



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE LITTLE BOOKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present (Committee members only)

Brian Baker (Secretary)
Ian Brand
Sue Halford
Alfred Lott
Nick Neville
Lynda Sears

1. Welcome

Brian Baker welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence (Committee members only)

Chris Bourgeois
Phil Cook
Adam Dunlop
Joan Gillingham

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes were approved.

4. Chairman's Report

Ian Brand provided an overview of the Club's activities during the last year, see attached report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Brian provided a copy of the unaudited Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31 July 2023; see attached report (not posted on website). The Statement of Accounts was approved.

6. Proposed Annual Membership and Course Fees

It was proposed that the annual membership fee for the forthcoming year (Sept 2023 to Sept 2024) be increased to £35. The proposal was approved.

7. Committee

Ian Brand said he was willing to stand for re-election as Chairman which was approved.

Brian Baker said he was willing to stand for election for the new combined role of Secretary/Treasurer which was approved.

Chris Bourgeois, Phil Cook, Joan Gillingham, Sue Halford, Alfred Lott and Lynda Sears said they were willing to stand for re-election to the committee. Brian Baker proposed that the committee should be re-elected en-block which was approved.

Adam Dunlop and Nick Neville offered to join the committee and were duly elected

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8. Proposed Dates for 2023

Dates for Autumn Term 2023 were announced as follows:

(a) Friday morning sessions (10:00 – 12:00)

AGM - Friday 8 September 2023

Friday 15 September - Friday 1 December 2023 (12 weeks, first meeting of month via Zoom)

Christmas Party – Friday 8 December 2023

(b) Wednesday Afternoon Clinics (14:30 – 16:30)

Wednesdays 6 September, 4 October, 1 November and 6 December 2023

All meetings and clinics will be held at the Little Bookham Village Hall except Friday 6 October, Friday 3 November and Friday 1 December 2022 which will be held by Zoom.

9. Proposed Courses for Autumn 2023

Sue Halford presented a draft of the proposed courses for Autumn Term 2023 (posted on website).

10. Any Other Business

The members proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for the hard work they have carried out during the year.

11. Date of Next AGM

10:00 on Friday 13 September 2024 (tbc).

Brian Baker (Secretary)

11 September 2023

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Chairman's Report AGM 2023

The past year has been even more challenging for many people around the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its after effects. The pandemic has brought about many challenges such as job losses, business closures, and supply chain disruptions. However, there have also been some positive changes such as increased digitization and remote work opportunities. These include using Artificial Intelligence (AI) which, for example, can be used to produce new Vaccines and diagnosing cancerous issues in a very short time.

There is a full agenda today, so I'll keep this report short. In Particular, there are proliferations of SCAMMERS which are a continual and growing problem, and this will be best addressed as a separate session after the coffee break.

The seemingly ever-changing technology from computers to mobile devices such as smart phones to health and fitness wearable devices such as Fitbit and Apple watches all requiring security updates almost daily means that one has to learn new tricks every day.

Once again, the administration and organising of club meetings and sessions to address these problems have fallen on Sue and Brian and what I said last year I would like to reiterate again. Sue's ability to keep tabs on the members, and ensure they are kept up-to-date and to organise the various Windows courses, whether by ZOOM sessions or in the Hall, requires a great deal of time and commitment. Then of course there is Brian whose quizzes are almost, legendary and which all of us enjoy so much. I must also take this opportunity to acknowledge the effort Brian contributes for his work on creating and servicing our new website.

Without their dedication and effort, I truly feel the club might have withered on the vine so I know that on your behalf you would also like me to add your note of thanks.

We have been exceedingly lucky that Adam Dunlop and Nick Neville have joined the club as volunteers and brought their considerable knowledge to assist us in our sessions.

There are two other members that I would also, once again, like to thank and that's Lynda Sears for her untiring devotion to producing the tea and biscuits to help the meeting along. The second is John Cross. Without John's tireless effort to ensure the hall is setup, cleaned and fit for purpose we couldn't hold a meeting.

As I said last year it would be extremely remiss of me not to take this opportunity and on behalf of the committee to thank all of you for your support during these difficult times. We have missed the camaraderie, making friends and generally enjoying the social gathering every Friday in the village hall which is the heart of the club.

Ian Brand, Chairman