AGM Minutes

9th April 2026

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reading his report.
The Agenda was electronically portrayed over head on slides produced by our Web site co-ordinator Ian Petrie.
The Chair then asked John Meins the Treasurer to give his report. The Chair asked for a proposer and seconder. The members, bar one, were all in favour of accepting the audited Accounts. It was then proposed that we increase subs by 10% to £66.0
The member against ask as to why we have £5000 on deposit earning scant interest. He suggested that perhaps it should be spent on subsidising a few events or by not raising the Subs.
This was answered by the Chair saying that all events were priced to break even and usually made a small loss. The meeting did not agree to the idea of subsidies and voted for the raising of Subs
However we do not expect this to cover the expected increase in Speaker Fees, room hire, and other basic expenses. We are cautiously using some of our capital.

The committee will debate the prudence of further reductions in our capital.

Neil presented his Membership report saying Membership numbers were at 78 and asked Members to try to recruit younger generation retirees.
He had also been able to get an advert in the Local Directory.

The Speaker Secretary, Geoff, gave his report saying that he had engaged 27 Speakers including 4 for the Ladies Meetings. 2 were free. The average fee was £106 - up 15% on last year.

Bryan, our President said that we'd had 40 successful years and thanked the committee. He also stressed that we need Members to encourage younger retirees to join us.
He then proposed the re-election of all the Committee Members except Geoff, who is retiring. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Chair proposed Geoff's successors, Sandy Phillips and Peter Rogers who were duly elected to join the committee.

In AOB, the members voted to accept the latest modifications to the Rules and to remain a men's only Club.

Note. All the Reports and financial statements are available to view on our Web Site