

THE FRIENDS OF PENCARROW

England & Wales · Charity number 1111885

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-11-01

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE AND ESTATE OF PENCARROW, CORNWALL, BY PROVIDING EXHIBITIONS, LECTURES AND ANY OTHER CHARITABLE MEANS WHICH THE TRUSTEES DETERMINE.(II) TO PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE HOUSE AND ESTATE OF PENCARROW BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE BUILDINGS AND GARDENS.

Activities: Research into family (their activities, their servants etc) and related local history; restoration and repair of house and grounds; educational activities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PENCARROW, CORNWALL
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,824	£26,131	-	-
2023-12-31	£48,311	£56,788	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,294	£28,374	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,370	£17,250	-	-
2020-12-31	£14,802	£21,187	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin James Kidd		2025-02-26
Gillian Mary Welch		2025-02-26
Jenny Ann Brandreth		2023-03-01
Joanna Sue Milner		2021-12-14
Lena Susan Ward		2023-03-01
Pamela Ursula Mulley		2023-03-01
Peter Brandreth		2017-03-15
Rita Austen		2017-03-15
Shirley Ann Kent		2016-03-16

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF PENCARROW

HELD ON WEDS. 26th. FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT: 40

- 1. WELCOME:** Shirley Kent (Chair) opened the meeting.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** 68 including Sir William Molesworth & Jenny Brandreth.
- 3. MINUTES OF LAST AGM 6th. MARCH 2024:** Accepted.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Financial Year 2024) – given by Shirley Kent.

I cannot believe it is almost a year ago I was standing here to give you a short report of our year's events.

So off I go again with 2024 events which began with our Snowdrop Weekend. The charities that we helped were Bodmin Hospital League of Friends and Concern Wadebridge. A very tiring weekend for all, but a very successful one.

We continue to have a stand at the annual Cornwall Flower Show Wadebridge in April to promote Pencarrow and hopefully sign-up new members.

Our annual Bluebell & Garlic Sunday in May was another fundraiser on a much smaller scale but does help towards the promoting of the Friends and again sign up more members.

Our 2nd. Teddy Bears Picnic in the new location again proved to be a huge success and plenty of fun. A teddy bear hunt, various stalls including a rehoming stall and advice on old teddies.

Everyone was encouraged to bring their own teddies for the day out. I'm sure you all have one somewhere at home - I know I do.

The Christmas Fair became 3 days, but unfortunately the weather was not kind to us, so the decision was made to cancel the Saturday on safety grounds. Although this is a House event, I would like to thank all the Friends of Pencarrow volunteers for helping which is greatly appreciated and I would like to say thank you to the committee and especially to Pam Mulley for the endless phone calls that are made.

The Bookshed continues to be a very successful addition towards the fundraising that we do. We are in the process of sprucing it up and giving it a spring clean ready for re-opening on 7th. April so we would welcome any donations of good quality books and jigsaws, which sell extremely well. You can drop off your donations in the black box which will be outside from the 1st. March when the gardens open.

It is now time to say some THANK YOUS.

Firstly, to my fellow Trustees and Volunteers for all the hard work they do throughout the year on behalf of The Friends of Pencarrow – too many tasks to name.

Thank you to Gavin (Head gardener) who is getting the gardens ready to open on March 1st. and who often comes to my rescue by lifting heavy boxes of books in & out of my car boot.

Thank you to Ali (Housekeeper) who is always on hand if we need anything and is also very busy getting the House ready to open on 7th. April, and thank you again to Tracy (House Administrator) for her work in the background in helping to support and guide the committee.

My final thanks is to James who often gets a phone call from some of us because we have forgotten to do something or left something behind.

Thank you for listening to my report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Peter Brandreth.

On your seat you will find an Income & Expenditure Account for 2024.

You can see we are in a healthy financial position, but the figures do not tell the full story of how FOP satisfies its constitutional objectives to support Pencarrow.

So, I would like to focus on one expenditure item – Donations (5th. down under Expenditure - £16,665.30)

That figure comprises: £3,000 Snowdrop Charities & £13,665 Pencarrow.

That is still low relative to 2023 which is explained by (2024) Allocated Projects not yet activated. More on that in Sir William's report but there is an allocation of £30,000 set aside within 2024 finances. We have no way of showing that in these accounts. That means in 2024 we set aside £43,665 for Pencarrow support.

POSSIBLE SUBJECTS:

INCOME:	2024	2023
SUBSCRIPTIONS:	£17,657	£18,082

Holding steady and based on your membership – thank you for your loyalty.

DONATIONS:	£4,716	£844
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Several significant bequests this year.

FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING:	£15,220	£23,496
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Lower this year, not due to lack of activity by any means but a change of fundraising structure surrounding the Christmas Fair.

For the first time in 2024 it was decided that all “door money” would go direct to House rather than FOP (as in the past), then paid back to cover operating expense. Much simpler.

BOOKSHED:	£2,390	£3,329
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We raised an additional £483 in 2024 making total of £2,873 – closer to 2023 total.

EXPENDITURE:	2024	2023
MEMBERSHIP:	£1,625	£8,476

Saved over £1,000 – principally postage & printing due to willingness of members to switch to e-mail. Thank you – it does make a difference.

EVENT COSTS:	£3,340	£8,476
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Relates again to the change in Christmas Fair funding model. We do not have the income, so do not have related expenditure. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Given by Peter Brandreth (Apology from Jenny Brandreth).

It is so nice to see so many of you here today and looking forward to the gardens re-opening, although it may be a while before I am able to enjoy it, I'm afraid.

I am delighted to say that membership is holding steady at 740 members as at Jan. 1st. 2025. 175 people decided not to renew last year but 168 joined in 2024 with another 15 since Christmas. Just goes to show that a lot of people are still discovering and realising that Pencarrow has a lot to offer.

If I may, I would like to read a letter from a member and her husband who are not able to attend today – I have their permission to share it with you.

“On our behalf I wonder if it would be possible for you to input into the meeting our great sadness to hear of the death of Lady Molesworth which we have just read in the Minutes of the last AGM.

We first visited Pencarrow in 2022 when so many places had restricted access due to Covid. We were in the area and searched for places to visit which we did not need to book in advance. We were extremely happy to find we could visit Pencarrow and even more pleased to discover what a wonderful place it was. We were so entranced that we realised we had better hurry up with our visit to the gardens as we realised that all other visitors had left and closing time was approaching. Then we saw a delightful lady on her mobility scooter. She engaged us in conversation and gave us no sense that that we needed to leave quickly. We had a lovely talk

with her and in the end left much after closing time. She wanted to know our thoughts and told us a lot about the gardens. As a result we joined the Friends of Pencarrow and have returned with family on several occasions since. We met Lady M again at the Teddy Bear event in 2023 when we overheard her saying the event would take place again in 2024. We attended it again in 2024 but did not see Lady M. Now we know why. We were very sorry indeed to hear that this lovely lady had died. Please pass on our condolences to everyone at the AGM whom we are sure were extremely fond of her.”

As you all well know, Membership gives you the opportunity to visit Pencarrow often throughout the season at a very reasonable cost. As Peter has mentioned, we have a very healthy amount of money now, thanks to your subscriptions and our various funding events, but a lot of that money is allocated for specific refurbishment and purchases for the House & Gardens.

Standard entry to Pencarrow for non-members is increasing this year to keep pace with ever increasing costs, and to that end we have, after much discussion, decided to increase the Membership subscription from March this year. A single membership will rise from £30 to £40 and a joint from £50 to £60. This still means that for a joint membership, you can visit Pencarrow for as many times as you are able, for as little as £1.87 per week, based on the 8-month open season, which I hope you will agree is really good value. If you pay your subscription by Standing Order, I would be grateful if you could arrange to amend the amount well before your renewal date. I will be e-mailing everyone before their renewal date to remind you of the change.

Finally, a big Thank You to you all for making my duties as Membership secretary run smoothly by your consideration in advising me of change of circumstances, e-mail or address. It is quite a challenge throughout the season keeping on top of 700 odd memberships, but you are all so supportive and appreciative, which makes all the difference. Thank you.

SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH-ST. AUBYN’S REPORT: Given by Peter Brandreth (Apology- Sir William)

Apologies for not being there as I have managed to go down with a bit of a lurgy and I thought it would be a bit short sighted to infect those very people who help us at Pencarrow, and I’m sure that Peter will do a better job than I anyway.

I wanted to do 3 things today. Thank, Explain and Tell.

THANK:

On behalf of the family and management team at Pencarrow I really wanted to thank every single one of you for the support both morally and financially that you give Pencarrow. The Trustees bear the brunt of the effort that goes into the organisation of the various events, and it is huge, but every person who fund raises, donates and volunteers is important. We can’t do it without you. Last year amongst other things the Friends funded:

- A) The rebuilding of the metalwork on top of the Fountain. It is beautiful and it works and is the centrepiece of the Italian Gardens.
- B) New track in the camping field. It makes the Xmas Fair doable and other big events manageable.
- C) Tarmac on the Drive. Boring, expensive and so necessary.
- D) Battery powered pole saw for Gavin. Whilst expensive, it allows us to keep the drive open for coaches without the cost of having to bring in a cherry picker and is the start of our move from petrol power garden tools to a new more sustainable future.

