MINUTES OF THE ARTS SOCIETY LEICESTER 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SUE TOWNSEND THEATRE AT 8.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 25th September 2024

1. **Chairman's Opening remarks**

Martin welcomed members to the meeting and stated that matters would proceed as per the agenda schedule.

2 Apologies: None were received

3 Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting

There were no questions arising from the minutes of last year's AGM, which were pre-circulated with the agenda papers. The meeting unanimously voted to adopt them.

4 Chairman's report

Martin noted that we had enjoyed a successful year with an interesting programme of lectures. The study day had proved to be very popular. He paid tribute to all the committee for their commitment to the society over the past year and in particular, gave thanks and a fond farewell to Will Gilding and Ann Lewis and Diane Hall in their individual roles. We welcome Ann Allsop, Tim Hogarth Smith and Chris Mason as new committee members. No comments were made.

5 Treasurer's report and Adoption of Accounts

Philip presented the summarised financial reports, which had been circulated with the agenda. We had enjoyed a good year with a smaller deficit than we had expected. Costs have increased, in particular, lecturers' fees are more expensive but generally good value. It has been agreed to raise the membership subscription by £10 to £70. No questions were raised and the meeting unanimously voted to adopt the financial statement.

6 Election of Officers

The following nominations were proposed

Chairman	Martin Wragg
Treasurer	Philip Burrell
Secretary	Maggie Dufour

The meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

7 Election of Committee

The following nominations were proposed

Membership Secretary	Pam Spokes
Programme Secretary	Ann Allsop, Tim Hogarth Smith
	Chris Mason
Study and Visits Organiser	Lois Pearson
Heritage Volunteers Organiser	Catherine Watt

The approval of the meeting for these appointments was unanimous.

9 Election of Independent Financial Examiner

The election of the accounts examiner Ian Penfold was proposed by the committee. The meeting unanimously voted to approve this appointment.

10 Date of next annual meeting To be advised

Martin gave a special thanks to Matt who has provided technical support at all our lectures . He is moving to Shepton Mallet and we wish him well.