



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Newsletter.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hertford Civic Society will be held on Wednesday April 17 at 8.00pm in the Hall of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, St John's Street, Hertford.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM held on April 11 2012
2. Report of the Committee for 2012
3. Hon Treasurer's Report and Accounts
4. Election of Officers
5. Election of Members of the Committee
6. Any Other Business

The current Officers and Committee are listed on pp6-7 of this newsletter. All retire annually. The Constitution provides for up to 16 Committee members in addition to four Officers. Nominations for elections of Officers and Members of the Committee should be made in writing to the Chairman, Terry Betts, supported by a seconder and with the written consent of the nominee. Nominations for election as an Officer must be made at least seven days before the AGM, but nomination for election of Members of the Committee will be accepted at the Meeting.

Refreshments will be served after the business has been concluded and then Peter Norman will bring us up to date on the District Plan - see p2 for further details.

HCC is looking to set up a liaison group to represent local people's interest in Panshanger Park and its Orangery. If you would be interested, please come to the AGM or contact Terry Betts.



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PROGRAMME FOR 2013

With spring in the air, booking for our trip to Bletchley Park (May 22) has now begun. Your fellow members specifically endorsed this venue, so it should be a popular one. To avoid disappointment, don't delay too long. More information on the venue and how to book is given below.

Before the Bletchley visit, we have a couple of evening events, one in March and the other in April. Both are at the church hall in St John Street, at 7.45 (tea/coffee) for 8.00.

The District Plan: where are we, particularly with housing? (lecture at AGM, Wednesday April 17)

Peter Norman, who leads the Civic Society's efforts on planning, will explain what East Herts Council might be proposing, as it looks to develop new plans for increased housing, including in and around Hertford. Those plans were originally due for public consultation by April 2013, though this seems to have been delayed. Nonetheless, this talk will provide an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the proposals emerging from East Herts Council.

Visit to Bletchley Park
(Wednesday May 22)

Bletchley Park has had a lot of media coverage in recent years, and probably needs little introduction. It is worth emphasising that the site is not just a collection of code-

breaking machines and other computers, but is strongly focused on the people who were working with them. Even if you have been before, there is now even more to see and do: it is a big place, with many different aspects. Our visit will begin with our own full guided tour, after which there will be opportunities to explore more of the site on a free-range basis. There are places to eat including a self-service restaurant.

Our coach will be leaving from Hertford East at 8.45, returning by 6.30. Cost of visit: £30. To book a place, please contact Malcolm Ramsay: Dunkirks Farmhouse Southside, Queens Road, Hertford SG13 8BJ; tel 01992 500002; malcolm.ramsay789@btinternet.com. Alternatively, from early April, tickets will be available from Peter and Susan Brown's shop, 40 St Andrew Street. All payments need to be by cheque to Hertford Civic Society, or in cash.

Our final events later this year -

Summer party
(Wednesday June 26)

Courtesy of Simon Garratt and Philip Stancliffe, our annual summer party will be in the spacious garden of North Road House, in the evening, on one of the longest days of the year (North Road, Hertford SG14 1LR). Recognising everyone's natural curiosity, Simon has very kindly offered a brief tour of the downstairs interior. Party starts 7.30. Tickets from Malcolm Ramsay and other committee members or, from late May, from

Peter and Susan Brown's shop,
40 St Andrew Street.

Balls Park

*(lecture, Wednesday 18
September)*

Architectural historian Madeline Edmead will help us to understand and enjoy this recently-restored masterpiece by comparing and contrasting it with other buildings of its period. After renovation was finished, but before people had moved into the new flats in the mansion, she took some lovely photos and these will form the basis of her talk and slide show.

Footpaths and countryside access from Hertford

(lecture, Wednesday 9 October)

Bob Fenton, who works in the 'rights of way' team for Hertfordshire County Council, will be talking to us about how and on what paths we can access the country estates (such as Panshanger, Goldings and Balls Park) and other places in and around Hertford.

Our lecture venue

This remains the church hall in St John's Street, which is due for renovation in the summer. There is just a slight possibility that our last two events might need to take place in a different venue. If you have comments or queries about this or any other aspect of the programme, please do not hesitate to contact Malcolm Ramsay, contact details are above, at the Bletchley item.

