

CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

1225th (Annual General) Meeting held on 20th April 2024 in the Angela Marmont Centre of the Natural History Museum and virtually using Zoom technology starting at 2:00 p.m.

In the chair: Tom Walker with 34 members and friends present. 16 were present in person and the remainder via zoom. Tom welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Robert Cameron, Harry Powell and Brian Goodwin.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (of 15th April 2023): These minutes were made available on the website ahead of the meeting and were approved.

Matters arising: The *Journal of Conchology* is now online and freely available. Tom Walker thanked Anna Holmes and Peter Barfield for the work they had done to achieve this. All back issues up to Vol. 38 are on the Biodiversity Heritage Library website and more recent issues are on the Society website.

Election of the Examiner of the Accounts: Rupert Honnor was proposed by Tom Walker and seconded by Martin Willing and duly elected.

Society Reports: The Report of the Council by the Hon. General Secretary and the Reports of the Hon. Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Non-marine Recorder, Marine Recorder, Programme Secretary, Conservation Officer and the Health and Safety Report were circulated to Council and made available on the website for the membership ahead of this meeting and an approval vote was taken in common, proposed by Tom Walker and seconded by Bas Payne. The reports were approved.

Society Officers and Council Members: In the absence of any positions being contested the persons nominated were duly elected. These are:

President	Dr B Rowson
Secretary	Miss RE Hill
Membership Secretary	Mrs P Robbins
Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
Editor (Journal)	Mr R Forsyth
Editor (Magazine)	Mr P Topley
Nonmarine Recorder	Dr B Rowson
Marine Recorder	Mr S Taylor
Programme Secretary	Dr M Law
Conservation Officer	Mrs M Cousins
Webmaster	<i>Vacant</i>
Publication Services Manager	Dr TM Walker
Ordinary Council members (3yrs)	Dr PJ Barfield, Dr VJ Burton, Mr B Goodwin, Dr A Holmes, Mr C Walton and Mr A Wright

Keith Alexander, Ron Carr and Harry Powell were thanked for all their work while on Council and Peter Barfield, Victoria Burton, Brian Goodwin, Anna Holmes, Clive Walton and Andrew Wright were welcomed to Council.

Amendments to the Rules of the Society: These were circulated in advance and approved unanimously.

Nomination and election of new members: No list was available.

AGM address: Tom Walker gave his Presidential Address 'In search of aliens; hothouse molluscs in Britain and Ireland.'

Announcements and correspondence: June Chatfield gave details of her field meeting at Bookham Common on Saturday 4th May 2024. Details of Ordinary and Field Meetings may be found on the website or in the most recent issue of *Mollusc World*.

New President: Tom Walker thanked the Secretary, Gill Earle and Catherine Jagger for their assistance during his presidency. Dr B. Rowson was welcomed as the new President. He reminded the Society that the 150th Anniversary will take place in 2026 and planning will be required for this.

Any other business: None

Meeting closed at 3.30pm for those on Zoom; refreshments and discourse continued until 5pm

Date of next AGM: Saturday 12th April 2025.

Chairman.

Appendix: members' exhibits:

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| David Guntrip | A few hothouse snails. |
| Bas Payne | <i>Arcatula</i> from Poole Harbour |
| Peter Topley | (a) Two recently published books and draft book reviews for <i>Mollusc World</i> . <i>Shells of the World</i> by M.G. Harasewych (Princeton University Press) and <i>The Shell Spotter's Guide</i> by Helen Scales (Natural History Museum). (b) Shells of freshwater Ampullariid species <i>Pomacea urceus</i> (O.F. Müller, 1774) collected in Bon Accord, Tobago in March. (c) Copy of <i>Studies in Ampullaria</i> by G.W. Alderson (Cambridge, 1925). One of only 15 copies hand coloured by Alderson. Together with: (i) Article on his collection by Harriet Wood in <i>Mollusc World</i> 3 . (ii) Modern status of " <i>Ampullaria</i> " (from Molluscabase). (iii) Extract re Alderson from <i>A history of Shell Collecting</i> S.P. Dance. (d) Obituary notice of Mike Dixon – draft for July issue of <i>Mollusc World</i> (e) Snail cartoon (Daily Mail) |
| Tom Walker | (a) Hothouse alien molluscs – specimens mentioned in talk
(b) Books for free from Hamilton Quick collection |