



THE KIPLING SOCIETY

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CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – June 2019

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held on **Wednesday 10 July** .

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 4.30pm in the Evelyn Wrench Room, Royal Over-Seas League. Afternoon tea will be served from 4.00pm for those attending the AGM. If you will be present for afternoon tea, please advise me by e-mail at least 3 days before the meeting.

At 6pm, Mark Paffard will speak on '**Pity and Imagination in some Kipling stories**'. Mark is the author of *Kipling's Indian Fiction* (Macmillan) and has also written a number of articles for The Kipling Journal, most recently on *Mrs Bathurst* and *The Wish House*. Tea/coffee will be served from 5.30pm.

ELECTIONS AND RULE CHANGES

At the forthcoming AGM, Council will be proposing some changes to the Society's rules to make it more straightforward to appoint and retain honorary officers.

Currently, the rules provide for different mechanisms for electing ordinary members of Council, honorary officers and the Chairman. We proposed to replace these by a simpler process in which the membership elects all members of Council and the newly-elected Council then elects a Chairman and honorary officers from amongst itself.

As now, ordinary Council members will have to step down after three years and have a break of at least one year, except for continuing honorary officers

who may stand for immediate re-election. The Chairman must still vacate the chair after two years but will in future be able to continue on Council (either in another honorary office or, if his or her 3-year term is not over, as an ordinary member).

We believe that this is more akin to the way many other organisations operate and will enable us to avoid farcical situations such as that which arose at the 2018 AGM when the outgoing chair also had to vacate the office of honorary librarian contrary to his and Council's wishes.

Other minor changes are also proposed and a copy of the relevant rules marked up with the proposed changes is appended to this Newsletter.

Under rule 12 (5), it is possible for members who are not able to attend the AGM to request the Chairman to act as their proxy. Just in case the AGM fails to be quorate, **I would be grateful if as many members as possible could send me by e-mail their proxy vote for or against making the rule changes proposed.** This must be done at least five days prior to the AGM.

HONORARY SECRETARY STILL URGENTLY NEEDED

As mentioned in the previous newsletter and in the March edition of *The Kipling Journal*, the Society is currently without an Honorary Secretary.

Other members of Council are currently carrying out the Secretary's tasks but it is vital for the future of the Society that we find a permanent replacement as soon as possible. Unfortunately, no volunteer has yet come forward.

The post involves organizing four Council meetings a year plus the AGM and Annual Luncheon, along with liaison on behalf of the Society with a number of voluntary and statutory bodies, fellow members and the general public.

Please do give serious thought as to whether you can help your Society out in this way.

Alternatively, should you not consider this to be the role for you but would be interested instead in being the Society's Treasurer, I would be more than happy to discuss a 'job swap'

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday 11 September. 5.30 for 6 pm in the Evelyn Wrench Room, Royal Over-Seas League. Dr Jarad Zimbler, 'Captains Courageous'.

Wednesday 13 November. 5.30 for 6 pm in the Mountbatten Room, Royal Over-Seas League. Tim Pye. 'The National Trust's rare book holdings at Bateman's and Wimpole Hall'.

Note: The rooms in which the meetings are to be held may change.

DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2020

The following dates have been set for meetings in 2020. They are all Wednesdays.

12th February

22nd April

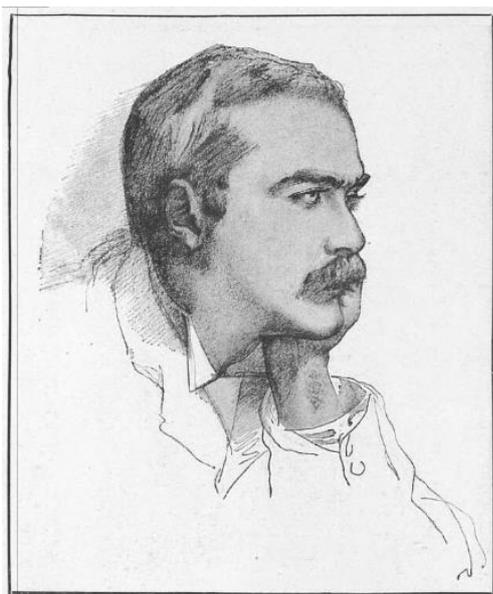
6th May – Annual Luncheon

8th July - AGM

23rd September

11th November

THE YOUNG KIPLING



MR. RUDYARD KIPLING

FROM "PORTRAITS OF MEN AND WOMEN," BY THE MARCHIONESS
OF GRANBY (A. Constable & Co.)

