



**Minutes of the 2nd General Meeting
of the Association, 18 July 2015
at the Museo Bicknell in Bordighera**

A General Meeting of the Clarence Bicknell Association was held at 15h00 on Saturday 18th July at the Museo Bicknell, Via Romana 39, Bordighera IM-18012, Italy.

Members present:

Marcus Bicknell
Susie Bicknell

Christopher Chippindale
Graham Avery

Gulshan Antivalle
Giuseppe E. Bessone

Observers and guests present:

Daniela Gandolfi (Istituto Internazionale di Studi Liguri)
Marta Garulli (Istituto Internazionale di Studi Liguri)

Marcus Bicknell chaired the meeting and went through the agenda points with the help of PowerPoint slides with bullet points and figures. He reminded the meeting of the following salient points:

- The statutes of the association do not require an annual general meeting, but they may be called by a majority vote of the Committee
- The Committee consists of between 2 and 10 members, appointed for a term of 4 years and they are unpaid
- The Committee may appoint officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

1) Presentation of the 2014 financial accounts

The Association has 40 members (28 in the UK and 12 in France/Italy), most of which do not renew automatically. Their renewals will be solicited in the next weeks. The costs have been web site creation, web site hosting, a membership leaflet and the first newsletter. Three members paid £400 each for life membership (Graham Avery, Susie Bicknell and Marcus Bicknell).

The accounts are shown on the last page of these minutes. The deficit of £1278.82 in 2013 (loaded with the start-up web and printing costs) was improved on during 2014 with a positive result of £594.13. The positive balance sheet figure of £684.29 is due in part to the loan made to the Association by Susie and Marcus Bicknell of £1360.23 remains outstanding.

2) Brief report on the activities of the Association

Marcus informed the meeting of the 2014 activities, as follows

- Research into Bicknell's life and times, his contacts and his work pattern
- Papers published on the website and in the newsletter of which one was printed in 2014
- Positive spirit among half a dozen involved
- Research support for Valerie Browne Lester who has been commissioned to write a biography of Clarence Bicknell
- Support for the Bicknell-Merveilles European research project

3) Appointments

Marcus confirmed the present committee members and officers, none of which had come up for re-election. He informed the meeting of the appointment by the committee of Geoff Bicknell and Titus Bicknell to the committee of the Association, and of Geoff Bicknell to the post of treasurer.

The existing committee members were elected on 17th May 2014 for a period of 4 years, so no elections are required at this meeting. The committee members are those shown on the web site www.clarencebicknell.com and are as follows:

Chairman	Marcus Bicknell	Clarence relation, researcher, member of the board of SES in Luxembourg and of other companies in media and technology. Student of all things Clarence and webmaster of this site. Based northwest of London, UK
Vice-Chairman	Graham Avery	Senior Member of St. Antony's College, Oxford University, and Honorary Director-General of the European Commission, Brussels. His interests include archaeology, mountain-walking, botany, researching and writing on those topics. Based Oxford
Treasurer	Geoff Bicknell	Chartered accountant and international business man.
Secretary	Susie Bicknell	Writer, researcher. Based northwest of London, UK
Committee member	Christopher Chippindale	Archaeologist, writer, researcher. Based Cambridge
Committee member	Valerie Browne Lester www.valerielester.com	Clarence relation, writer, researcher. Based near Boston USA.
Committee member	Maria Pia Luly-Jones	Nature artists, based Bordighera
Committee member	Helen Blanc-Francard	Writer, researcher, garden expert. Based north of Paris.
Committee member	Titus Bicknell	Exhibitions, conferences, new media professional, Washington DC.

4) Update on the proposed Bicknell-Merveilles Research Project

In preparation of the 2018 centenary of Bicknell's death, the association has been helping put together a consortium of academic institutions to apply for EU funding. 7 partners in 5 countries. Strong interest from young researchers in Bicknell's exhaustive methods, the community of researchers he created, his open access policies and the relevance of his work today. There will be a meeting of the academics involved this Monday 20th July in Genoa. The Lead is the University of Genoa (Professor Mauro Mariotti) and the Planning Group consists of Dr Daniela Gandolfi (IISL-Museo Bicknell), Dr Christopher Chippindale (University of Cambridge) and Marcus Bicknell (Clarence Bicknell Association).

5) Any other business

5.1) Funding of the Museo Bicknell

Dott.ssa Daniela Gandolfi outlined the severe financial difficulties encountered by the Museo Bicknell which is owned by the Istituto Internazionale di Studi Liguri. Members of the Association indicated that the Clarence Bicknell Association does not have the resources to help in a direct financial sense, but would play its part in generating interest in the Museo Bicknell in order for it to maintain an income stream. It was noted that the Bicknell-Merveilles Research Project, of which the Association is one of the driving forces, would provide significant funding (a tentative figure of €150,000 was mentioned) for activities at the IISL and the Museo Bicknell. She proposed that the Association could help by writing to certain key individuals, especially in the state and local funding organisations, to

emphasise the benefits of supporting the IISL and the museum, and Marcus agreed to do so. Daniela agreed to draft a suitable letter and to provide the contact details.

For fund-raising in general, Daniela agreed to provide to Marcus a list of the organisations to which she had applied for funding to ensure there was no duplication of effort. In response to a request from Daniela, Marcus agreed to take steps to set up crowd funding sites on the English-speaking web such as with Virgin Giving and Just Giving.

There was a discussion of the need for continuing events at the Museo Bicknell to raise funds, proper fund-raising brochures on the museum, and more on the web site about the need for funds.

5.2) Friends of the Museo Bicknell

Dott.ssa Daniela Gandolfi, Director of the Istituto Internazionale di Studi Liguri and the Museo Bicknell, has asked the Clarence Bicknell Association to avoid any confusion with the Friends of the Museo Bicknell which is run out of Bordighera. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Amici-del-Museo-Clarence-Bicknell/1413381565612142> We agreed to do what we can to avoid confusion.

5.3) Upcoming events

The meeting noted that three committee members will conduct two seminars the same day in the same room and hour later, and the previous day in Tende. Here is the programme:

17 July (Friday) at 18h: conference in French by Marcus Bicknell, Graham Avery and Christopher Chippindale at the Musée des Merveilles, Tende - "Clarence Bicknell: the researcher who still excites researchers today". Followed by a music concert in the town hall.

18 July (Saturday) at 16h: conference in Italian, French and English by Marcus Bicknell, Graham Avery and Christopher Chippindale at the Museo Bicknell, Bordighera - "Clarence Bicknell: the researcher who still excites researchers today".

19 July (Sunday) at 08h00. Daytime walk in the Vallée des Merveilles guided by Dr Christopher Chippindale and Dr Nicoletta Bianchi (subject to her confirmation). No 4x4 transport, meet at Les Mesches at 8 and back at tea time.

5.4) Thanks

Graham Avery expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Susie Bicknell and Marcus Bicknell for the Association and asked that his remarks be minuted. Susie and Marcus thanked the committee members for their support during the year, especially in the research conducted and shown on the downloads page of the web site www.clarencebicknell.com

Signed, Marcus Bicknell, Chairman

3 August 2015



Accounts prepared by Geoff Bicknell (Treasurer to the Association) from accounts and bank statements from Marcus Bicknell (Chairman). 23rd March 2015

Clarence Bicknell Association - Accounts		at 31 Dec 2014	
BALANCE SHEET		2014	2013
Assets and liabilities			
Balance at bank		412.76	420
Balance at Pay Pal		262.78	57.36
Total Assets		675.54	477.36
Loan by Marcus Bicknell		-1360.23	-1756.18
Net Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-684.69</u>	<u>-1278.82</u>
Retained Earnings			
	Brought forward		-1278.82
	In this year, 2014	594.13	
Retained earnings carried forward		<u>684.69</u>	

INCOME STATEMENT			
Membership fee income		1779.46	100
Expenses			
	Marketing	1174.38	1376.18
	Other	10.95	2.64
	Total	1185.33	1378.82
Net Income/(loss)		<u>594.13</u>	<u>-1278.82</u>