

## **Postal voting for the AGM**

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions, a normal AGM could not be held. A decision was therefore made to try postal voting as outlined in Stovepipe issue 15, September 2020. The fact that over a quarter of the membership voted in this manner was pleasing, but what was even more pleasing was that many members who were unable to attend previous AGMs in person were able this time to cast their vote. The committee has therefore decided that, whether or not there are travel or other restrictions next year, a postal ballot form will be included with the Stovepipe sent out before the AGM.

Voting methods have come under close scrutiny in the autumn of 2020. In view of the overwhelming number of votes in favour of all the resolutions, it is unlikely that any challenge of the validity of the votes will have legal standing, and there is therefore no reason to retain completed voting forms. Accordingly, in order to fully comply with the provisions of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), all emails or other electronic communications with voting forms attached will be deleted, and all hard copy voting forms will be destroyed. The deadline for disposal of all emails and forms was set for the end of November 2020.

The trustees and directors would like to thank all members for their support.

Roger Burt, Vice-chairman