The Sphere - Saturday 17 February 1900

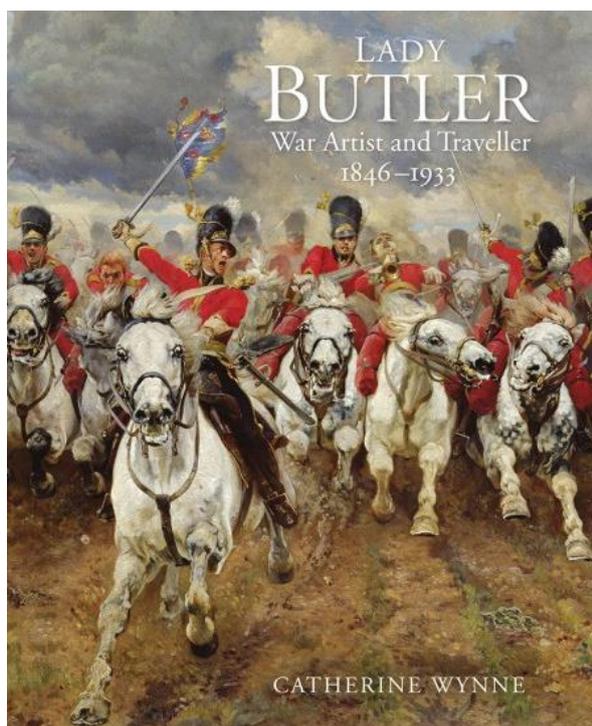
GIFT AID

Thanks are due to the more than sixty UK members who have recently sent Fiona Renshaw a Gift Aid declaration. This will enable the Society to collect a substantial additional amount from HMRC in 2019 and thereafter.

If you received a declaration from us this year and have not yet returned it, there is still time to do so before we make the next HMRC submission.

LADY BUTLER: WAR ARTIST AND TRAVELLER, 1846-1933.

Member Catherine Wynne has recently published the first biography of Victorian Britain's greatest war artist, Elizabeth Thompson Butler, who found fame and public acclaim after exhibiting her Crimean War painting *The Roll Call* in 1874.



Lady Butler achieved celebrity as painter of the British empire in martial mode at a time when Britain's military supremacy was threatened by conflicts in Crimea, Ireland, the Sudan and elsewhere.

In an attempt to revive interest in her work in the late 1890s, her brother-in-law, the journalist Wilfrid Meynell, produced a comprehensive and important article on her work in the *Art Annual*. Here he observes: "*Lady Butler has done for the soldier in Art what Mr. Rudyard Kipling has done for him in Literature – she*

has taken the individual, separated him, seen him close, and let the world so see him”.

Settling in Ireland from 1905, she witnessed the turbulence of the War of Independence and Civil War. Her Irish paintings *include 'Listed for the Connaught Rangers* and the politically controversial *Evicted*.

A RECENT CROSSWORD CLUE

A book Kipling wrote on love - popular in Japan (6)

(Answer at end of Newsletter)

KIPLING ON FACEBOOK

Kipling would not have a telephone in the house, but he might have approved of some aspects of our on-line presence. Please do look at the Kipling Society Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/kiplingsociety/posts/>

Perhaps you could contribute, or share, or just 'like'...

ROCK HOUSE

Rock House, Maidencombe, Torquay was where Kipling first lived after he returned to England from America. It is now available to rent as holiday accommodation.





The blue plaque appears to be exaggerating the length of Kipling's tenure. According to Lycett, it was only from September 1896 at the earliest until April 1897 that he was there. He hardly gave the 'Devon Riviera' summer a chance.

The House can accommodate up to eight people on a self-catering basis. Please phone the owner Ann Mountwaine 01803 906702 or her agent Airbnb - 01278420592 or email hello@airsw.co.uk or view website www.airsw.co.uk 41, High Street, Bridgewater TQ6 3BG for more information.

KIPLING'S POETRY AT BATEMAN'S

Readings of Kipling's poetry are taking place on selected dates throughout the summer. Your Chairman is one of the volunteer readers. The dates of the readings can be found on the Bateman's website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events/27b94768-9a39-4804-8eaa-cff471ea5ebf/pages/details>

A 'story tent' has been set up near the house and is also being used for *Just So* story readings for children.



[Crossword Clue Answer : Kimono]

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APPENDIX - RULE CHANGES TO BE PROPOSED AT 2019 AGM

6. The Council

(1) The Council of the Society shall consist of:

~~(a) not more than eightfourteen elected members, each being an Ordinary or Life Member elected to the Council at an Annual General Meeting, having been proposed for election either by the Council or by notice in writing given to the Secretary by any five or more Ordinary or Life Members not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting; and~~

~~(b) the following Honorary Executive Officers of the Society, namely the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor of the Kipling Journal, the Librarian, the Meetings Secretary, the Membership Secretary and the holder of any other Honorary Executive Office established under Rule 7(5).~~

(2) ~~An elected m~~Members of the Council shall hold office for three years and, subject to paragraph (6) below, shall then retire from the Council, but shall be eligible for re-election ~~as an elected member~~ under paragraph (1) ~~(a)~~ above after an interval of not less than one year.