Malcolm Ramsay

PLANNING MATTERS

In February two developers held exhibitions in the town prior to submitting their planning applications. If and when applications are made for these schemes, the Society's planning subcommittee will consider them, and we may decide to make representations to the Council on your behalf. If you have views which you would like us to include in those representations, and have access to email, please get in touch via the 'Contact' page of the Society's website www.hertfordcivicsociety.org.uk It will help us to be sure that, if we write to the Council, we are properly reflecting the views of members.

On the vacant site between Hertford East Station and Mead Lane, the proposal is to build 136 flats and a terrace of five houses. The flats, 54 of which would be 'affordable', would be grouped around two garden squares. Residents' parking is proposed beneath one of the squares. The western group of flats, adjacent to Mill Road, would be four to five storeys high, and the eastern group rather lower. Only sketch elevations were on show at the exhibition, but the proposed design is described as 'a traditional Georgian façade blended with more contemporary elements creating a traditional overall appearance'. The flats would be separated from the station by a new road linking Mill Road and Mead Lane. It is too early to form a definite view on the scheme, but the height of the proposed flats could be an issue, and would their

'traditional' style fit in with the unashamedly modern design of the recently built apartments on the western side of Mill Road and the north side of Mead Lane? The layout also seems to result in the proposed flats being entirely surrounded by roads carrying heavy vehicles going to and from the factory units in Mead Lane.

Nearer to the town centre is Beesons Yard, at the junction of Railway Street and Priory Street, where nine flats and two commercial units are proposed. Again the design is traditional, though without any 'Georgian' pretensions. The main building would have one arm facing Railway Street (a ground floor commercial unit with a flat above, lit by dormer windows) and the other facing Priory Street (this time with two floors of accommodation above a commercial unit). There would be a four-storey tower to turn the corner. Parking spaces are provided in a courtyard behind the main building, with the remaining flats being in a subsidiary building at the far side of the courtyard.

Current Planning Applications

Panshanger Quarry/Country Park:

The County Council have still not made a decision on the application to amend the details and phasing of the remaining quarrying work at Panshanger. Officers were unable to recommend the submitted plans for approval, and have asked for revised plans showing details of

the filling and restoration of the site, including proposals for rights of way and permissive paths. To date no such plans have been received, so there has been no progress. However we have made useful contact with the case officer, and are hopeful that we may soon achieve representation on the liaison committee which meets several times a year to help plan the future country park.

Retirement Village:

The application for a 'Continuing Care Retirement Community for the over 55s', on some 4 or 5 hectares of woodland to the west of Hertford Town FC, has been refused by East Herts. The site is in the Green Belt, and Members of the Development Control Committee unanimously agreed that there were no good reasons to make an exception to the policies which severely restrict any new building there.

Burrowfield, Lower Hatfield Road:

The legal agreement prohibiting retail sales from this site, adjacent to the Riverside Garden Centre, has now been cancelled. Officers noted our concerns that, if the restaurant use at Riverside becomes the predominant use, then a garden centre at the Burrowfield site could become a viable proposition, resulting in further urbanisation at a major entrance to the town. However, they concluded that the legal agreement, which dates from a time when the sites were in the same ownership, is no longer necessary: any retail use at Burrowfield would need a fresh planning permission.

Yeomans Court, Ware Road:

The proposal to use part of Yeomans Court for an 'integrated drug and alcohol recovery service' raised the same concerns as a similar one for 105 Fore Street early last year. There could be problems with users congregating in the vicinity if it became a 'drop-in' centre, so we asked for a condition stipulating that the service should be provided by appointment only. Also, the Use Class into which such a centre falls includes such things as day nurseries and art galleries as well, which could affect the locality in quite a different way. Permission was granted, and it does include a condition that the building must only be used for the exact use specified in the application, but there is no condition requiring services to be by appointment only.

Bentley House, Pegs Lane:

We have written to the Council in support of the proposal to bring this vacant office building back into use by converting it into a care home for the elderly, including those suffering from dementia. Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society, who occupy an adjoining building and will continue to do so, have advised that they previously used the office car park on an informal basis during the evenings when it was not in use. That will no longer be possible if the building becomes a care home and we have urged the Council to do what they can to help HDOS: the District and County Councils both have large parking areas close to Bentley

House which are not fully used in the evening.

Bengeo Nursery:

As you may have seen in the *Mercury*, we have submitted a strong objection to Bovis Homes' proposal to build 50 houses and 8 flats at Bengeo Nursery on Sacombe Road. The site is in the Green Belt, which means the applicants have to show that there are very special circumstances before permission can be granted. They have argued that the site does not have a Green Belt function because it contains buildings, and that more new dwellings are required to fulfil the terms of the present Development Plan.

