The **Annual General Meeting (2012-13) and Social** was held on the 10th December 2013.

Eighteen members signed the attendance register.

1. The Treasurer reported that the Association currently has reserves of some £2,300. There had been some discussion by the committee as to the use to which it might be put. Some form of initiative with local schools had been considered. However a questionnaire circulated to all secondary schools in Ealing during the summer had brought only one reply (Twyford School) so the sentiment was that the funds should be spent on the Association’s own activities, such as paying for speakers from farther afield, and possibly subsidising some outings. It was suggested that we could liaise further with Twyford School which had also sent pupils to our meetings.

2. As Secretary, I reported on the speakers who had visited us over the previous year and the two outings to the Bank of England and Marble Hill House. I then issued my regular appeal for inspiration in subjects for speakers and outings. During the year I had done some research into the A level history curricula in local high schools and was struck by the relative modernity of the history modules now being taught - one even up to 2007. This raises interesting issues as to when one person’s experience became another’s history, and the extent to which this should be reflected in our programme, so all ideas welcome.

3. As to outings, there was some interest in whole-day outings with particular historical themes which would not overlap with those of other organisations, and will look into this further.

4. The current officers and committee members were re-elected unopposed:

Chairman Dr Peter Hounsell

Secretary Pierre Thomas

Treasurer Peter Crane

Newsletter/Publicity Officer Philip Woods

Refreshments: Richard Morse (pro tem)

Additional members: Colin Emmins, Harry Chambers, Elizabeth Sunley, Liz Wood, Harriet Turner

5. After finishing the AGM by agreeing not to change the subscription, and some refreshment, our Chair Peter Hounsell celebrated the 150th anniversary of the London Borough of Ealing in the form of a ten-question quiz about its origins. The correct answers showed that it all began with a local board of health whose main concern was to improve public health following cholera epidemics, its first activity was to build sewers, its responsibilities only expanding towards the end of the century to become the Ealing Urban District Council. I regret that I only got four questions right and forgot to note all the correct answers, or the identity of the winner, but congratulations to her, and to Peter for presenting such learned research in such an entertaining manner.

Pierre Thomas – Secretary.