(3) If, between one Annual General Meeting and the next, ~~an elected~~ member resigns from the Council or ceases (more than temporarily) to be able to attend its meetings, the Council may appoint an Ordinary or Life Member to serve in his or her place until the next Annual General Meeting.

(4) At its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall, subject to paragraph (5) below, appoint elect its a Chairman, a ~~and~~ Deputy Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Honorary Executive Officers as it considers necessary from amonamongst its members. g the Ordinary or Life Members who are serving or have previously at any time served as elected members of the Council.

(5) The office of Chairman of the Council shall not be held by the same person for more than two years in succession, ~~and the same applies to the office of Deputy Chairman; and~~ A person who:

~~(a) ceases to hold the office of Chairman; or~~

~~(b) ceases to hold the office of Deputy Chairman and is not thereupon elected Chairman, shall retire from the Council, but shall after an interval of not less than one year be eligible for reappointmentelection as an elected member under paragraph (1)(a) above, or as Deputy Chairman or Chairman under paragraph (4) above, or as an Honorary Executive Officer under Rule 7(1).~~

~~(6) Subject in all cases to re-election, it shall be normal for the Chairman to continue in office for two years, and for him or her then to be succeeded by the outgoing Deputy Chairman, irrespective of the length of time for which each of them has already served continuously as a member of the Council. A member need not retire from the Council under paragraph (2) above if Council has proposed him or her for election under paragraph 6(1) at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting with the intention that he or she is appointed or reappointed to an Honorary Executive Office under paragraph (4) above~~

(7) If at any meeting of the Council

(a) the Chairman or, failing him, the Deputy Chairman is in the chair; and

(b) the Secretary or, failing him, another member of the Council nominated by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman to act as Secretary is present; and

(c) there are also present three other members of the Council (one of whom may be the Deputy Chairman if neither in the chair nor acting as Secretary), those five persons shall constitute a quorum.

(8) With the agreement of the Council the Chairman or, failing him, the Deputy Chairman may invite any person having special knowledge of a particular subject to attend the whole or part of a meeting of the Council for the purpose of assisting consideration of any matter relating to that subject.

7. Executive Officers

(1) The Council's various executive functions shall be performed by the Honorary Executive Officers, who ~~(subject to paragraph (6) below)~~ shall be appointed elected or re-elected annually in accordance with paragraph 6(4) above, at the Annual General Meeting.

(2) At any time when an Honorary Executive Office is vacant or the holder is unable to perform the duties of that office, those duties may be performed by a member of the Council designated by it.

~~(3) At each Annual General Meeting:~~

~~(a) a candidate for election or re-election to each of the Honorary Executive Offices shall be nominated by the Council;~~

~~(b) any five or more Ordinary or Life Members may by written notice given to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting nominate a candidate for election to any of those offices; but no person shall be nominated under this paragraph unless he or she has signified his or her willingness to serve if elected.~~

(34) The Honorary Executive Officers shall perform their routine functions as representatives of the Council acting with its authority, but shall without delay bring to the Council's notice, through its Chairman, any matter involving a question of policy or principle which may arise in the course of that performance.

(45) The Council may establish new Honorary Executive Offices in addition to those named in Rule 6(1)(b) and, if any such office is established between one Annual General Meeting and the next, may appoint a member of Council ~~person~~ to fill it until the next Annual General Meeting.

~~(56) The Council may suspend or abolish any Honorary Executive Office other than those listed in paragraph 6(4) above, established under paragraph (5) above; and if such an office is currently suspended at the time of the Annual General Meeting, it shall not be filled at that meeting.~~

(67) If the conduct of an Honorary Executive Officer, whether generally or in a specific instance, appears to the Council to be detrimental to the interests of the Society, the Council, after notifying him or her of that fact and affording him or her an opportunity to appear before it and speak in his or her justification, may remove him or her from office.

(78) If the Council removes an Honorary Executive Officer from office under paragraph (67) above or an Honorary Executive Officer resigns from office~~above~~, Council~~it~~ may appoint a person to fill the office in question until the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Independent Financial Examiner and Legal Advisor

An Honorary Independent Financial Examiner shall and an Honorary Legal Adviser may~~shall~~ be appointed annually by the Council, subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting.