Satow as our new Independent Examiner of Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2023.
7. Q&A from members of The Kew Society – your opportunity to raise questions with Officers of the Society.

Please note that:

- Doors Open at **18.45**
 - The AGM will begin at **19.00** promptly, followed by a reception when you will have the opportunity to meet other members over a glass of wine or a soft drink, and chat to your committee.
 - Jeff James will give a talk at **20.15** (see below)
 - The evening will conclude at **21.00**
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PLEASE NOTE: If any member wishes to nominate a Trustee or Officer, nomination papers are available on our website at www.kewsociety.org or from the Honorary Secretary, Claire Bethel, 13 Ruskin Avenue, Kew TW9 4DR. Nominations must be received not less than 10 clear days before the Meeting. A [proxy voting form](#) is also available on our website or from the Honorary Secretary.

We are not proposing to provide printed copies of the papers this year to those attending the meeting so please do have a look at the papers online in advance of the meeting and feel free to print your own papers as required. If, however, you require a printed version to be sent to you or provided at the meeting, please email secretary@kewsociety.org. The minutes of the 2022 AGM can be found at: <https://www.kewsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Draft-minutes-of-the-AGM-2022.pdf>

After the formalities of the AGM are completed, we are delighted that Jeff James will give a talk on his research into ‘Workhouse Lives: Lunacy in the workhouse (Punishment and the Mentally ill)’.

His talk will be followed by a Q&A session in which he will be happy to discuss broader questions about the role of The National Archives in Kew.

Proposed new trustees: We are delighted to have received proposals for two new trustees:

Russel Hayes has been nominated as a trustee. He has lived in Kew since 1990. Russel is a former correspondent for BBC News where he covered business and economics for TV, Radio and the News Website for a decade. He then changed track to help lead strategic change projects for the corporation including the move of 7000 staff from World Service, TV News and Current Affairs, Network Radio and TV production into a new purpose-built HQ at Oxford Circus. Now retired, Russel trained as a volunteer vaccinator during the Covid crisis working for 9 months alongside NHS staff in a regional vaccination centre at the Stoop rugby ground in Twickenham. He joined The Kew Society initially to show support for the organisation’s work which he describes as providing an essential independent perspective. He’s a keen cyclist, cross-country skier, cook and technology buff and is also a member of Kew’s Police Liaison Group.

Jeremy Lumbers moved from Wimbledon to Kew in 2016. Jeremy is a Chartered Engineer with an MSc in Water Resources (Birmingham) and a PhD in Environmental Engineering (Imperial College). He had a career contracting and then consultancy before becoming a member of staff in the Civil and Environmental Dept at Imperial College. He then formed a specialist modelling and software company where he was Chairman until retirement. Until recently he was a trustee of the Friends of Cannizaro Park, Wimbledon, where he was responsible for obtaining charitable status, the introduction of a new membership system and other organisational developments. Jeremy occasionally plays keyboards in a blues band, sings in the West London Chorus, is a member Pensford Tennis Club and is the West Wittering Sailing Club representative on the Chichester Harbour Environmental Forum.
