

NOTICE 178th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON LIBRARY

Monday 4 November 2019, 6.00 pm, in the Reading Room of The London Library

Members are cordially invited to enjoy a glass of wine before the meeting and to meet Trustees and senior staff in the Issue Hall from 5.30 pm

AGENDA

- 1 Approval of the Minutes of the 177th Annual General Meeting held on 7 November 2018.
- 2 The adoption of the 2018-2019 Annual Report and Accounts.
- 3 Appointment of Auditors.
- 4 Election of Trustees.
- 5 Confirmation of the appointment of a Vice-President.
- 6 Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges.

Appointment of Auditors

The Trustees propose the re-appointment of MHA MacIntyre Hudson as the Library's Auditors for the financial year 2019-2020.

Retirement and Election of Trustees

The following Trustees retire at the 2019 Annual General Meeting: Howard Davies, Will Harris, Philip Hook, Giles Milton and Rick Stroud. Howard Davies, Will Harris, Giles Milton and Rick Stroud are eligible for election to a second (and final) term and are accordingly put forward for re-election. Alain Aubry is also put forward for trusteeship this year.

ALAIN AUBRY

Member of the Library since 2015, Alain Aubry is a French private equity professional and former publisher. Based in London, he is a consultant for the Société Financière de l'Arno, a Belgian investment company which he founded in 2004, and where he was the CEO until 2014. He began his publishing career at the Club Français du Livre, of which he was later CEO. Until 2011, he was the Vice-Chairman of the Cercle de la Librairie, the professional association for the publishing industry in France.

He was educated at the Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris and at the Harvard Business School.

A keen bibliophile, he is a former Trustee of the American Library of Paris, and currently serves on their Advisory Council. He is also the Patron of a number of libraries and charitable organisations, both in the UK and overseas, which reflects his enduring interest in literature and books. He is a patron of the British Museum and is on the Board of the Association des Amis de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France.

HOWARD DAVIES

Member of the Library since 2006 and Chairman of the Trustees 2015-2019. He has been Chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland since September 2015. He recently chaired the UK Airports Commission and was the Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science 2003-2011. Prior to this appointment Howard chaired the UK Financial Services Authority from 1997 to 2003 and was Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, after three years as the Director General of the Confederation of British Industry. Howard is also a Professor of Practice at the French School of Political Science in Paris (Sciences Po). He has published five books focused on the financial markets and regularly writes for *The Financial Times*, *The Times Literary Supplement* and *Management Today*. He chaired the Man Booker Prize judges in 2007.

WILL HARRIS

Member since 2003 and Trustee 2015-2019. BA in English at the University of Nottingham. Career in marketing since the 1990s, creating or having steered brands like Orange, O2, Peroni, Nokia, LVMH, The Conservative Party and Battersea Power Station. Now runs a strategy consultancy in London called The Bridge, with a mixture of commercial, creative and causal clients. A past Non-Executive Director/Trustee of Nottingham Trent University, columnist at *Marketing Magazine* and a Trustee of the Tilford Institute in Farnham, one of Sir Edwin Lutyens' earliest commissions. Took a sabbatical in 2002 to write a book and keen to return to full-time writing when circumstances permit.

GILES MILTON

Member since 1994 and Trustee 2015-2019. Author of many works of narrative history, all of them researched and written at the Library. Published titles include *Russian Roulette*, *Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922*, *Samurai William*, *White Gold*, *Nathaniel's Nutmeg* and *Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* (currently being developed into a major TV series). His most recent title, *D-Day: The Soldier's Story*, was published by John Murray in September 2018, with American, French and other foreign editions to follow. Giles's books are published in more than 20 languages.

RICK STROUD

Member since 1994 and Trustee 2015-2019. Educated at University College Oxford. A BAFTA and Emmy nominated film producer, director and writer with substantial experience in theatre and television. Former Chairman of the Chelsea Arts Club. The author of six published works of non-fiction including *The Book of the Moon*, *The Phantom Army of Alamein* and *Kidnap in Crete* which is in development as a feature film. His latest book, *Lonely Courage*, is about the women of 'F' Section of the Special Operations Executive parachuted by moonlight into German-occupied France.

Confirmation of the appointment of a Vice-President

In accordance with Byelaws 51 and 52, the Trustees have appointed **Josie Rourke** to the role of Vice-President for a term of 5 years subject to confirmation at the AGM. Josie is a theatre and film director and has been a member of the Library since 2001. Vice-Presidents are appointed to be active ambassadors for the Library, to be a sounding board for Trustees on the Library's position, profile and fundraising and to act as role models for the breadth and diversity of our membership. The role is honorary with no formal involvement in the governance or management of the Library as a registered charity.

Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2020

The Trustees propose to increase the ordinary annual fee by £5 from £535 (£44.58 per month) to £540 (£45 per month) in 2020. This represents a below inflation increase of 0.9%. Proportionate increases will be applied for the other annual membership categories. Life membership will be broadly increased by 1.9% in line with expected inflation. The ordinary annual fee for those paying by annual direct debit will remain at £510.

The Trustees also propose that the maximum age for Young Person Membership be increased from 26 to 27.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

		per month £45
Full membership	£540	
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	<i>£510</i>	
Remote access membership	£295	£24.58
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	<i>£265</i>	
Associate membership	£365	£30.42
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	<i>£335</i>	
Spouse/partner membership <i>for spouses or partners of full annual or life members</i>	£270	£22.50
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	<i>£255</i>	
Young person membership <i>for all members aged 16-27</i>	£270	£22.50
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	<i>£255</i>	
Temporary overseas membership <i>for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration</i>	£270	
Extra borrowing allowances		
Additional 5 volumes	£46	

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,500	45 to 49	£16,100
75 to 79	£4,100	40 to 44	£17,800
70 to 74	£5,900	35 to 39	£19,600
65 to 69	£7,900	30 to 34	£21,300
60 to 64	£10,800	25 to 29	£22,700
55 to 59	£12,500	18 to 24	£23,700
50 to 54	£14,500		

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries	£48
Educational/charitable institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,070
Additional 5 volumes	£138
Other institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,620
Additional 5 volumes	£230
Smaller institutions <i>(Less than 10 staff/members)</i>	£648
Additional 5 volumes	£92