EXPLAIN:

I know a few have been asking why various projects have not been done. It's an excellent question and should be asked. What is the point of all the hard work that you all do raising money if we don't then use the money to good effect.

And that is the main point. The money that you raise needs to be spent wisely. That means that the projects need to be researched properly, the right suppliers found and then managed. I have found over the last couple of years that the right person to do that is Jake. Unfortunately, he has lots of other calls on his time at Pencarrow and they are not usually predictable. A roof blown off, a tenant leaves a cottage, and he only works for us 3 ½ days per week. However, it is still better to get it right first time even if we have to wait a bit, rather than waste the money.

TELL:

This year the key projects that we are aiming to do that will be funded by the Friends of Pencarrow are:

HANDRAILS In the Italian Gardens on every set of steps. These must be specially made, galvanised then fitted and will cost £5,864.

PARKLAND FENCING. Unfortunately, the company that made and installed the Parkland Fencing were the only organisation we could find who could copy the original posts. They were fantastic blacksmiths, but not competent fencers and the posts were too short and not up to the attention of the cows. The remedy is to dig up the existing posts, remove the concrete, attach a longer supporting strut that must be fabricated, galvanised and painted and reposition with double the amount of postcrete. If we were to redo every post that needs doing, the cost would be £26,000. We have done the research, we have the supplier that can make and install the additional support, and I have asked Jake to concentrate on only those posts that are visible to the visitors. I expect it to be more like £15,000. In years to come we may be able to revisit the remainder.

TRACK IN THE WALLED GARDEN: We would like to put in another track in the Walled Garden to increase the amount parking that we can utilise even if the weather is bad. This will cost £5,500.

NEXT YEAR:

The big project I hope for next year is the **TURNING CIRCLE.** It is one of the first things that everyone sees when they come to Pencarrow and is looking tired.

The plan would be to remove all the plants (if we don't, they will be crushed during the work). Remove and redo all the loose mortar and pointing. Re-render all the walls with lime mortar. Repair or recreate all the damaged mouldings alongside the steps and on the entrance walls that have deteriorated or disappeared over the years. Redo the levels and drainage which have degraded over the years and restock with new plants. This is a very sizeable project and due to the nature of the materials will have to be undertaken when the House is open and will cost in the region of £32,000.

I hope that Peter wasn't too boring, and you are not all asleep because of him reading this, but in all seriousness, we are extremely grateful for your ongoing support.

William.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS / TRUSTEES:

Our Chair, Shirley Kent, stated that this was to be her last year as Chair. Peter Brandreth is stepping down from his position of Treasurer (but he will continue as a committee member) – Jo Milner has agreed to take over. The remaining members of the Trustees / Committee have agreed to stand again. Gilly Welch and Colin Kidd, who have been Co-opted members of the committee will become full members. All voted in "en-bloc" and proposed by 1. Pat Lamper and seconded by Sue Montgomery.

6. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT AGM 2026:** Weds. 25th. February 2026.
7. **END OF BUSINESS:** Meeting closed by Shirley Kent who thanked everyone for all their help and support and to the Molesworth-St. Aubyn family for allowing us to enjoy Pencarrow and to help to keep it as the place we all know and love.
She then presented our departing Treasurer Peter with a large blue garden pot complete with a Charity rose called "FRIENDS" as a Thank you for all his past work with the Friends of Pencarrow.

CLOSE OF MEETING.

Refreshments were then served in Hall.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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Bookshed	2390.00	3329.49
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Event costs	3340.81	8476.15
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Donations	16665.30	39179.45
Charges	217.82	257.22
Misc	2884.32	5660.32
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF PENCARROW

HELD ON WEDS. 6th. MARCH 2024

PRESENT: 38

1. APOLOGIES: 66
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM 1st. MARCH 2023: Accepted
3. MATTERS ARISING: SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH'S WELCOME AND IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS:

Sir William opened the meeting by expressing his thanks to all the members of The Friends Of Pencarrow and the current committee who raise the money to pay for diverse projects in the House and gardens; notably the constant tarmac repairs and, last year, the new potting shed roof and fountain restoration. This will need a bit more work as it has been found that the ironwork at the top is rotting (maybe the project for 2024?). He also mentioned the re-vamped Christmas Fair 2023 and some of the problems that occurred and solutions that will have to be found for future events. His "Wishlist" continued with a request for funding for work to be carried out on the turning circle by the main door. Sir William then mentioned the various items that Friends have paid for over the past year – including driveway repairs, gardening equipment, café equipment and our regular donation of "start-up" money at the beginning of the season to the House for leaflet printing and other small projects.

He then mentioned that this is the 1st. AGM since the passing of Lady M., and he was sure she was still around ensuring all will be done as she would have wished!

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – given by Shirley Kent for year ending 2023.

The year began with our Snowdrop Weekend. The charities we helped were CLEAR based in Truro and the PEARL EXCHANGE based in Bude. It was a very successful weekend, even if a very tiring one. We had a stand at the Cornwall Flower Show in April to promote Pencarrow, we had a lot of interest and signed up quite a few new members. Our annual Bluebell & Garlic Sunday in May was another smaller scale fundraiser, helping to raise the profile of Pencarrow.

A new fundraising day was our Teddy Bears Picnic – a huge success, lots of fun, helped by great weather. We had a Teddy Bear hunt, a rehoming stall, advice & display of old teddies, storytelling and a life size bear in attendance. We will be relocating from the carpark area, due to the success of the event and safety factors. The Christmas Fair took on a completely different look with a new organiser. I would like to thank Jennie Milne for her dedication over the past years organising the event -enjoy your retirement. Although this is a House event, I would like to thank all the Friends of Pencarrow volunteers, as we certainly could not manage an event of that scale without your support and to say thank you to the committee and especially Pam Mulley for the endless phone calls that take place getting the rota together.

The Bookshed continues to be a very successful addition to the fundraising that we do and will be given a spring clean and repaint before re-opening on 25th. March. We welcome and donations of good quality books and jigsaws, these sell extremely well.

It is now time to say some Thank You's. Firstly, to my fellow Trustees and Volunteers for all the hard work they do throughout the year on behalf of F.O.P. – too many tasks to mention. Another Thank You to the Housekeeper, Ali Francis, who is always to hand when needed and is very busy getting the House ready to open 25th. March. Yet again, another Thank You to Tracy Davies, the Administrator of the House for her work in the background in helping to support the committee.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT given by Peter Brandreth.

6. INCOME

All comments relate to the Income & Expenditure account (on seat)

SUBSCRIPTION: The support you give through membership up £1.338

FUNDRAISING: Up by £9,074 in 2023

With thanks to fellow trustees and an amazing group of volunteers who help to make these events work so efficiently.

BOOKSHED: holding steady -will cover costs in as little as 3 years.

GIFT AID: up as a direct result of increased membership.

INTEREST: nice to see some improvement

EXPENDITURE:

MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES: Reduced by £600 in 2023 due to increased use of e-mails- so reduce postage / printing costs.

DONATIONS: Most of this went directly to Pencarrow – up by £24,529 in 2023

List of Examples: Start up: £2,000; Potting Shed: £25,570; Blinds: £780; Marmalade: £286; Tarmac £4,467; Charities £4,000.

SURPLUS / DEFICIT

Therefore £8,476 Deficit, principally due to increasing donations to House & Gardens.

Thank you for attending our AGM and I hope you found some of this information interesting.

7. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – given by Jenny Brandreth.

We started 2023 with 737 individual members and had 744 paid up members by December. In 2014, when I took on this role, we had around 402 members, which shows how many more people have discovered how lovely Pencarrow is. I have been notified of 9 members who have sadly passed away in 2023, along with our dear Lady Molesworth, and our thoughts and condolences go out to their families. I appreciate that a few have let me know of change of address or e-mail. I realise that not everyone uses e-mail regularly, but I am trying to do as much contact with you that way as I can, and most of you will have received your invitation to this AGM that way. With the help of Jo Milner, we have managed to do a mass mail-out this year with our new e-mail address, but I can still be reached on my personal e-mail. New members – note that your renewal cards will be available for collection in the Shop on your next visit and I will acknowledge your payment by e-mail. Those without an e-mail address will continue to receive cards and notifications by post. Gift Aid – if your subscription is Gift Aided, please let me know if your situation changes -if you are lucky enough not to be paying UK tax anymore, for example. If you do not currently have Gift Aid in place, I have the necessary forms if you want one. I endeavour to remind you all of renewal date well in advance of expiry, but it is on your card if in doubt. Please contact me if you have any queries re. membership – my details are on the Pencarrow website and application form. Please remember to visit the website regularly for any information and updates on events being held this season. You are making a huge difference as to how the Friends can support Pencarrow. Please ensure you show your card at the Shop on every visit – we were able to monitor that Friends made 4023 visits to Pencarrow during last season. Thank you.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS / TRUSTEES:

Shirley stated that all the present committee were willing to stand for another year. This motion was proposed by John Rippe and seconded by Pat Lamper.

