



## **Memorandum to all Members**

**in relation to proposed revisions to the Society's Constitution to be voted  
on at the AGM 27 April 2023**

23 March 2023

Dear Members

As will be seen from the Notice of the forthcoming AGM, it is proposed that two further amendments should be made to the Society's Constitution. Such amendments are shown in a marked version of the proposed amended Constitution which accompanies the Notice. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an explanation of the proposed changes.

### Description of the Amendments

#### **1. Moving the lapse in membership date – Clause 4.4**

We wish to move the deadline by which members cease to be members as a consequence of non-payment of the relevant fees which are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year from 6 months (30<sup>th</sup> June) to 3 months (31st March) i.e., to a date before our AGM, normally held in April.

The Committee believes it is reasonable to assume that any person who has not renewed their membership within 3 months of the due date either is uninterested or is unable to continue participating in the Society's activities, accordingly will not be attending the AGM and so should not be counted in the quorum calculation. To make valid decisions by voting at least 20% of the current membership needs to be present at an AGM.

#### **2. Allowing members to vote by post – new Clause 5.12**

Reflecting a suggestion from a member at our last AGM, we would like to introduce a simple form of postal voting so that members who cannot attend our AGM can still participate in the decision-making process. The new clause outlines in detail the procedure whereby a member can request and return a voting form. These postal votes are declared after the meeting's votes are counted and will be included in the result.

The Committee hopes as many members as possible attend this year's AGM and vote in favour of these amendments to help the smooth running of the Society and its members' participation.

Of course, if you have any particular questions you would like to have addressed, or comments you would like to make, prior to the AGM on 27 April, please feel free to contact Geoffrey White by email ([geoffreywhite@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreywhite@gmail.com)) or telephone (0781 500 5879).