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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 2.00pm
Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their loyalty and for renewing their subscriptions.

2. Apologies for absence

Mr and Mrs Allies, Jean Smith and Mike Shaw.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 5th November 2024

The Chairman mentioned that copies of the Minutes were sent out with the last newsletter and asked whether there were any comments or queries. None were forthcoming.

The Minutes were approved by all.

4. Matters arising from AGM

No matters arising.

5. Committee's Report on the activities of the last year

The Chairman reiterated that a copy of the Report was sent out with the last newsletter so there was no need to go through it in detail. She offered her thanks to the Committee. Jane Barrie and Margaret Way for arranging an excellent programme of events. and our Treasurer David Balston and Membership Secretary Jean Eales for keeping our finances and records in order. Also, Helen Phillips our Trips & Tours Organiser, particularly for an excellent visit to Haswell House and a tour of Kent in September. Helen would like to step down and a replacement is sought. The Chairman mentioned the completion of the Jeremy Cooper Postcard Project at Hestercombe. It was amazing job with over 2,500 hours of volunteers' time. A special mention was made of Moira Townsend who stayed on for an extra year to check every entry. Thanks were due to Tricia Hay and her helpers for providing coffee and tea before lectures and new members' lunches. Thank you to Vaun Wilkins and Anne Pattemore and others for running the raffle at meetings which have raised money for a further donation of art bags. Also, thanks to Andrew Janes for providing technical support at every lecture.

Forms were left on chairs asking for volunteer help in the future. The Chairman asked for volunteers who might be willing to shadow society members or take over some roles completely.

6. Financial Report

The Chairman handed over to David Balston for the financial report.

The Treasurer was pleased to report that this year our accounts and finances remain in a healthy state. He explained the difference in surplus between last year and this; the reason being that last year we made a one-off adjustment as a result of the change from accrual accounting.

He offered a huge thanks to Terry Weymouth who examines our accounts. For proposal:

(a) to receive and approve the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025

Proposed by Jane Barrie. Seconded by Nick Lake.

Passed nem con.

(b) the re-appointment of Terry Waymouth as independent examiner of the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2026.

Proposed by David Balston. Seconded by Rosemary Norton.

Passed nem con.

7. Election of Officers

Chairman	Mrs Barbara Shaw
Vice Chairman	Mrs Margaret Way
Hon. Treasurer	Mr David Balston
Hon Secretary	Mrs Jean Eales

Proposed by Eve Bletcher. Seconded by Sonia Plether.

Approved by all so passed nem con.

8. Election of Committee:

<i>For re-election:</i>	Mrs Jane Barrie, Programme Secretary
	Mrs Jean Eales, Membership Secretary
	Mrs Helen Phillips, Tours Organiser
	Mrs Margaret Way, Special Interest Day Organiser
	Mrs Penny Whitefield, Minutes Secretary
	Mrs Tricia Hay – Hospitality

Proposed by John Townson. Seconded by Sarah Armstrong.

Passed nem con.

9. To consider the following resolution:

That the annual subscription payable for the 2026/2027 season shall be £50.

Proposed by David Balston and seconded by Margaret Way.

No objections. Passed nem con.

5. A.O.B

There was no other business.

6. Date of next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 3rd November 2026