

## Secretary's Notes

### Change of Chairman

The office of Chairman fell due for re-election at the 1989 Annual General Meeting. One nomination was received personally from John Hunt, also proposed by Anne Williamson, by the due closing date, and duly appeared on the A.G.M. agenda.

At the A.G.M., John Hunt was duly elected Chairman by a majority vote.

Sadly, a few days later I received a formal letter of resignation from John Hunt. His decision, largely for personal reasons, had not been made lightly and only after due consideration. He had felt honoured by his election and had looked forward to working with and serving the Society having been an admirer of Henry Williamson's work since before the last war.

Having circulated this news to our President and committee I received a letter from founder member, and past Journal Editor, Will Harris, offering himself as a candidate for consideration by the committee for co-option to the vacant office. As someone who had grown with the Society from its inception, and who has a wide experience of committee work outside the Society, this offer was considered at a committee meeting on 25 November last, and Will Harris was duly co-opted to the office of Chairman by a unanimous vote. I am sure we all wish him well in the years ahead.

### Annual General Meeting, 1990

THIS HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE WEEKEND  
FRIDAY 5th to SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 1990

After a successful first visit last year, the venue will again be THE BEACH HOTEL at Woolacombe. Make a diary note NOW. Full details and the Programme, will be included with the Autumn 1990 Journal, which will be sent out late August.

### Membership Secretary

After ten years of devoted service Mary Heath feels that she no longer has the time or energy to devote to this aspect of Society work and rather reluctantly and somewhat sadly has relinquished this post. A full appreciation of Mary will appear in due course but meantime we offer our thanks and appreciation for all her hard work. Pat Murphy has kindly stepped into the breach and you will find his address inside the front cover.

### Disclaimer — Unsolicited Mail

It has come to the attention of the committee that unsolicited mail from an environmental group, GREENWAVE, was recently received by a member. The group's letter seems specifically aimed at Society members by numerous references to Henry Williamson, and the member's address was apparently obtained from the annual A-Z Membership List issued to all paid-up members each spring. If so, this has been done entirely without committee knowledge or approval.

The List is issued strictly to members ONLY, and is privileged information and is not to be used by any outside body for canvassing or any business purpose. Any such use constitutes an invasion of privacy.

I would urge all members to ensure their copies are not allowed out for any such

use, and would also ask that if you have been canvassed by the above or any other organisation you suspect of having used this List, that you let me know at once.

### **St George's Church, Georgeham — Restoration Appeal**

Henry wrote a good deal about this church which overlooks Skirr Cottage, his first Devon home, and close by whose walls he now lies at rest.

The sum of £20,000 is urgently needed to effect repairs and renovations to the Tower and other fabric, and your committee felt it would be most appropriate for the Society to make a donation to this Appeal. Accordingly, a donation of £100 has been sent to the Rector.

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