

# Minutes of Prospero Society AGM

12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Statement of accounts and membership

The Prospero Society account balance stands at £3500

With £1500 of payments outstanding

Giving a balance of £2000

Membership for 2026 is 193 this figure is up by 15 on 2025 (178)

There no plans to change the annual subscription of £20

## Prospero Chairman, Carol Elliot, then gave the following statement

- Thank you for joining us, please feel free to have your say.
- I think we, Prospero, are in a healthier position for membership numbers, finance and ideas and help for Gayner.

## Membership

- Memberships are in a good place with new members joining us regularly. Membership is important. The events are offered to all BBC Club Pensioners, Prospero members get priority and the cost to them is subsidised.

## Events

- We have had our usual selection of events, theatre, museums, walks and meals. As always if you have any ideas please pass the details on and we will see what we can do.
- The numbers are very good applying for the events. We have had to create a waiting list for several events and where possible add an additional tour to the original. Please remember if you have been offered a place and cannot attend then please let the Club Office know and, if there is a waiting list, your place can be offered to another and you may be eligible for a refund.
- We have tried events outside of London and with great success, numbers were good. We had a lovely day in Oxford visiting the Ashmolean and a meal. Later this week we are on our way to Bletchley Park.
- Our Christmas event is open to ideas. A Christmas meal in Central London is expensive and, at the moment the BBC Club cannot accommodate us. We may look at a meal outside of London or something completely different. Again, any ideas let us know.

- When we look to book an event, we obviously look at cost and availability but please be assured that consideration is taken to accessibility. Questions are asked about stairs, walking distances and transport for example.
- Some events are repeated, by popular demand or because it is several years since they were offered.

### **Thank you**

- To Gayner for her unending hard work and dedication to ensure we keep going with a great selection of events.
- To the BBC Club for their support.
- The Prospero Committee for their more pro-active approach to the new ideas, research, communications and bookings. This makes Gayner's life a little easier. A few
- To all those members who have put forward ideas.
- To the volunteers and co-ordinators for the events.
- To you and all our members who support us.
- To Michelle for her work publicising, promoting and generally helping with the Prospero Society. As Michelle was present Prospero members showed their appreciation by a round of applause

### **Poll for Theatre visit in August**

The poll for which theatre show to see in August has two favourites

1. To Kill a Mockingbird
2. Cyrano

A final decision will be made in July

### **Selection of Committee**

A proposal to re-elect the current committee was made and supported by those present. No new committee members volunteered so the committee remains unchanged.

### **AOB**

Any suggestions for events that Prospero members could go on should be made to Gayner. As some events have successfully ventured out of London, some more are included in these suggestions that were put forward:-

Severndroog castle in shooters hill although this would involve bus journeys and only the lower floors are accessible without going up stairs

Smarden big cat sanctuary in Ashford

Crossness pumping station in the borough of Bexley

Clockwork museum

Museum of the order of St John – knights, revellers and saviours tour

Diana Kelsea walk/tour of the inns of London

Suggestions for a venue for the Prospero Christmas diner.