Therefore, the existing committee were voted in EN BLOC by unanimous show of hands.

Shirley thanked everyone for their votes.

9. PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES TO CHARITIES: We presented the Snowdrop fundraising cheques to Bodmin Hospital League of Friends, represented by Anne Gregan and Susie Gore and to Concern Wadebridge - the Sir John Betjeman Centre, represented by Emma Burt and Elliot Osbourne.

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT AGM:

To be decided but will be end of February.

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Gift Aid	2137.97	1743.8
Interest	420.87	56.82
Misc		2442.5
	48311.53	41293.94
EXPENDITURE		
Bookshed	521.15	
Membership Expenses	2693.85	3301.6
Event costs	8476.15	7750.71
Trustee Expenses		
Donations	39179.45	14650
Charges	257.22	221.14
Misc	5660.32	2449.89
	56788.14	28373.34
Surplus/Deficit for year	-8476.61	12920.6
Bank balances 1st January	61452.81	48532.21
Bank balances 31st December	52976.2	61452.81
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Current Account	30137.08	38872.61
Deposit Accounts	22839.12	22580.2
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Prepared by P J Brandreth

Date

The above statements agreed with the records and vouchers provided by T Mullis
The Friends of Pencarrow for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Shirley Kent

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF PENCARROW

HELD IN THE DRAWING ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 1st. MARCH 2023 AT 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Lady Molesworth-St. Aubyn, Sir William Molesworth- St. Aubyn, James Molesworth- St. Aubyn,

Shirley Kent, Peter Brandreth, Rita Austen, Pam Mulley, Jenny Brandreth, Jo Milner, Eli Ward, Pam Mulley , Tracy Davis and 46 members of The Friends Of Pencarrow.

WELCOME: Our Chair, Shirley Kent, welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked Lady Molesworth and family for allowing us to use the Drawing room and reminded everyone to please tick the attendance form.

1. APOLOGIES: There were 84 Apologies recorded.

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM - NOVEMBER 2nd. 2022 (for year ending Dec. 2021): Accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING: None.

4. TRUSTEES REPORT - GIVEN BY SHIRLEY KENT: It seems no time at all since I was standing here in November 2022 giving you a chairman's report for year ending 2021.

The year 2022 began with our first event, the Snowdrop Weekend. Although very tiring we were pleased with the change of format and will continue to keep it this way. The charity Hugs attended one day but, unfortunately, at late notice, one charity had to withdraw. So, the extra money on the second day was put towards the Fountain Appeal.

We had a stand at the Cornwall Flower Show in April to promote Pencarrow and hopefully add to the membership.

Our Bluebell and Wild Garlic Sunday in May was another fundraiser on a smaller scale, but helps to promote The Friends Of Pencarrow and gain new members.

The Christmas Fair was again overflowing with visitors, and, although a House event, plenty of F.O.P. volunteers offer their services when contacted by our Events Co-ordinator, Pam Mulley.

The Bookshed continues to be a very successful addition towards fundraising, so please feel free to carry on donating any books and jigsaw puzzles. These have become very popular.

We will occasionally, at very short notice, decide to have a cake and plant stall outside the Bookshed and will advertise this the best way possible at little cost to us, so , if you do see it advertised, we would very much welcome donations of home-made cakes on the day or contact a committee member , whose details are in The Pencarrow Times. This year's copy will be with you shortly.

It is now time to say some Thank You - firstly, to my fellow Trustees and Volunteers for all the hard work they do throughout the year on behalf of F.O.P. - too many tasks to mention.

Thank you again to Tracy Davis, the House Administrator, for her work in the background helping to support the committee.

Thank you to everyone involved with getting today organised.

Finally I will say Thank You to Lady Molesworth-St. Aubyn and her Family for allowing us to play a small part in helping to keep Pencarrow a place we can keep coming to as Friends Of Pencarrow and enjoying all it has to offer.

Thank you for listening to my report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT - GIVEN BY PETER BRANDRETH:

Income and Expenditure sheets for y/e December 2022 handed out at meeting.

