

# INVITATION TO THE CLA ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH SUMMER EVENT AND AGM

25 MAY 2022  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

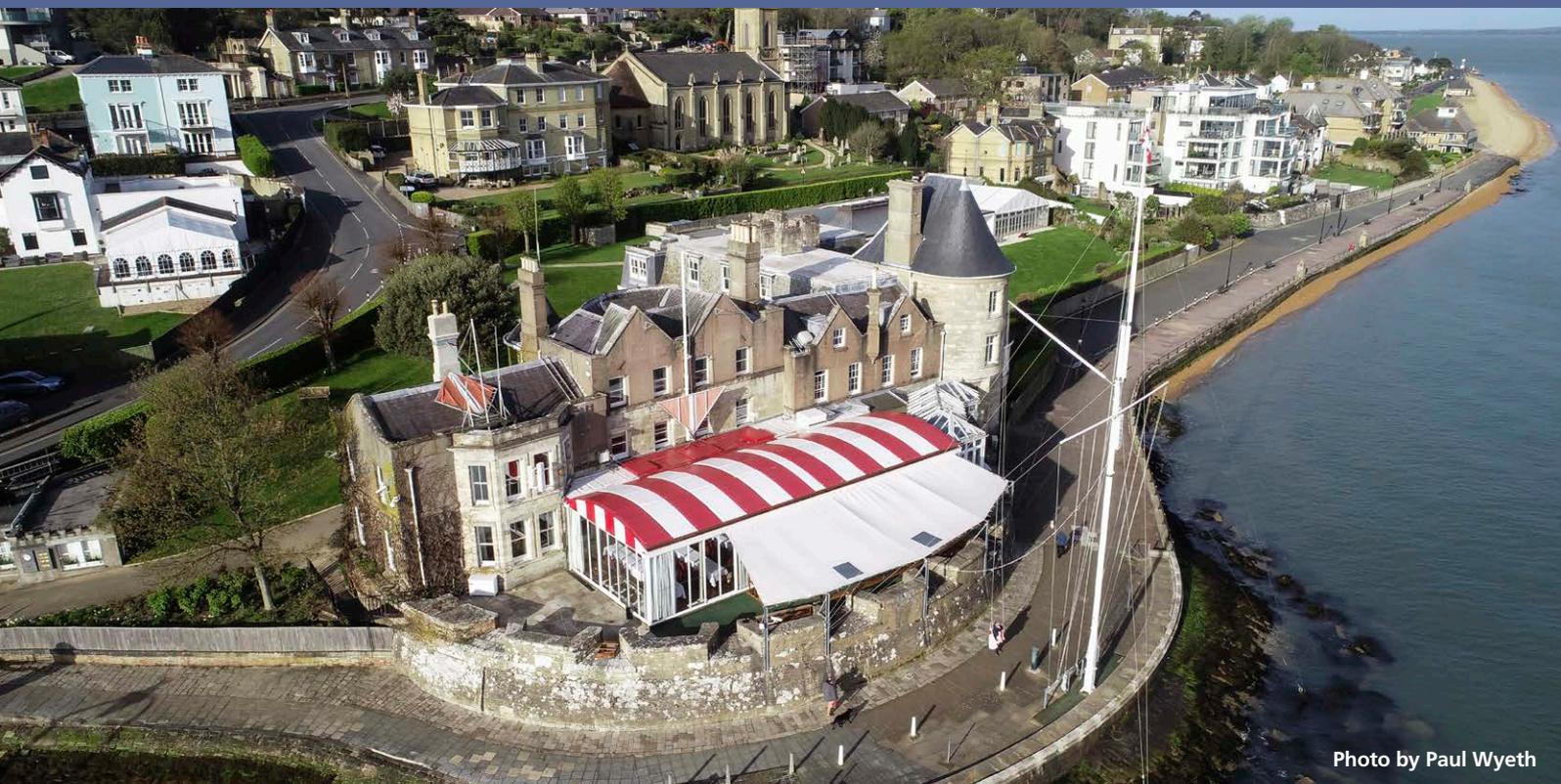


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## PROGRAMME

- 17.00 Arrival for registration and refreshments in the Orangery
- 17.30 Isle of Wight AGM
- 17.45 Address by CLA Vice President Gavin Lane
- 18.15 Welcome and tour of the Royal Yacht Squadron
- 19.00 Drinks reception on the battlements (or in the Hall if wet)
- 19.30 Two course dinner served on the platform
- 21.00 Finish and depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at The Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QT, by kind permission of the Commodore and Flag Officers of the RYS.

CLA South East would like to thank Moore South and BCM for their valued support.



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2021
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2022/2023
  - a) President
  - b) One representative to Council
  - c) Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2021/2022
6. Any other business.

Nominations for office or for membership of the Committee as given in item 4, or any resolution a member may wish to propose, must reach the Director South East, Tim Bamford, in writing by 11 May 2022.

## ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

Founded in 1815, the Royal Yacht Squadron bills itself as one of the most prestigious and exclusive yacht clubs in the world. It enjoys a rich history spanning 200 years, having took to organising yacht racing as a principal feature of the annual regatta at Cowes in 1826.

Qualification entitling a gentleman to become a member of the Yacht Club, as the Squadron was first known, was the ownership of a vessel not under 10 tons – today this is interpreted as having an interest in yachting. The castle itself was fitted for ladies in the 1960s, while the award-winning Pavilion, designed by Sir Thomas Croft to resemble an orangery, was opened in 2000 and provides on shore facilities for yachtsmen and their families while allowing the castle to retain its 'country house' ambiance.

Henry VIII had the castle built in 1539 as a deterrent to the French. Its former guns are only once known to have been fired in anger, in 1642 during the Civil War. Now its William IV cannon, which once belonged to the Royal Adelaide, fire at five-minute intervals to start 4,000 yachtsmen in their races. The Squadron bought the castle and grounds from the Crown in 1917.

The latest alteration is the RYS Jubilee Haven which, together with the Cowes Harbour Commission pontoon off the Parade, does much to enliven the scene on the water for Cowes visitors.



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## BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT THE AGM

To book your place at the AGM please login to your 'My CLA' account on [www.cla.org.uk](http://www.cla.org.uk) and click on Events. Tickets cost £48 inc VAT. You can pay by card online, or by bank transfer or cheque following your booking. Please note, if paying by bank transfer or cheque, your booking will not be confirmed until the payment is processed by Finance, and you may receive payment reminders in the interim between booking and confirmation. If you are having difficulties, please call the South East office on 01264 313434 or [southeast@cla.org.uk](mailto:southeast@cla.org.uk).

This event will only run if Covid guidelines permit. If the event is cancelled, we will offer you a full refund.

**Bookings close 6 May 2022.**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

Our last AGM was only held in the autumn, delayed by Covid, so it's a pleasure to have this year's in spring, with lighter and longer days ahead. And while it's not been a full 12 months since our last meeting, there has still been much going on both locally on the Isle of Wight and nationally.

The pace of post-Brexit agricultural transition has quickened over the past 12 months, and the CLA has been working hard to ensure members are supported and involved as Defra rolls out its environmental land management (ELM) programme. Environment secretary George Eustice revealed more details about the Sustainable Farming Incentive at the CLA's Rural Business Conference in December, which was followed by a further announcement at the Oxford Farming Conference in January regarding the Local Nature Recovery and Landscape Recovery components of ELM.

Shifting from a system based around direct payments to one that pays for public goods is a good ambition, but it must be done carefully. New schemes must successfully sit alongside existing ones as they remain the main sources of funding for now, and offer crucial support in helping farmers and landowners to continue feeding the nation, mitigate climate change and reverse biodiversity decline.

Furthermore, the world situation has drastically changed in the last six months. At the time of going to press, input prices are rising and output prices are also increasing but for the wrong reasons, and it is an uncertain and demanding time for everyone.

The CLA can help you understand the changes in agricultural policy, how they will affect your business, and give you advice on how to move forward into the new world. So I encourage you to contact the team and take advantage of the brilliant advice service which is included as part of your membership – and they can assist with an array of other issues too, from planning to tax and beyond.

As part of our Rural Powerhouse initiative, the CLA estimates that if rural productivity per worker was raised to the national average, an additional £43 billion could be added to national income every year. The creation of the new Ministry for Levelling Up under the leadership of former Defra Secretary Michael Gove, therefore, represents a big opportunity for

change in 2022 and one the Government must grasp. The CLA stands ready to work with Ministers to create prosperity across the countryside.

Rural crime continues to blight many rural communities. Defra released its latest fly-tipping statistics in December which sadly revealed that the number of incidents on the Isle of Wight rose by 30% in 2020/21 compared to the previous 12 months, to 749 cases. The true figure is likely to be even higher as the data does not include private land. But the CLA and others did achieve a win on hare coursing legislation earlier this year when the Government announced it is to give greater powers to the police and courts; a good example of successful lobbying and the importance of being a member.

On another positive note, I am very much looking forward to more in-person events this year, including the return of the Royal Isle of Wight County Show after a Covid-enforced absence. This is also my first full year as your Chairman, and I look forward to meeting members, whether that be for the first time or to catch up after what has been a strange couple of years. For those who don't know me, my name is Colin Boswell and I succeeded Laurence Taylor as your Chairman in the autumn. My family and I run The Garlic Farm near Newchurch, a business which includes self-catering cottages and yurts as well as a farm shop, restaurant and café, attracting more than 200,000 visitors a year. I would like to thank Laurence for his tremendous work, ideas and enthusiasm over the last three years, and I am delighted to take on the role at such an important time for our sector and our Island.

I would also like to thank the CLA South East team, as well as the team in London, for their continued hard work on behalf of us all.

**Colin Boswell**



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# MINUTES OF THE 2021 ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BEMBRIDGE SAILING CLUB, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO35 5NR  
AT 6.15PM ON THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

## Present:

Branch President, James Attrill  
Branch Chairman, Laurence Taylor  
Branch Vice Chair, Colin Boswell  
CLA Vice President, Victoria Vyvyan  
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford  
14 Members and their guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Victoria Vyvyan, CLA Vice President, for attending and thanked Bembridge Sailing Club for hosting. He also thanked BCM and Moore South for their kind partnership of the AGM and welcomed their respective representatives.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 4 members.

## 2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 19 October 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Branch President.

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

## 4. Election of Officers for 2021/22

### a) Re-election of Branch President

The Chair took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. The re-election of the current Branch President, James Attrill, was proposed by Colin Boswell, seconded by Geoff Case and carried unanimously.

### b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Nicky Eaton proposed Colin Boswell for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Chris Andreae and carried unanimously.

### c) Branch Committee

The President was delighted to announce that Sam Biles had agreed to re-join the Committee.

The Branch President then read out the following names for election to the committee:

Laurence Taylor	Esme Shakeshaft
Colin Boswell	Ian Wellby
Christopher Andreae	Sam Biles
Geoff Case	John Cleaver
Christine Griffin	Richard Grogan (co-opted)
Al Haig-Thomas	

The election of the Committee for 2021/22 was proposed by Sue Lucas, seconded by Nicky Eaton and carried unanimously.

## 5. To Adopt the Chair's Annual Report for 2020/21

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Christine Griffin, seconded by David Langford and carried unanimously.

## 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Isle of Wight AGM and introduced CLA Vice President Victoria Vyvyan.

# ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH COMMITTEE

## PRESIDENT

James Attrill

## CHAIRMAN

Colin Boswell

## COMMITTEE

Christopher Andreae  
Sam Biles  
Geoff Case  
John Cleaver  
Christine Griffin

Richard Grogan (co-opted)  
Al Haig-Thomas  
Esme Shakeshaft  
Laurence Taylor  
Ian Wellby

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