**Agenda for the Prospero 2022 AGM to be held on 12th April at BBC Club W1**

1. Opening remarks and welcome.

CAROL ELLIOTT– thank you all for coming, transport was ok this morning, no extinction rebellion protesters! We need to start with some sad news, the death of Peter Mirams who was dedicated to Prospero and was at each event at least an hour early, a truly dedicated chairman.

Andy Love echoed the great sadness of his passing and gratitude for his work.

CAROL - Thanks to Gayner and BBC Club for picking us back up after various lockdowns. We have had some great events over the last few months.

1. Apologies received

Ernest Bounds

Mary Clyde

1. Submission and acceptance of Minutes of the 2019 AGM (on last page of April newsletter)

Accepted and seconded

1. A difficult couple of years

CAROL - It has been a very difficult couple of years. Despite this we have had some fantastic events, the Painted Hall for example. Accessibility and timings are taken into consideration for most events. We have a guided walk coming for those who are fitter. At the Mary Poppins theatre event we were exceptionally well looked after and Mary Poppins flew right over our heads. We would still like some more ideas, if you have an idea please do your research. Is it appropriate for groups, is it close to a station and easily accessible for example.

GAYNER - BBC Club has been affected just like any small business by the closures forced on us by the pandemic and the BBC switch to hybrid working. This has had an impact on our core business which we are still building back up. In regard to the Prospero Society I am trying to get back to a semblance of normality with the event scheduling. This has been hampered by a reduced take up of trips. I have had to cancel the May theatre trip due to lack of interest for example. Whilst completely understandable this means that I can only consider venues which will take a 10 person minimum for a group. Many venues require a higher number than that. Please continue with your suggestions – even if we cannot go in the near future they are all logged for a future visit.

There are still spaces left for the Canal museum and ice cream making trip in April, (coordinator needed please), for the Canal walk in June and a few for My Fair Lady in August. However Lincolns Inn is oversubscribed! I won’t mention everyone who has suggested ideas but I do want to particularly thank Rodney Mantle who has been so helpful especially post lockdown.

1. Submission of financial report provided by the BBC Club office

Membership number as of 6th April 2022 – 136

The bank balance is healthy with a positive balance despite a loss made on Life of Pi in January. This is due to our members paying their subs despite no activities but it must be taken into account that some events will have been paid for by members but the balance to the venue not paid so there will be a drop in this when these funds are paid out.

1. Election of committee for 2022/2023 including Chair.

Standing again: Carol Elliott, Rodica Mager, Alison Gray, Helen Scholfield, all re-elected, Charles Runcie has volunteered to stand and was duly voted in.

No reply from Beulah East

1. General forum of members present

Charles Runcie proposed a trip to Wimbledon,

Carol proposed a thanks to Gayner and all present who come to the events and support Prospero. Thanks to BBC Club W1 who always are very welcoming.

Lets do Mithraeum and Browns again. (Helen Scholfield)

Lords and The Oval,

Twickenham

Spurs stadium

Old royal observatory Richmond

Vote of thanks for Gayner and the Club and Andy Love also proposed a vote of thanks to Carol for all she does.