



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE LITTLE BOOKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Present (Committee members only)**

Brian Baker (Secretary)

Ian Brand

Sue Halford

Joan Gillingham

Lynda Sears

**1. Welcome**

Brian Baker welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2. Apologies for absence (Committee members only)**

Phil Cook

Alfred Lott.

**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 2022, see attached report (not posted on website). The Statement of Accounts was approved.

**6. Proposed Annual Membership and Course Fees**

Sue Halford proposed that the annual membership fee for the forthcoming year (Sept 2022 to Sept 2023) be increased to £25. Sue's proposal was approved.

**7. Committee**

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

Given the move to an annual membership fee has significantly reduced financial administration, Brian proposed that the role of Treasurer and Secretary be combined. This proposal was approved.

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

Phil Cook, 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.

Chris Bourgeois offered to join the committee and was duly elected.

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## **8. Proposed Dates for 2022**

Dates for Autumn Term 2022 were announced as follows:

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

AGM - Friday 9 September 2022

Friday 16 September - Friday 2 December 2022 (12 weeks, first meeting of month via Zoom)

Christmas Party – Friday 9 December 2022

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

Wednesdays 14 September, 5 October, 2 November and 7 December 2022.

All meetings and clinics will be held at the Little Bookham Village Hall except Friday 7 October, Friday 4 November and Friday 2 December 2022 which will be held by Zoom.

## **9. Proposed Courses for Autumn 2022**

Sue Halford presented a draft of the proposed courses for Autumn Term 2022.

## **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**

Friday 8 September 20223 (tbc).

**Brian Baker (Secretary)**

26 September 2022

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## Chairman's Report AGM 2022

After another challenging 12 months, we are, at long last, able to meet again in person. I couldn't deliver the last report in person a year ago so I am very pleased I can this year.

I have missed the personal contact very much and I am so pleased things are at long last are beginning to ease. In the opinion of the committee, it is the coffee, teas and biscuits and the social contact that adds a great deal of community spirit to the club which I think is appreciated by all. So, on behalf of the committee, we would like to thank all of you, our members, for your interest in the club and for your continued support.

During this time once again the glue that holds the club together was manifest in Sue and Brian. Without their time, effort, and ingenuity I feel, no I know, the club would have suffered greatly. 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.

There are two other members that I would also 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 cleaned and fit for purpose we couldn't hold a meeting. Not only that, but he also ensures all the tables, chairs and electrical sockets are cleaned and laid out for the Clinics on Wednesdays and on courses Fridays, and of course clears them away ready for the next group who wish to use the hall. At this time, I would also like to extend the committee's thanks and the club's appreciation for the considerable help that Adam Dunlop has given us over the past year. Adam has brought a fresh look and extensive knowledge to many of our subjects.

As I said at the beginning 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 all 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. Unfortunately, during the last year, we have not always been able to look over your shoulders, on a one-to-one basis, and show which keys to press or icons to select - not only during courses but especially with our clinics. We are sorry that we have not been able to offer the same level of support as we have in the past but hopefully, we will be able to resume our normal monthly clinics, the first of which this term, will be next Wednesday 14th September, with courses to follow. So, on behalf of the committee, we trust you and your families and friends remain safe during these testing times.

Lastly it gives me great pleasure to announce that the committee wish to honour Joan Gillingham with a lifelong fully paid-up membership as recognition of her contribution in establishing the club (some 12 years ago) and her diligent work of the treasurer over the past few years.

Ian Brand, Chairman