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# The Medieval Dress and Textile Society

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**Medats Spring Newsletter 2007.** (V.4 no.5)

At or about this time a *Medats Newsletter* is usually sent to all members in preparation for the scheduled Annual General Meeting and conference, to be held this year on 12 May.

Very sadly our Editor Andrea Calvin, has had suddenly to resign. Since the remaining members of the Committee are fully occupied with their particular responsibilities, and none are able to switch permanently into the Editor's position, it is not possible for the moment to issue a full *Newsletter*.

When this might be possible, and in what form, will depend on whether a new Editor can be found-as well as the outcome of discussion about the Society's future at the AGM.

Hilary Davidson will be acting Editor for this short *Newsletter* and will collate material for the next full issue, including any copy members would like included. Please find Hilary's contact details on page 3

## **The Annual General Meeting and conference Saturday 12 May 2007**

### *Election of Officers.*

Due for re-election in May 2007 for two years, are the posts of Hon. Secretary and Membership Secretary (now held by now held by Karen Watts and Carol Chattaway respectively), as well as the posts of two non-executive committee members (held by Sem Longhurst & Hilary Davidson). The present incumbents are standing for re-election, but other nominations are welcome and brief indications of the duties involved for the executive posts are attached.

There are five non-executive posts on the committee, two and three posts being elected alternately every two years. Non-executive officers attend the usual four half-day committee meetings held each year, like all committee members. Their chief contribution is to offer ideas and suggestions and to help with practicalities at conferences. Enthusiasm and ideas are important requirements.

The executive posts of *Newsletter Editor*, *Publicity Secretary*, and *Sponsorship Secretary* are currently vacant. Anyone interested in standing for these offices should contact the Hon. Sec. Karen Watts, or the Chairman John Cherry for further information. Their details are on page 3.

The post of Hon. Treasurer is not due for re-election in 2007, however, the present holder (Linda Woolley) would like to step down soon, and if a replacement were to be found, is willing to work in tandem with her successor so as to ensure a smooth transition. The duties of Treasurer were outlined in the minutes of the 2006 AGM and can be sent to anyone interested.

Nominations for ALL posts must be sent to the Hon. Secretary at the address on page 3 by 25 April 2007 on the attached form by post, or by e-mail.

*Your committee cannot continue to run the Society in its present form unless these crucial posts are filled*

### **AGM Programme**

It is proposed to extend the AGM to include an Open Forum to discuss

1. The Society's future and, in particular, the frequency and size of its annual programme of events
2. The Society's method of communication with its members

The timetable for the meeting on 12 May will thus be shortened and amended, as outlined below, to include two speakers and the Forum.

There will be a buffet lunch with wine for everyone attending which will cost £10.00 which is reasonable for a central London venue. If you do not wish to participate in lunch, please indicate this preference on the booking form. Otherwise, as usual for an AGM and associated talks, there is no charge for this meeting.

It is anticipated that the later start for more distant members and the earlier afternoon finish will encourage a maximum number of members to attend. The present committee very much hopes that bringing everyone together in this way at lunch, will encourage informal discussion about the Society that will carry over into the formal afternoon session.

***If the Society is to continue to function effectively, it is essential that as many members as possible attend this meeting.***

### **AGM PROGRAMME**

<b>11.00</b>	Doors open
<b>11.30</b>	Welcome
<b>11.45</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> speaker – to be confirmed
<b>12.15</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> speaker – to be confirmed
<b>1.00</b>	Buffet lunch in refectory
<b>14.00</b>	AGM
<b>15.00</b>	Tea, Seminar room 1
<b>15.30</b>	Open Forum, Lecture Theatre
<b>16.30</b>	Close