

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RYE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

This year's A.G.M. will be held at 11.15 am on Friday 17 May 2019 in the Tudor Room, Mermaid Inn.

The meeting is open to all paid up members of the Society

Full details will be published in the Annual Report

The AGM will be followed by the Society's Annual Luncheon at 12.30 in The Mermaid Inn

(The menu and booking forms for the lunch are on pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter)

Report of Conservation Society Special General Meeting

The Rye Conservation Society (RCS) unanimously voted to amend the constitution at a Special Meeting held on Thursday evening, February 28.

The amending resolution was put forward by Chairman David Bookless following criticism of the chaotic voting procedure at last year's AGM where he was elected as the new Chairman following John Griffiths' retirement.

David opened the meeting by explaining that last year's election for the post of Chairman was the first such election the RCS had ever undertaken in its forty year history but it had also demonstrated the constitution's shortcomings.

The changes proposed include the introduction of a secret ballot with printed ballot papers. In addition only fully paid up members will be allowed to vote in the future and new members cannot join on the day of the AGM (except that members who have a lapsed membership can rejoin on the day if their membership has lapsed in the preceding six months).

Other issues that the committee will be reviewing in the coming year include whether to allow postal or proxy voting for those members who cannot attend the AGM. In addition they will continue to discuss whether to hold the AGM in the evening or at a weekend rather than during a working week day.



Rye Conservation Society Luncheon Friday 17th May 2019

Chicken Liver Parfait
Melba Toast and Local Fruit Chutney

Mermaid Prawn Cocktail
Thousand Island Dressing

Endive, Blue Cheese and Pear Salad
Local Leaves

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Braised Short-Rib of Winchelsea Beef
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables & Port Jus

Pan-Fried Fillet of Salmon
Dauphinoise Potato & Herb Butter

Wild Mushroom Fricassee
Crispy Potato Rosti, Poached Duck Egg

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Chocolate and Orange Tart
Clotted Cream Ice Cream

Elderflower and Lemon Posset
Seasonal Berries & Shortbread Biscuit

Fresh Fruit Salad
Champagne Sorbet & Baby Mint

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Coffee

Rye Conservation Society Annual Luncheon 2019
Friday 17 May, 12.30
The Mermaid Inn, Rye

I/We wish to attend the Annual Luncheon and enclose a cheque made out to Rye Conservation Society for £27.50 per person including a glass of house wine.

The menu choice per person is shown below.
(Please advise us of any special dietary requirements)

Main contact name: _____

Tel no:

First attendee's name:

First course:

Main course:

Dessert:

Second attendee's name:

First course:

Main course:

Dessert:

Third attendee's name:

First course:

Main course:

Dessert:



Please return this form with your cheque payable to Rye Conservation Society to the address shown below by, at the latest, **Friday 10 May**.

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