

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 465th meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 16th September 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)

465/1. Apologies for Absence
 All committee members present.

465/2. Minutes from the 464th meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

465/3. Matters Arising
 There were no matters arising.

465/4. 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
13.9.24	Member Communities Communiqué – September 2024	13.9.23
21.8.24	Hello from your Local Group Representative - Denise	-
21.8.24	Local & Interest Groups 2025 Budget Requests	21.8.24

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
2.9.24	Re: Hello from your Local Group Representative - Denise	Reply on behalf of Group	To D. Knight

The September Member’s Communiqué was discussed. It was agreed to request a bag, for the Treasurer’s use. 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.

There was a discussion around the lack of communication regarding the required Budget Proposals, because all the forms etc. were sent to the Secretary and Chairman of the Group, but not to the Treasurer!

AB read out the responses sent to D. Knight on 2.9.24, for the LGR Report, and these were discussed. It was agreed that the Group's views had been concisely expressed.

465/5. Newsletter
 BB continued to issue the Forthcoming Events each month, and to add any new members to the circulation.

465/6. Competition Matters
 IJ reported that there was nothing to report from The Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs. However, MSUK have changed the way licences are being renewed this year; so that the Sport80 website must now be used. There is also a fire training session at Shelsey Walsh on 19.10.24.

465/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2024				
10.7.24	Attingham Park – John Tisbury	HHH	12 members 3 partners 1 guest	The speaker was very knowledgeable and provided a very interesting talk about Attingham and its history.
11.9.24	An Old Fogey’s Rail Trip – Roger Davis	HHH	17 members 6 partners 0 guests	The speaker from West Midlands Air Ambulance Service was unable to attend, and Group member Roger stepped in at the last minute to provide a fascinating talk about his adventures on the railway using a senior rail card and a week-long first-class travel card. He covered the country (Penzance to Aberdeen, plus Wales) and met some lovely people along the way.

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b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2024				
9.10.24 7.30pm	Cartoon Drawing Part 2 – Malcolm Whittall	HHH - c	Malcolm returns to tutor us all in cartoon drawing, great fun last time	AB
13.11.24 7.30pm	The Sun – Peter Williamson	HHH - c	Peter returns to tell us all about the sun, how it changes, how it affects us, and much more	IJ
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	Surnames – Richard Churchley ???	HHH - c	Surnames – their history and meanings	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	??	HHH - c		
12.11.25 7.30pm		HHH – c		
10.12.25 7.30pm	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall – tbc ST20 0PA		

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.

465/8. Accounts

An imprest of £800 was received, and the 2025 Budget Proposal has been submitted. Note that a £100 cheque has not yet been cashed, though listed in Expenditure.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 30.6.24 to 15.9.24

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2024 Budget		3300.00
	Cleared Imprest		-2800.00	
	Budget Remaining			500.00
	Bank Balance		2156.85	
	Uncshd chq 100791		100.00	
	Cash Tin		112.45	
	Total Monies Held			2369.30
	Of which Charity		677.00	
	Volunteer Reward			
	Total Funds Available to Group			1692.30

BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1853.65

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2.7.24	HH Room Hire, Comm Mtg	Visa	-99.00	1754.65
10.7.24	Bank charges		-5.40	1749.25
10.7.24	NT speaker fee	Chq 100791	-100.00	1649.25
10.7.24	HH Room Hire, event	Visa	-141.00	1508.25
9.8.24	Bank Charges		-5.40	1502.85
6.9.24	Imprest		800.00	2302.85
9.9.24	Bank Charges		-5.00	2297.85
12.9.24	HH Room Hire, event	Visa	-141.00	2156.85

End of period	303.20	2156.85
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CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		150.60
1.7.24	Committee travel expenses		-31.50	119.10
1.7.24	Biscuits for Events		-6.65	112.45
	End of period		-38.15	112.45

L Tenan, Treasurer.

N.B. Chq. 100791 not yet cashed, so included in 'Total Monies Held', actual available = £1592.30

461/9. Dates of Next Meetings

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
18.11.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
10.2.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
24.2.25	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

465/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. These minutes are a true record of the 465th meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: