

CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

1211th (Annual General) Meeting held on 17th April 2021 using Zoom technology starting at 2:00 p.m.

In the chair: Martin Willing with 34 members and friends present

Apologies for absence: Mike Allen, Peter Barfield, Briony Eastabrook, Simon Taylor and Peter Topley.

Minutes of the last two Annual General Meetings (of 6th April 2019 and scheduled for 28th March 2020):
Accepted and signed

Matters arising: None

Election of Examiner of the accounts: Nick Light proposed and Martin Willing proposed Rupert Honnor who was elected unanimously

Nomination and election of new members: Mr Neil Sanders of Little Paxton, Mr James McWilliams of USA, Dr Alan Kabat of Harvard University, USA, Mr John Radley of Warwick and Ms Holly Young of Orkney were duly elected. [N.B. Mr Lyndall Pereira da Conceicao elected at the last meeting should have been Dr and is female.]

Election of Officers and Council: It was announced that Mrs Pat Robbins is standing for Membership Secretary instead of Ms B. Eastabrook. In the absence of any positions being contested the persons nominated are duly elected. These are:

President	Dr TM Walker
Secretary	Miss RE Hill
Membership Secretary	Mrs P Robbins
Treasurer	Dr B Goodwin
Editor (Journal)	Ms AM Holmes
Editor (Magazine)	Mr P Topley
Nonmarine Recorder	Dr B Rowson
Marine Recorder	Mr S Taylor
Programme Secretary	(contact Meetings Group - Martin Willing or Rosemary Hill)
Conservation Officer	Mrs M Cousins
Webmaster	Mr PD Barfield
Publication Services Manager	Dr TM Walker
Ordinary Council members (to serve a 3-year term)	Dr KNA Alexander, Mr R Carr, Dr E Moorkens and Mr H. Powell

Officers' Reports: The following reports were made available via the website and were approved in a block vote proposed by Tom Walker and seconded by Ron Carr: Report of the Council by the General Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, Report of the Membership Secretary, Report of the Non-marine Recorder, Report of the Marine Recorder, Report of the Programme Secretary and the Health and Safety Report. The outgoing officers, Briony Eastabrook, Paula Lightfoot and Nick Light (who was Treasurer for 11 years) were thanked for their service to the Society.

Announcements and Correspondence: Next indoor meeting on Zoom – Saturday 24th July, speaker Imogen Cavadino (RHS) '*For the love of slugs: using citizen science to explore species diversity in UK gardens.*' To attend please email Catherine Jagger at CIRCA

Field meetings: Please see the website for updates, especially in view of Covid-19. The Mendips meeting is now fixed for 29th May, contact Keith Alexander and Carmel NNR is on 12th June, please contact Ben Rowson. *It is essential to contact the organiser in advance.* Details of contacts are in ***Mollusc World***.

Invited Presentation:

Speaker: Prof Robert Cameron,

Title of talk: '*At a Snail's pace: How a New Naturalist got written.*'

Any other business: (1) The new members of Council were welcomed and the outgoing members were thanked for their contributions. Martin Willing recorded his thanks to Council Officers and members, mentioning Rosemary Hill for taking the minutes and Imogen Cavadino for controlling Zoom meetings and setting up a YouTube channel for the Society. He also thanked Peter Topley for nominating him for President. He then handed over to Tom Walker, the new President, who thanked Martin for nominating him.

(2) Pat Robbins found a snail on Thursley Common. It was identified as *Cepaea nemoralis* but it was out of position in a sandy habitat.

(3) The new edition of the Snail Guide was advertised. These are available from Tom Walker.

Meeting closed at 3.35p.m.

Chairman.

Appendix: members' exhibits:

Chris du Feu A verbal update on Graham Long's collection was given, especially relating to entering the data into the recording schemes. Chris has dealt with all of Graham's records except those relating to the Channel Islands which are being dealt with by Paul Chambers. Graham's notebooks are with the Recorders. There are 400 terrestrial samples which are in N Nottinghamshire. A plea for assistance with transport from anyone heading for the Channel Islands was made. Chris was thanked for all his work on Graham's collection.

A discussion followed concerning records that are not on the NBN Atlas. A lot of records were subsumed into 10km² records when the printed atlases were produced. The individual records, and also some on cards at the NHM, still need to be entered and volunteers are needed. Robert Cameron requested that any volunteers take care not to mis-sequence the cards at the NHM as he has put them in order. David Holyoak reported that the pink cards were inputted by Geraldine Holyoak and are now on the NBN. These could be used as an index for the paper copies. Chris du Feu reminded members that all records should be put in, even of common species, as future needs cannot be predicted.

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