I would call 2022 a steady year for the finances of the Friends Of Pencarrow -we do have some notable figures to discuss though.

INCOME

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS: as will be explained by Jenny, our membership in this category is stable and remains our greatest form of income.
2. FUNDRAISING: This shows a big jump from 3843 in 2021 to 314,422 in 2022. You can clearly see the residual effect of covid restrictions in 2021, and the fantastic support for our events like Snowdrops, Bluebells and the Christmas Fair in 2022.
3. MISC. (INC SUM-UP): To explain, SUM-UP is our card payment machine and it is interesting to see how takings by this method have increased dramatically, showing the value of our investment in technology!
4. TOTAL INCOME: Almost double 2021, but, as already explained, this is simply moving us back to normal.

EXPENDITURE:

3 significant items here:

1. MEMBERSHIP: printing and postage up considerably due to inflation.
2. EVENT COSTS: related to running Snowdrop Weekend - plants, café supplies , etc. Entirely material costs as whole weekend organised and run by volunteers. Christmas marquee cost £4,200.
3. DONATIONS: £12,500 to Pencarrow Heritage - drive repairs and annual Start-up support.

£2,000 to HUGS Foundation - nominated charity at Snowdrop Weekend 2022.

SURPLUS & TOTAL AT BANK:

Finally, 2022 generated additional income of £12, 920, giving a CASH AT BANK amount of £61,452 at year end.

That is an extremely healthy figure to begin 2023 and I would now like to invite Sir William to explain some of the possible ways it may be spent in the coming months.

Thank You. ACCOUNTS ACCEPTED BY SHOW OF HANDS IN THE ROOM.

SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH'S REPORT:

Sir William started by sincerely thanking F.O.P. members and Trustees for all their past and future support. His future projects include refurbishment of toilets (currently under way), a new proposed toilet block near the car park, the potting shed roof (est. cost £24,000) fencing , posts and gravel in grounds, repair of plasterwork in the main House entrance. After storm Eunice in 2022 destroyed so many trees, the wood is being utilised for lots of things around the estate; several beautiful tables and benches have now been placed in the café courtyard.

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - GIVEN BY JENNY BRANDRETH:

Jenny gave a short talk explaining to any new members how much their support helps F.O.P. to support House projects. For example, by showing your cards at the Shop on arrival, we monitored 4,501 visits by Members during last year.

We started 2022 with 826 individual members - by December we had 737 paid up members. - some people wait until the start of the new season to renew, and in February, we had 37 renewals. When I took on this role in 2014, we had around 402 members. I have been sadly notified of 7 members who have passed away in 2022: Marion & David Donaldson, Renee Roberts, Phillipa Edwards, Gillian Moulder, Christine Holmes and The Countess of Morley.

Jenny then reminded members to keep their contact details up to date and mentioned that renewal membership cards will now be available to pick up on your fist seasonal visit to the Shop to save postage costs. Also, a reminder about Gift Aid if your situation changes. Members are reminded of renewal of membership date (by e-mail, if possible), but the date is on the card. Thank You.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS / TRUSTEES:

The Current committee voted in en bloc Proposed by Mr C Welch and Seconded by Mrs C Welch by post and by a SHOW OF HANDS in the room. As there were 2 Trustee vacancies, the current committee proposed that the position of Membership Secretary and Events Co-Ordinator be voted in as Trustees, and they are then able to have a vote on relevant issues. The serving Membership Secretary, Jenny Brandreth, was nominated by Jo Milner and seconded by Shirley Kent. The current Events Co-Ordinator, Pam Mulley , was nominated by Rita Austen and seconded by Jo. Milner. This was accepted by a SHOW OF HANDS in the room. Our co-opted trustee, Eli Ward, was elected a full trustee. All vacancies are now filled. Retiring trustee, Sue Read, was presented with flowers and a gift, and thanked by all for her past help on the committee.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustees will be calling a Special General Meeting in November when the House closes to put forward a few proposals to change the current constitution to bring it in line and take into account our growing membership and new ways of communication. A complimentary cream tea will be provided.

The Business part of the meeting was closed.

The chair then introduced Richard Blewett who is a FOP member and Pencarrow Archivist who then gave a slide show and talk about the wonderful items uncovered by the Archive Group at Pencarrow over many years. Items included basic account

books, several autograph books collected by Mary Ford and , best of all, a document signed by Queen Victoria. Richard then hosted a Q & A session.

Lady Molesworth-St. Aubyn gave a Thank you to whole Room.

Refreshments were served in the café.