

Ipswich Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at Kesgrave Community Centre

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, and welcomed the 12 members and their 5 partners present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mike Holmes, Paul Whiting, Dave Wendon and Tony Whitmarsh had all presented their apologies for not being present.

2. Minutes of last AGM of 12 April 2023

Copies of the minutes of the 2023 AGM were provided to those attending this meeting. There being no objections to them, they were duly signed by the Chairman as being an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

The signed Group Charter and completed Group Register were sent to Brighton.

4. Group Report

An important event for the Committee has been the change in Norwich Group. Last April, at their AGM they were unable to put together a full committee, so they were converted to what is called a "Low Overhead" group, with one "local volunteer" to organise events etc. Normally, these groups are supervised and directly financed by Brighton HQ, but the Ipswich Committee has agreed to take on the administration functions on their behalf. The main change for us has been that Mike Holmes (who was the volunteer) has joined our committee, although he is mainly involved with the Norwich events. This means that we now cover the Norwich Group events in our reports, which is why they are listed in the Handout – or at least those from last April.

The handout has a list of all the events run by the Group in 2023, and the number of people who came along. For Ipswich Group, the numbers are broadly similar to last year, with some events doing better than others, but it was ever thus. I am glad to say that we have seen some new faces in the audience who have come back for more, so we seem to be doing something right. I understand from Bob Thomas that our group is seen by Headquarters as being among the best as far as the number of events we run, and the attendances. For Norwich Group, we managed to run a full programme from September, and again the attendances were broadly similar to previous years. It seems that the members still want to take part in events, just not to organise them.

The Committee is still focussed on the task of putting together the regular programme of speaker evenings, lunchtime noggins and some "days out" for the summer. These are listed in the programme cards, and in the newsletter. We hope you find them enjoyable, but we are always pleased to hear of any recommendations for speakers or events we could provide.

We all owe a special "thank you" to Bob Thomas who produces both the programme cards and newsletters, not just for us but for Peterborough and now Norwich as well. This is on top of his role as Local Group Representative which covers all the Groups in South East England so he has quite a responsibility. We must also thank Nicky and Peter for providing us with tea and biscuits at our events.

5. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Group's treasurer Paul Whiting, David Gibson presented the Group's accounts which were provided to those attending the meeting and are appended to these minutes. The main points are that these figures cover both Ipswich and Norwich Groups, so the turnover has increased markedly because of the extra meals involved. This has also caused meeting expenses and travel costs to rise.

6. Election of Officers and Committee

The current officers have all indicated they are prepared to stand for re-election in their current posts, so the nominations were:-

Chairman	John Mills
Treasurer	Paul Whiting
Secretary	David Gibson

All of the committee members have indicated that they were willing to stand for election, and a new member John Capon has also volunteered to join the committee. In addition, Mike Holmes from Norwich has joined our committee to provide a link to the Norwich Group community. So the following are standing for election as ordinary members of the committee:-

John Capon, Mike Holmes, Peter Richards, Bob Thomas, Ron Willett.

Mikki King proposed that these people should be elected as officers and committee, seconded by David L Gibson, and the motion was passed unanimously.

7. Signing of Group Charter

The Chairman signed the Group Charter at this point, as required by the rules of the Club.

8. Group Attendance award

The annual award for the highest attendance at Group events by a non-committee member (the Group Attendance Award) went to Mikki King.

9. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

Event Summary for 2023

Ipswich Group		Norwich Group	
“Hong Kong Police”	21	Noggin and Natter	8
Noggin at The Railway	7	“Faberge Eggs”	24
Memoirs of Dad’s Army	28	AGM	23
Noggin at The Railway	11	AGM second part	25
Village to Submarines	25	BBQ Sugar Beat	15
50 th Anniversary Dinner	38	“Whistlecraft Family”	28
AGM and “Medieval England”	22	Centenary Dinner	23
Noggin at The Railway	14	“Christmas Star	19
Horseracing evening	26		
Fish & Chip at “The Hut”	23		
Lowestoft transport museum	18		
Air Raid shelter	15		
Summer party event	21		
Treasure Hunt	20		
Noggin at The Railway	15		
“Treasures of Ipswich”	16		
Noggin at The Railway	9		
“Shadowing Peter Pan”	31		
Noggin at The Railway	8		
“Return to Bhutan”	18		
Christmas Dinner	31		
“The Star of Bethlehem”	16		
Total	433	Total	188

IPSWICH GROUP – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2023

Item	2022 Actual	2023 Actual
Income		
Brought Forward	1662.58	188.70
Imprests	1494.00	3358.51
Social	1087.00	3188.00
Competitions	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Recognition	0.00	0.00
Total	4243.58	6735.21
Expenditure		
Postage	119.76	116.12
Travel expenses	209.61	287.50
Miscellaneous	215.76	34.82
Meeting Expenses	20.00	76.70
Room Hire	1460.80	1085.50
Social	1299.54	3897.32
Speaker's Expenses	556.20	636.80
Visit Donations	50.00	0.00
Competitions	10.00	0.00
Publicity/Printing	0.00	56.00
Printing Newsletter	113.21	136.66
Total	4054.88	6327.42
Carried Forward	188.70	407.79

Notes

1 Including Norwich accounts

increased travel expenses

increased meeting expenses

2 More meals means greater throughput of social expenses

P J Whiting, Treasurer

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