

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 466th meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 18th November 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

In the Chair Mr. I. Jarrett (IJ)
 Secretary Mrs. A. Barnwell (AB)
 Treasurer Mrs. L. Tenan (LT)
 Committee Members: Mr. B. Boaden (BB), Mr. G. Searson (GS), Mr. R. Barnwell (RB)

466/1. Apologies for Absence
 All committee members present.

466/2. Minutes from the 465th meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

466/3. Matters Arising
 465/9 The date of the annual Committee meal was amended to 3.3.25.

466/4. Correspondence

a) The following is a full list of correspondence received and forwarded to Committee members or raised at the meeting indicated, as appropriate:

Received	Title	Forwarded
23.9.24	Recognising our Volunteers	22.10.24
30.9.24	New Single Event Notice Form Announcement	-
5.10.24	Re: Shropshire Group – minutes of 465 th meeting held on 16.9.24	Replied 5.10.24
6.10.24	Enquiry – Shropshire Group	Replied 6.10.24
22.10.24	Reminder: Recognising our Volunteers – Shropshire Group	Replied 23.10.24
1.11.24	Mentioned as promised	Replied 1.11.24
18.11.24	Peter Denny	18.11.24

b) The following is a list of communications with those indicated:

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
5.10.24	Re: Shropshire Group – minutes of 465 th meeting held on 16.9.24	Reply on behalf of Group	To D. Knight
6.10.24	Enquiry – Shropshire Group	New member enquiry if nearest group, and C&C rally dates	To Stephen Bellinger
23.10.24	Reminder: Recognising our Volunteers – Shropshire Group	Specified allocation of Volunteer Rewards	To Kadie Crichton
1.11.24	Mentioned as promised	Response re Budget Proposal emails	To Denise Knight

It was agreed that a bag be requested for the Treasurer's use, but unfortunately there were none left.

AB reported that a new member had sent an email to her on 6.10.24 asking if Shropshire was the nearest, and if there were any rally dates (presumably C&C events). AB replied the same day, though it was a little difficult without any details. AB raised the question of why new members do not appear to be sent a welcome pack of their local Groups, events etc.

IJ reported that the decline in membership numbers had been turned around, balancing natural wastage, and also getting people to stay for a second year. This was discussed and it was felt that the range of events, outings etc., should be promoted more, to get more members to attend.

The possibility of making use of promotional emails was discussed. As 3-4 future events are required for the promotion, it was agreed that once the calendar was filled for the early part of 2025 an email shot could be requested.

466/5. Newsletter

BB continued to issue the Forthcoming Events each month, and to add any new members to the circulation.

466/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that Chief Executive of MSUK (Motor Sport UK) came to the Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs meeting, to report that all is well in the motor sport world. The Sport80 website was promoted, as it is the updated method of registering to take part in all aspects of motor sport, including training. MSUK are trying to get the World Rally Championships back in the UK, based in Aberdeen. From January 2025 there will no longer be a Blue Book (competitions regulations), as the National Competition Regulations are only online, on the MSUK website.

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466/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2024				
11.9.24	Cartoon Drawing, Part 2 – Malcolm Whittall	HHH	10 members 4 partners 1 guest	Unfortunately, a number of members were unable to attend, so missed the chance of another hilarious demonstration of drawing ability (or not) led by Malcolm. A very enjoyable evening.
13.11.24	The Sun – Peter Williamson	HHH	18 members 8 partners 3 guests	Peter Williamson returned to inform us all about the sun, and how it works, with some fascinating videos and photos.

b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2024				
4.12.24 7.30pm	Annual Quiz	Norbury VH – c ST20 0PA	A chance for N. Staffs members to challenge the Shropshire teams, and enjoy nibbles and drinks	AB
2025				
12.2.25 7.30pm	Gizmos & Gadgets – Kath Reynolds	HHH - c	Reflecting on those 'must have' latest creations from K-Tel, Ronco, Pifco, etc. that you just had to have but most were pretty useless!	AB
12.3.25 7.30pm	It's Not Just Iron – Kate Cadman	HHH – c	There's a lot more to the industries in and around the Ironbridge Gorge than just the iron.	LT
9.4.25 7.30pm	AGM + Living with an Electric Car – Roger Davis	HHH – c	After the business, Roger returns to tell about his experiences using his electric car	AB
14.5.25 7.30pm	tba	HHH - c		AB
11.6.25 7.30pm	Life & Times of Patrick Lichfield – Judith Hubble	HHH - c	Hear about the life and times of Patrick Lichfield, 5 th Earl of Lichfield	AB
9.7.25 7.30pm	Treasure Hunt in Shifnal	???	Walking treasure hunt around Shifnal	IJ
10.9.25 7pm ?	By River & Sea – Mark Sisson	HHH – c	Mark returns from his world-wide travels to stun us with his fantastic pictures of wildlife; this time by rivers and seas. It should be a good night.	BB
8.10.25 7.30pm	What's in a Word? – Alan Lewis	HHH - c	Discover the origin of some everyday words and phrases	AB
12.11.25 7.30pm	Shropshire Seasons from the Skies – Ric Morris	HHH – c	A different view of Shropshire, in all seasons	BB
10.12.25 7.30pm	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall – tbc ST20 0PA	The annual quiz, where we all find out how much we don't know	AB

Other events to be investigated:-

- Thai food night – AB/IJ
- Archaeology from the skies by Andy Wigley – AB
- Shropshire Wildlife – BB
- Surnames – Their History and Meaning by Richard Churchley (Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug 2023 onwards) – AB
- English Heritage re Wroxeter or Boscobel House – LT
- Evening event at Wappenshall Junction – AB
- BIFOR talk – AB
- Speaker in Wirral – IJ.

466/8. Accounts

LT reported that her computer was being worked on to improve its performance, so the accounts were not presented in detail at the meeting. However there was sufficient money in the bank for the remainder of 2024. The computer problems also meant that the last quarter's QBA had not been submitted yet. The allocation of the Charity Money was agreed as £200 for Alzheimers Research UK, with the remainder to WM Air Ambulance.

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461/9. Dates of Next Meetings

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
10.2.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
3.3.25	Monday	Tba	Tba	Committee meal
28.4.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
30.6.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
15.9.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
17.11.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting

466/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.16pm. These minutes are a true record of the 466th meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: