

Completed forms can be emailed to:
agmvote@sog.org.uk

or posted to:
**Chief Executive
Society of Genealogists
40 Wharf Road, London, N1 7GS**

Please mark email subject line, or envelope: 'Private Proxy'

Members may have one voting paper per person only.
If more papers are submitted ALL papers will be invalid and
may affect the final outcome.

The AGM will be held online and in person. Voting will take place in the room and online for those attending but those not attending must vote by proxy. Those who vote in advance by proxy will not be permitted to vote in person at the AGM and will not receive a ballot paper on the day. Proxy votes will be counted prior to the meeting and added to votes cast on the day at the AGM, by those in attendance, who have not previously cast a proxy vote. The total votes counted shall include both the proxy votes and those cast in person on the day.

Annual General Meeting - Booking

To register attendance, please book at: <https://portal.sog.org.uk/Event/view/2597712> or email events@sog.org.uk. For those joining on line, we will send a link to the meeting 1-2 days before the AGM. Please register your attendance early to ensure a place. For any AGM queries please contact events@sog.org.uk or by post to the above address.

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report and Accounts please email membership@sog.org.uk. Otherwise it is available here: <https://sog.org.uk/about-us/governance/annual-reports-and-agm/>.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 28th July 2026

Any member is entitled to appoint another person as a proxy to exercise all or any of the member's rights to attend and to speak and vote at a general meeting of a charity. If you wish to appoint a proxy please complete the following form:

PROXY FORM with voting preferences

I (name)

of

.....

..... (address)

being a full member of the Society of Genealogists, hereby appoint:

..... (proxy name)

of

..... (proxy address)

who is eligible to vote and attending the meeting in person

OR

Ann Radmore CBE, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Society of Genealogists of (registered office) 40 Wharf Road, London, N1 7GS, as my proxy to vote in my name and on my behalf at the general meeting of the charity, to be held on 28th July 2026 and at any adjournment thereof. I wish my appointed proxy to vote in the manner specified on the accompanying voting form.

Signed on (date)

This form must be returned and received by the Society no later than 48 hours before Tuesday 28th July. Any form received after this time will be invalid.

Please email your completed form to: agmvote@sog.org.uk

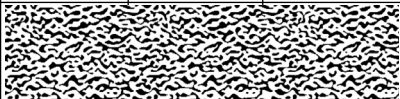
Alternatively, forms can be posted to:

Company Secretary,
Society of Genealogists, 40 Wharf Road, London, N1 7GS.

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Member's Proxy Voting Card

Please show how your proxy should vote by placing a cross in black ink inside the boxes on the right and return this form with your proxy appointment on the front page completed.

	For	Against	Vote withheld
1. To receive the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees 2025.			
2. To receive the Annual Accounts to 31 December 2025.			
3. To appoint the auditors*: Sayer Vincent as auditors of the Society.			
4. To appoint Trustees of the Society. Details and voting options on the next page.			

* The Society has been using the services of Richard Place Dobson as auditors since 2012. The purpose of an audit of a charity's accounts is to give the charity's trustees, supporters, beneficiaries and the wider public, some independent assurance that the charity's money has been properly accounted for and that appropriate accounting records have been kept. Key to the success of this process is the independence of the auditor and it is therefore good practice to undertake a periodic review of the auditing process.

Earlier this year the Board instigated such a review and invited a number of companies, through a competitive commercial process, to tender to be the Society's auditors. The outcome is that the trustees would like to recommend to the membership that the auditor be changed to Sayer Vincent.

Established in 1983 by three accountants committed to social justice who saw a need for dedicated specialist audit and advice for charities and social purpose organisations, Sayer Vincent has now grown to a team of 7 partners and 65 staff.

The trustees have been very happy working with Richard Place Dobson for 14 years but they feel that changing the auditor will underline the independence of the Society's audit process and that the Society's operation and governance will be strengthened by the additional advice and training that Sayer Vincent are able to provide.

Election of Members of the Board of Trustees 2026

Earlier in the year the Trustees voted to increase the size of the Board to 12 to ensure that across its membership it has all the skills and experience needed to best develop the Society.

There are currently 11 trustees, one of whom, Heather Nowlan, will leave at the AGM as she will have concluded her two terms. Two trustees, Hayley Hall and Alan Pursell, are seeking re-election for their second term. During the year, and following a recruitment process, the Board co-opted two individuals, Karen de Bruyne and Paul Beecham, to become trustees.

As there are six vacancies on the Board of Trustees and four nominees, the nominees are automatically elected and a ballot box is not necessary. Please find details of nominees below.

Karen de Bruyne is a professional genealogist, with a Post Graduate Diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies. She is an AGRA Associate and a Member of The Register of Qualified Genealogists. She has over 25 years genealogical research experience from around the world, specialising in London families and those who passed through British India and Far East and Dutch Indies. She also volunteers at the Society as host for events.

Paul Beecham has been a member since 2007 and first visited an archive at the age of 10. He has a background in Retail and Financial Services focussing on financial forecasting, reconciliation and control as well as Supplier, Vendor and Contracts Management. Recently retired from a major cancer charity, he loves a spreadsheet.

Hayley Hall has been a member for over 20 years and is a keen amateur genealogist and volunteer. She was Head of Production Finance at Channel 4 where she worked for over 20 years. She has worked as a Trustee for other charities including St. Mungos and volunteers both on the helpline for AgeUK and for Witness Service.

Alan Pursell has been a member since 1990. As an active part of the charity's invaluable volunteer community, he has led the highly successful pedigree rolls digitization project, that covers the Society's handwritten family trees (20,000 images and 1.3 million names). He brings more than 40 years' experience in selling and successfully delivering IT and telecom services to a wide range of customers in the US, UK, Europe and India.