

INVITATION TO THE CLA HAMPSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE BRANCH AGMS

19 SEPTEMBER 2023
RAMSBURY ESTATE



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PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Arrival, registration and refreshments
- 11.00 Wiltshire Branch AGM
- 11.15 Hampshire Branch AGM
- 11.30 Update from CLA Vice President, Gavin Lane
- 12.00 Welcome talk by Mary Askew at Ramsbury Brewery and Distilling Co.ltd
- 12.30 Drinks Reception
- 13:00 Two course lunch
- 14.00 Estate tour / Distillery tour / Brewery Tour
- 16.00 Tea and Coffee and Depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at

Ramsbury Brewing & Distilling, Stockclose Farm, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 2NN.

CLA South East would like to thank Carter Jonas, Thrings and Kensa for their continued support.

Carter Jonas

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th September 2022
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2023/24
 - a. President
 - b. One representative to Council
 - c. Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/23
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 Tuesday 5th September 2023.

RAMSBURY ESTATE

Ramsbury Estates is made up of 19,000 acres of North East Wiltshire, West Berkshire and North Hampshire, with a large property portfolio. The Home Farms are centered around the village of Ramsbury, which is nestled in the heart of the Kennet Valley. As well as open land, the estate covers more than 2,500 acres of commercial and amenity woodland.

In the early 2000's the estate started to diversify into other rural and business ventures. The brewery was built in 2004 using barley grown and harvested from the estate and following the success of the brewery, a state-of-the-art distillery was built in 2015. The distillery first began distilling its own vodka before adding gin to its portfolio. Thanks to the careful distilling process, high quality ingredients and expertise, Ramsbury produces some of the finest spirits in Wiltshire.

An oil press was added in 2015 to process rapeseed oil onsite. The farming operations centre around arable crops, mainly wheat and barley, alongside a small herd of Aberdeen Angus and South Devon cattle. Produce now ranges from traditionally reared beef, Black Gold rapeseed oil, wild venison and much more.

Spent brewers grains alongside the by-products from the rapeseed is put back into the farm where they are used to supplement the cattle's diet. In addition to making use of its spent grain, waste water is filtered through a reed bed system to sustain a lake for wildfowl and wildlife. Wood from the commercial woodland that isn't used for furniture is chipped and used to heat a biomass boiler to produce hot water and steam.



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 and click on Events. Tickets cost £45 inc VAT. You can pay by card online, or by bank transfer or cheque following your booking. Please note, if paying by cheque, your booking will not be confirmed until the cheque 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.

Bookings close Wednesday 6th September



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

Welcome to the CLA Hampshire branch AGM 2023.

This marks the end of my first year as Chairman of the Hampshire Branch. It has been interesting and enjoyable to be much more involved with the workings of the CLA at both local and national level, where I also sit on the Environment Committee. It has been a pleasure to work with our excellent South East team headed up by Tim Bamford, who work tirelessly in your interests. I would also like to thank our branch committee for their dedication and support – they cover a huge range of expertise and their incisive analysis often produces unexpected conclusions!

With last summer topping 40C, the heat has certainly been on farming over the past year, while rising energy prices, higher input and raw costs, and labour shortages have meant many rural businesses are being squeezed.

This is a crucial time for the agricultural transition process. At our Rural Business Conference in December, CLA president Mark Tufnell laid bare how rural communities are running out of patience with the government. While some information about payment rates under Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes was released earlier this year, the CLA will continue to hold the government's feet to the fire to gain further clarity and answers to help members plan for the longer-term.

But the last 12 months has not all been doom and gloom, with a pleasing number of events and in-person gatherings held. One of the highlights was the New Forest and Hampshire County Show earlier this summer, where the CLA teamed up with the National Park to run the tenth annual rural awards. The CLA has also organised agricultural transition and renewable energy events locally, bringing members the latest policy developments from experts. Please do get in touch with the South East office if you need further advice or missed the sessions and require assistance.

The CLA works closely with MPs and Ministers to press home the importance of a profitable and sustainable farming industry. We raise issues with the planning system which are holding rural businesses back, have been calling for a simpler tax regime as well as urging investment in skills and innovation. With a general election likely over the next 12 months, we are also working with candidates and officials from all the major parties to highlight the issues that matter most to members.

Our work on tackling rural crime continued this year, with some notable developments. Tougher sentencing and improved powers for the courts to tackle hare coursing were added to the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The CLA also joined with local authorities and other professional bodies in a joint letter calling on the Sentencing Council to provide tougher guidance on fines and sentences for culprits of fly-tipping. The government has since committed to reform of the waste industry with increased background checks for firms who move or trade waste, and the introduction of mandatory digital waste tracking.

There will undoubtedly be more challenges to overcome over the next 12 months, and the CLA's role in championing the rural economy and supporting members has never been so important. Please make the most of your membership by using the CLA's brilliant advice service and by attending events and spread the word of the benefits of being part of the organisation.

My thanks, once again, to our South East team for their continued hard work on behalf of us all, and for organising such excellent events, especially this AGM.

Robert Sutcliffe



MINUTES OF THE 2022 HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BEAULIEU ESTATE, BROCKENHURST, NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE, SO42 7ZN AT 10.15AM ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Present:

Branch President, Hallam Mills
Branch Vice President, Major-General Jamie Balfour
Branch Chair, David Pardoe
Branch Vice Chair, Robert Sutcliffe
CLA President, Mark Tufnell
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford
43 Members and their guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked CLA President, Mark Tufnell for attending. He also thanked Beaulieu for hosting and Rachel Pearson and Lesley Harnett for assisting with arrangements. The President then thanked Thrings and Saffery Champness for partnering the AGM programme and welcomed their representatives Mark Charter and Eve Laws from Thrings and David Chismon and Hannah Mazrae from Safferys. Sophie Dwerryhouse CLA National Access Adviser and Will Oakes from CLA Insurance were also welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 6 members.

To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at West Stanstead Park on 28 September 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Branch President.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. Election of Officers for 2022/23

a) Re-election of Branch President

The Branch Chair took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. There was one nomination, Hallam Mills, who was proposed by Alister Cutts, seconded by Robert Sutcliffe and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Jamie Balfour proposed Robert Sutcliffe for Representative to Council, which was seconded by David Butler and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The President said goodbye to Iain Curry and Alun Oliver and thanked them for their support during their time on the committee.

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

Jamie Balfour	Matt Gilks
David Pardoe	John Jervoise
Robert Sutcliffe	Rodney Morgan-Giles
Simon Barker	Josie Palmer
David Butler	Victoria Read
Mark Charter	Penny Stokes
Becca Corbett	Mark Thistlethwaite
Alister Cutts	
John Durnell	

The election of the Committee for 2022/23 was proposed by Kerry Dovey, seconded by Chris Smith and carried unanimously.

5. To Adopt the Chair's Annual Report for 2021/22

The President thanked David for his time as Chair of the committee. The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mark Charter, seconded by Josie Palmer and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Hampshire AGM.

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Hallam Mills DL

CHAIRMAN

Robert Sutcliffe

VICE PRESIDENT

Major General JMJ Balfour, CBE, DL

COMMITTEE

David Butler

Simon Barker

Mark Charter

Becca Corbett

Alister Cutts

John Durnell

John Jervoise

Rodney Morgan-Giles

Josie Palmer

David Pardoe

Victoria Read

Penny Stokes

Matt Gilks

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