But even if there is such a shortfall, we argued that it does not follow that it should be made good on this or any other Green Belt site. Green Belts were invented as a planning tool to give physical shape to and limit the size of our towns and cities, preventing them from sprawling or merging, and safeguarding the countryside between them. Thus land is designated as Green Belt not for its inherent value but because of its location, and the designation of land around Hertford as Green Belt reflects a deliberate decision to limit the size and shape of the town and thereby safeguard its character. Molewood Residents' Association, the Town Council and the Campaign to Protect Rural England have also sent in objections to the scheme, and the District Council's decision is awaited.

Peter Norman

PREVIOUS TALKS TO MEMBERS

Our Navigable River

For centuries the Lea has been central to the life of Hertford and we still appreciate it; the Art Society has created a huge mural depicting it at a prominent site on the A414 and an estate agent uses its image to promote Hertford as a desirable place to live. But looking at the layout of the town we can see that in recent years Hertford has, in many ways, turned its back on the river.

There is no continuous pedestrian route along its banks, Dolphin Yard has no view of the river, the footbridge to Old Cross Passage was never built and one of its most central areas has been used for a multi-storey car park, a supermarket goods entrance and a turning area for buses. But the river could once again be an essential resource to revitalise our town Barrie Goldsmith told HCS members on January 30th.

For over a thousand years the Lea has been a transport route and a source of water, food and power, and such was its importance that conflicting uses have led to numerous pieces of legislation, court cases and even physical violence. In 1329, for example, Queen Isabella's fishery weir was smashed and the timbers taken away, but for most of the time its multiple uses have managed to co-exist.

It has provided a water supply for Hertford and also for London via the New River, but this has brought conflicts with fisheries

and bargemen who want to keep the water level as high as possible. Fishermen, moreover, want weirs to provide pools, but bargemen want their passage kept free of impediments. Barges need a shallow gradient along which to travel, whereas millers need fast flowing water as a power source. These conflicting demands have led to the development of the complicated arrangement of waterways that can be traced between Hertford and Ware on Speed's map of 1611, Dury and Andrews' of 1766, the Ordnance Survey of 1897 and the modern OS map, which shows the old course of the river as the Manifold Ditch.

In an era when road transport was difficult the river took agricultural produce down to London and brought other supplies, such as timber, coal and iron, up to Hertford. Various kinds of locks were in use, including ones with a vertical drop-down gate, before the development of the horizontally opening type that we still use today and were maintained by charging tolls. Early barges were sail-powered and those known as 'stumpies' could lower their masts to go under bridges. Steering was assisted by side boards rather than centre boards.

Various improvements were carried out over the years to deepen and straighten the route, culminating in the Act of 1767, and canalisation was finally completed in 1772 providing a forty mile route from Hertford to London with an average journey time of twenty hours. A continuous towpath was created for horse-drawn barges and lock

keepers' cottages were built to a consistent design along the whole route.

The C18th and C19th were the boom time for canals but the growth of railways from the 1840s led to their steady decline and by the mid-C20th many were in a poor state. They were nationalised after WWII and have since experienced a revival as a leisure industry.

The river may have lost its industrial importance but could we still use it to attract people into the town?

The Meads form a beautiful landscape and have a diversity of plant and insect life that is rare so close to London and would be of interest to many people, although this environment is greatly in need of protection from over-extraction of water and from pollution. In 2000, for example, a bromate spillage at Sandridge led to a 20km pollution plume, the longest in the UK so far.

Making the river more accessible would encourage people to come to Hertford and support commercial activity. We already have a riverside walk, recently extended by Sainsbury's, but it could be improved by extending it into the Castle grounds, perhaps on pontoons under the bridge at the Wash. The river could be used to transport people and perhaps have a floating café or even a floating hotel. Activities such as boating and canoeing should also be encouraged. Lastly, what about electricity generation? There are already plans for a generator at Hertford Theatre, but there are

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many other sites suitable for Archimedes' screw-type generators.

This talk led to an animated discussion at the meeting with many contributions from the floor. If you have any ideas on improvements and new uses for the river, the Committee would be pleased to hear from you.

Sue Jones

River Lea Update

Since our meeting, the Lee and Stort Boat Co, based at Roydon, has contacted the Newsletter to say that they are planning to run a daily water bus service between Ware and Hertford, and to Bishops Stortford. They have twelve boats, which they operated during the Olympics and which have disabled access. The boats are also available for private hire in the evenings, and three are in the process of being converted into luxury floating hotels. At present, the company is negotiating with the owners of Bircherley Green for mooring facilities near to Waitrose.

