

# ARDEN CLUB



## Minutes – AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

The meeting opened at 20.15

Apologies for absence:

Stephen & Denise Bailey, Mike & Helen Lobb-Jones, David Witham, Bea Williams, Lisa Maxwell and Alan & Liz Griffith

Chairman's Report:

Not available as there was no Chairman for the past year.

Treasurer's Report:

Roger Jackson, presented by Paul

Roger was not able to attend, however copies of the accounts were circulated and Paul gave the report. We ended the year with £694.84 in the bank which is much less than at the start of the year, however part of that balance was carry over from the previous year of 'Week Away' deposit monies received but not yet paid to Warner's. Main expenditure from the funds was for donations, Christmas Meal, bank charges and printing sundries. Helen was due to pay in around £200 from previous raffles leaving approx £900. We always aim to keep £500 in the account to cover any eventualities, so there are approx £400 surplus that could be used for this year's Christmas Meal or further charitable donations, let me have your suggestions.

The need for an additional signatory for the Club account was raised and this needs to be resolved.

Events Secretary Report:

Richard Avery

Over the last 12 months the Club has put on or supported 14 events

- 7 Organised Runs
- 5 Shows/Displays
- 1 Social Events
- 1 Club Holiday Adventure

In addition the organisation of Christmas Meals at both The Kings Court Hotel and the BMM Gaydon, which were both very much enjoyed.

- 10 member couples have been involved in putting on the Events
- 5 of which have been involved in more than one event.

There has also been the regular monthly Club Meetings at the Golden Cross – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month & the Breakfast Meetings at the BMM 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

The Breakfast Meetings at the BMM have grown in regular numbers over the year with lots of enjoyable chat over a coffee and breakfast bap.

A very big thank you to everyone who gave their time to organising all of the events this year - the events were all well supported by the club members.

## Database Report:

Paul Dunster

### Data Base Statistics for 2025:

We have 80 lines on the data base (a line can be a single person or a couple) and 17 Honaree Lines. The Club interactions are measured over 38 events (11 Club Nights, 11 Breakfast Meetings and 16 Events). Attendance at these events was 428 at Club Nights (Ave 39/Meeting), 182 at Breakfast Meetings (Ave 16½/Meeting) and 544 at Events (Ave 34/Event). The total number of interactions was 1,154 (Ave 30/event). There were 6 New Members attending, however all of them have so far not returned for another interaction!. This was also true in 2024 with 9 New Members but only 3 who attended only once. In 2023 it was 8 New Members of which 5 only attended once.

Some years ago David started awarding a prize for the person/couple who had the most attendances, so I have continued this but for last year I have based it on the 'Events' only, which brought a clear winner. Well done to Mick & Margy who attended 14 of the possible 16 events, worthy winners of the prize.

### Election of Officers:

#### Chairman

Position Vacant

All the current officers of the Club are willing to continue in post and no further applicants were received, the Chairman of the meeting proposed that they were all re-elected on block, seconded by Steve Entwistle. The motion was carried and the officials of the Club are therefore as follows:

#### Treasurer

Roger Jackson

#### Events Secretary

Richard & Fiona Avery

#### Newsletter Editor & Deputy

David Pitt

Graham Robson

#### Database Secretary and Deputy

Paul Dunster

David Rayner

#### Webmaster

Mike Jones

#### Raffle

Helen & Mike Lobb-Jones

#### Enjoying MG Reports

Graham Robson

#### Facebook Reports

Paul Dunster

#### Any Other Business

No other business

The meeting closed at 20.32

Paul Dunster

10<sup>th</sup> March 2026