



WORTHINGTON 17th-CENTURY PROJECT

1 September 2006

PLANS FOR THE 2006 AND 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The inaugural meeting of the society was held on 24 November 2005 at Wigan, Lancashire, England. Six members were present and a further eight members contributed to the outcome by post.

The first Project year will end on 30 September 2006, so it is time that plans are drawn up for the 2006 annual general meeting. The main purpose of this paper is to suggest options for location and date of the meeting, and its agenda, and to seek members' views. Final plans can then be made and announced. It is proposed that, in future, the locations and dates of meetings should be agreed to well in advance so that members and their families have time to make their plans in a broader context. For that reason, this paper also considers location and date of the 2007 annual general meeting in the hope that agreement can be reached at the 2006 meeting.

Location of the meetings

It is suggested that the principal object in choosing a location for the meeting should be to enable the greatest number of members to attend. Second only to that object should be an attempt to vary the location to reflect the truly international nature of the society. The countries of residence of the 23 present members are:

Australia	2
England	9
New Zealand	1
South Africa	1
Spain	1
USA	9

Thus, it would be reasonable to consider the meetings being held in USA or in England. The two maps which follow show the residential locations of the nine American and nine English members. The maps are to the same scale, namely 1 in 16,000,000 (that is about 250 miles to the inch).

Another possible consideration in choosing a location is that there are either historical Worthington sites or record offices of importance to Worthington research. There are such places in Lancashire, London and New England, USA.

Date of the 2006 meeting

It is suggested that the 2006 meeting be held sometime between Monday 6 November and Saturday 16 December 2006; 6 November would allow 3 weeks between the end of the Project year for papers to be prepared and distributed to members so that they arrive two weeks prior to the meeting. It is considered that any date after 16 December would be too close to Christmas and New Year festivities.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the meeting is:

1. Written contributions
2. Minutes of the inaugural meeting
3. Membership
4. Finance
5. Subscriptions
6. Publications
7. Phase 1 – research
8. Phase 2 – pedigrees
9. Election of officers for Year 2
10. Location and date of the 2007 annual general meeting
11. Any other business

It is proposed that all papers for the meeting should be distributed so as to be with members at least 14 days before the meeting. It is also proposed that all members unable to attend should be able to make contributions and proposals, and to vote by post. With all of Items 3 to 8, there should be opportunity to review the progress of Year 1, to discuss plans and policies and to vote on any issues arising.

Associated events

When the location has been selected, we will endeavour to arrange a lunch (participants contributing to cost) and any relevant and interesting visits.

The questionnaire

A questionnaire is enclosed. I should be grateful if you would complete it and post it to Philip M. Worthington at The Knoll House, Knossington, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8LT, United Kingdom, as soon as possible.

Jan Worthington
Chairman



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PLANNING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Name of member: _____

Would you attend the annual general meetings of 2006 and 2007 if held at (please tick if yes):

	Year 2006	Year 2007
(a) Manchester area, England	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) London area, England	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Virginia or Maryland area, USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other suggestions for location? _____

Are there any dates between 6 November and 16 December which you wish to avoid? _____

Are there any days of the week which you would prefer? _____

Any subjects you wish to be added to the 2006 agenda? _____

Are there any subjects on which you wish to make a special contribution? _____

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Please post the completed questionnaire to: Worthington 17th-Century Project, The Knoll House, Knossington, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8LT, United Kingdom