CIVIC VOICE UPDATE

Developments in East Cumbria and High Wycombe demonstrate two different aspects of the localism agenda.

In the Upper Eden Valley the Neighbourhood Plan, which concentrated on housing for elderly people and broadband provision, was endorsed by nine out of ten of those who voted in the local referendum and will now be formally incorporated into the Eden District Council's

Development Plan. The thirty-three percent turnout was comparable to that for many local elections.

By contrast, the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Forum objected when Wycombe District Council excluded two major development sites in the locality from consideration by the Forum, but in the High Court Mr Justice Supperstone said that the council had acted lawfully and had a "broad discretion" to decide on the appropriate size for a neighbourhood area.

More information on Neighbourhood Plans is available on the Department for Communities and Local Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-communities-and-local-government>

Local history groups and town and parish councils may face new responsibilities for historic buildings under the 2011 Localism Act. A new, free information service on caring for the historic environment has been established by the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies, which includes Civic Voice, with financial support from English Heritage at www.heritagehelp.org.uk

Civic Societies are also being asked to join their local councils in compiling Local Heritage Lists of buildings and sites of historic or architectural value which are not already Listed Buildings or Scheduled Ancient Monuments. More information at www.civicvoice.org.uk

AGM PAPERS

Minutes of Previous AGM held on April 11, 2012

Present: Approximately fifty members attended.

Apologies:

Katy and Miranda Melville,
Harold and Jane Chaplin, Faye Thornton

Papers for the meeting had been published in the Newsletter.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

These were accepted.

Chairman's address:

This was Linda Haysey's final session as Chairman and she thanked all those who have helped her during her period of office. She said that there was much change ahead for our towns and that civic societies could have a pivotal role to play. We need to think about how to broaden our membership to bring in younger people.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Terry Betts reminded the Society that although we have a large sum of money invested, there has been a slight deterioration in our year-on-year financial operations. He reiterated the Chairman's advice on broadening the base of the membership.

Election of Officers:

The following members were elected:

Chairman - Terry Betts
Vice Chairman - Malcolm Ramsay
Treasurer - John Bevan

Secretary - Sue Jones
Activities Group - Malcolm Ramsay
Membership Secretary - Linda Haysey
Committee: The above members, plus Hilary Durbin, Jill Eames, Barrie Goldsmith, Peter Norman, Andrew Sangster, Geoffrey Thornton, Richard Threlfall

Linda Haysey thanked all those who have helped with the Society's work.

Malcolm Ramsay advised that the trip to Northampton was almost fully subscribed and asked members to forward any further ideas for Society activities for the future.

Contributions from the floor:

There was a general discussion on ways of increasing the membership, including leafleting (how and where?), press releases, having a notice board in the new Library (as in the old Library) and distributing spare copies of the Newsletter.

The business concluded with the presentation of a bouquet to Linda Haysey and was followed by a discussion on the future of Hertford town centre.

Report of the Committee for 2012

The Committee wishes to submit to members this report for the year 2012. At the outset we must record huge debt of gratitude to Linda Haysey who resigned during the year and hope that we will be able to welcome her back at a future date.

Our report follows headings previously used in the newsletter

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Caring for Hertford

Our report for 2011 expected that consultation documents relating to local planning review (laying the foundations and limitations, or the shape, for development in the town for the next 20 years) would be available from East Herts Council during 2012. The expected documents were not forthcoming and in March 2013 the programme for consultation remains uncertain.

In September 2012 the postponement of the proposed talk about Canals provided the opportunity to hear Cllr Mike Carver explain the way in which the Council are approaching the review of the Local Plan. Following that meeting a number of members of the Society volunteered to form a Panel which is (through e-mail exchanges and face to face meetings) keeping tabs on the evolution of the new plan.

All Council members can attend a series of meetings (open to the public) that will be making recommendations to the Council Executive about the plan. The papers put forward to these meetings are voluminous and complex. The Committee and the Panel of Society members have written to members of the Council Executive involved with Local Plan (Tony Jackson, Mike Carver and Linda Haysey) about matters of principle (particularly concerning Green Belt) and to all members representing Wards in Hertford encouraging attendance at the meetings and drawing

their attention to (sometimes contradictory) references in the papers that relate specifically to Hertford.

The Society has been involved in a series of meetings convened by the East Herts Council about the "Future of Hertford Town Centre". Views expressed by Society members at the 2012 AGM have been promoted strongly at these sessions. A draft Business Plan has been produced and is being refined.

During 2012 comments on current planning applications were submitted to the East Herts Council and to the County Council. A sub group of the Committee orchestrated by Peter Norman is to be thanked for thorough job done on this. Details were reported in Newsletters with in most cases information about the decisions by taken by the Council on the different proposals. Sites and schemes considered included the former Old Cross Library and the former Waters Garage site. Proposals in the Green Belt around the periphery of the town (including a "retirement village" west of Hertford Town Football Club) were generally opposed in principle. A fundamental Green Belt objection was also made to a housing proposal to replace workshops in Sacombe Road that were associated with former gravel working. The Committee has recently decided to maintain this stance in relation to a revised scheme for this site.

Serving our Members

Northampton was the destination for the 2012 study visit. The main focus was 78 Dergate designed by Charles Rennie

Mackintosh. The summer Garden Party was held at "Highmead" in Warren Park Road. Particular thanks are due to Malcolm Ramsay for his excellent organisation of both these occasions. The 2013 study visit is an expedition to Bletchley Park on May 22 and the Garden Party is to be held on June 26 at North Road House.

The well attended talks programme covered the past, present and future of Panshanger (Dorothy Abel Smith), Modern Architecture (Richard Henderson) and Alfred Russel Wallace (Tom Gladwin).

Supporting our Allies

The Society seeks opportunities to be represented on local groups and work with local residents' groups. In 2012 our involvements with the River Beane Restoration Association and the Beane / Mimram Partnership Catchment Partnership have been particularly important. This is because there is currently not enough water available to both supply the population and allow the rivers to meet their ecological needs.

The Wider View

The Committee decided that the Society should continue to support "Civic Voice" (successor to the former Civic Trust) - the national organisation for Civic Societies. A subscription is also paid to the longstanding Association of North of the Thames Amenity Societies (ANTAS). The Society is also represented at Committee meetings of the informal East of England cluster of active civic

and amenity groups which aims to exchange experience among its members, and to organise meetings on topics of interest to them.

Representatives of the Society heard an address by the new Director of Civic Voice, Steve Graham (organised by ANTAS at Hitchin on 3 November). ANTAS also organised a Spring event (April 21 in St Albans) including a talk on “Working with Local Authorities to implement the provisions of the Localism Bill and the National Planning Framework”. Notes from that meeting are being kept in a safe place!

Terry Betts, Chairman,
March 2013

Report of the Treasurer for 2012

The Society’s Income and Expenditure account shows an operating deficit of £982 for the year; in 2011 it was £1,125. This account covers all of the Society’s activities, except for the fountain and the Society’s Charities Fund investment account (more on these later).

Income from members’ subscriptions and donations (£1,638) is less than the 2011 figure (£1,877), primarily because of a small net loss in members. This reduction is more significant for the weight carried by the Society’s public statements and views expressed on behalf of the total membership than for its impact on the Society’s finances (see later).

Meetings this year were less expensive and were better attended by the public, who paid a small amount to attend. The Civic Awards were made in 2011 and not again in 2012.

Sales of the Society’s publications have almost ceased, so the value of the remaining stock has been written off. Although no longer held in the Parliament Square bookshop, they are on sale in the museum, in the tourist office, and now on Amazon.

Gift Aid Tax will be recovered in 2013 for those members’ subscriptions paid in 2012 and 2013, and for which an appropriate signed declaration is held.

The “Accumulated Fund and Reserves” section of the Balance Sheet may be difficult to understand. The format is retained for consistency with past years. This section in effect summarises the financial impact of the fountain and of the Charities Fund on the accounts, which are not addressed elsewhere, and which are now explained here in more detail.

Monies from Mrs Medlock’s estate both financed the construction of “Confluence”, the fountain in Salisbury Square, and established the Society’s Charities Fund investment account. The fountain was completed and presented to the town in 1994, but remains a Society responsibility. The Fund is available to support the Society’s aims, not just fountain maintenance and other associated expenditure, which in 2012 totalled £2,051 (£2,887 in

2011). Changes have been made recently to the design of fountain’s plumbing, in an attempt to contain annual maintenance costs. Fountain insurance is currently under review, to find the most appropriate cover as well as value for money.

At the end of the year the Society’s Charities Fund investment account balance was £99,380, being the bulk of the £100,347 shown in the Balance Sheet as Cash at Bank in Charities Fund, and in hand. In 2011 the Society paid a grant of £2,500 to the Hertford Museum, from the Charities Fund, which was not repeated in 2012. Consequently the year-on-year reduction in the Fund’s balance over 2012 was less than in 2011. The Society’s operating deficit (£982 in 2012), and fountain expenditure, are financed by the £886 of interest received on, and the year-on-year reduction in, the Charities Fund.

Primarily because of the Charities Fund it is evident that the Society is well financed, and is able to contemplate possible new spending in a number of areas (e.g. publicity, recruiting new members, and highlighting the town’s history). I see that part of my role as Treasurer is to work with your committee to confirm that such spending is consistent with the Society’s aims and members’ views, is effective, and represents good value for money.

John Bevan, Hon. Treasurer,
March 2013

HERTFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Income from Members</u>		
Subscriptions and Donations	1,638	1,877
Sale of Books	-	54
Surplus on Social Activities	92	-
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	1,730	1,931
 <u>Less Society Expenses</u>		
Newsletter	1,218	1,167
Subscriptions and Donations	707	717
General and Lecture Meetings	44	328
Civic Awards and Activities	75	744
Other Expenses	365	428
Loss on Revaluation of Book Stock	303	-
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	2,712	3,384
Surplus (Deficit) on Members Income	(982)	(1,453)
 Miscellaneous Income		
Loan Interest Received	-	-
Gift Aid Tax & Interest Recovered	-	328
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Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(982)	(1,125)
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HERTFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2012

	2012		2011
SOCIETY EQUIPMENT			
At cost		520	520
Less Depreciation		520	520
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		-	-
 CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock of Publications (at cost)	-		368
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	280		202
Cash at Bank, in Charities Fund And in Hand	100,347		102,668
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	100,627		103,238
 Less CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Unpaid Expenses	-	100,627	464
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NET ASSETS		-----	-----
		100,627	102,774
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ACCUMULATED FUND AND RESERVES

	<u>SPECIAL RESERVES</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE FUND</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance, 1 st January 2012	114,752	(11,978)	102,774
Donations and Income	886				886
Net Expenditure during 2012	(2,051)			(2,051)	
Surplus (Deficit) for 2012		(982)	(982)
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TOTAL RESERVES	113,587	(12,960)	100,627
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I have examined the books and vouchers of the HERTFORD CIVIC SOCIETY and, with the information and explanations received, report that the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account accord herewith.

T.A. Busby

To apply for or renew membership of Hertford Civic Society, please complete and send this form to:
Linda Haysey, Roxford House, St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury SG14 2LF
Existing members need submit the form only if their details have changed, e.g. new address

Subscriptions, per annum, are as follows:

Full membership £9.00	Full joint membership at the same address £14.00
Full membership with concessions £5.00	Full joint membership with concessions at the same address £8.00
Joint membership (one full and one concession) at the same address £11.00	
Corporate membership £20.00	Junior membership (under 18 years of age) £5.00

PART A MEMBERSHIP FORM

I/We wish to become/remain members of Hertford Civic Society and
(a) enclose a cheque for the sum of £_____ being my/our subscription for 2012
(b) wish to pay by standing order and enclose my completed standing order form (delete as appropriate)

FULL NAME(S) _____

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP (please circle) FULL CONCESSION CORPORATE JUNIOR

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Your personal details will be held on a computer and used to help run the Society as a membership organisation, to include the collection of subscriptions and delivery of a newsletter. Your details will be kept secure, in compliance with data protection principles, and will not be given to third parties. The committee may write to or email you from time to time, with news of interest to members, to find out your views, or to ask for participation in Society activities. If you do not want your details to be held on computer, tell us, but be aware that it may then not be practical to provide you with full membership services.

PART B GIFT AID DECLARATION

NAME OF CHARITY - Hertford Civic Society. Registered charity No. 266111. I pay tax at the standard rate and wish the above named charity to treat as a Gift Aid donation all subscriptions I have paid since 6 April 2000 (if applicable) and all subsequent donations until further notice.

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PART C STANDING ORDER FORM

NAME OF YOUR BANK _____

BANK ADDRESS _____

SORT CODE _____ ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

Pay to the account of:
Hertford Civic Society at Barclays Bank, 12 Market Street, Hertford SG14 1BA; sort code 20-20-37; account no 40475807 on receipt of this order and on each 1 January thereafter, the sum of £_____

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____ SIGNED _____ DATE _____