

Ipswich Group

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 02/2024**

**Held on Wednesday 20 November 2024**

**at “The Railway” PH**

**Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA**

**Present:-** Mr J Mills (Chairman)  
Mr D Gibson (Secretary)  
Mr P Whiting (Treasurer)  
Mr R J Thomas  
Mr P Richards  
Mrs N Richards (by invitation)  
Mr M Holmes

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2:35 pm.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Ron Willett and John Capon were unable to attend, due to previous appointments, and had presented their apologies in advance.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of meeting 03/2024 agreed and signed.

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. Secretary's Report**

The secretary had submitted claims for vouchers under the “Recognising Volunteers” scheme, and has been told that they should be sent out to the recipients on the day of our meeting.

The new SEN system is in place, and the secretary had put in some for future events. The new system is certainly much simpler, especially for the types of events run by our groups, ie meals at restaurants or talks at staffed venues, especially if we use the same places repeatedly.

The Group has been offered a chance to attend the Member Day event at Colchester Castle (winter light show) at a special rate for a combined group. We put out a flyer with the Traveller, and had 9 takers for the event.

No Communique's or Council minutes have been received (so nothing passed on!), but received notification that Peter Denny had sadly passed away. He had been a long-standing member, and rose to the top levels of the organisation.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£657.45</u></b>
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### Income

Ipswich Xmas meal receipts	£470.00
Norwich Xmas meal receipts	£350.94
Imprest	£515.00

### Expenditure

September committee travel	£58.80
Ipswich September clubnight speaker	£80.00
Ipswich September clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich October meeting speaker	£70.00
Ipswich October clubnight speaker	£90.00
Ipswich October clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich Xmas meal deposit	£180.00
Treasurer's expenses	£46.99
Ipswich November clubnight speaker	£80.00

### Current Balance

**£1151.00**

The Treasurer was authorised to apply for the next Imprest.

### **7. Past events**

11 September Ipswich Clubnight Barbara Meyer "Big Cats around the Globe"	23 members and 1 guest
A good talk with excellent pictures, and went down well. She has more talks, so can come again.	
25 September Ipswich noggin at "The Railway"	11 members and 0 guests
26 September Norwich Cromer Pier show	7 members and 3 guests
This seems to be losing its appeal, as members may be finding it harder to get to the venue.	
9 October Ipswich Clubnight Sarah Doig "Village Signs"	23 members and 2 guests
Again. Good talk well received – another speaker to come again.	
10 October Norwich Talk Paul Whiting "The Eyes of the Few!"	12 members and 0 guests
Slightly better attendance at last!	
23 October Ipswich Noggin at "The Railway"	9 members and 0 guests
Clashed with a U3A event, so a few regulars absent	
13 November Ipswich Clubnight Andy Malcolm "The Fisherman's Mission"	21 members and 1 guest

Entertaining event (not just a talk) with proceeds going to a good cause. The combination of speaker's fee, sale of items and donations from members raised the total of £222 for the charity.

**8. Future Events**

The Secretary circulated the current version of the Rolling Programmes for Ipswich and Norwich Groups.

For Ipswich, the programme for 2025 has been set out, with speakers and venues booked for the spring, but we need to fill in some of the details for later in the year.

For Norwich, Mike Holmes provided a list of potential events for 2025, but the pressure is on to fill in the details.

The secretary had received an approach from Cheryl Peachy of Yorkshire Building Society, where she offered to give us one of a number of presentations which may benefit our members. It was possible they could be offered to both Ipswich and Norwich Groups, so we would pursue the offer, and perhaps set up a separate event for them.

The programmes are attached to the minutes.

**9. Editors report**

The editor has produced the local newsletters for both Ipswich and Norwich, on the basis of one per month per group. He was now working on the Xmas editions for both groups, but emphasised the need for input on future events.

**10. Any Other Business**

None

**11. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that we should continue to use "The Railway" for our meetings.

Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 2:15pm  
at "The Railway" PH  
Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA

Meeting closed at 4:10 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

D M Gibson (Secretary)

**Ipswich Group Rolling Events list as of 8 November 2024**

Date	Event	Organiser	Booked	SEN
	<b>2024</b>			
27 Nov	Christmas Dinner Rushmere Bowls Club	JFM	Yes	025
11 Dec	Clubnight Peter Jones "Zeppelins over East Anglia"	DMG	Yes	024
	<b>2025</b>			
8 Jan	Clubnight Richard Symes (National Trust) "Dunwich Heath"	DMG	Yes	
22 Jan	Noggin "The Railway"			
12 Feb	Clubnight Chris Turland "Felixstowe Flying Boats"	DMG	Yes	
26 Feb	Noggin "The Railway"			
12 Mar	Clubnight Tony Friedlander "My Long Lost family"	DMG	Yes	
26 Mar	Annual Dinner			
9 Apr	AGM and talk Mike Wabe "Coffee the Devil's Drink"	RJT	Yes	
23 Apr	Noggin "The Railway"			
14 May	Clubnight			
28 May	Fish & Chip night			
11 Jun	Summer visit with Norwich			
9 July	Summer BBQ "The Railway"			
06 Aug	Picture Trail			
10 Sep	Clubnight			
24 Sep	Noggin			
8 Oct	Clubnight			
22 Oct	Noggin			
12 Nov	Clubnight			

26 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
10 Dec	Clubnight Mike Wabe "Christmas Carol"	RJT		

### Norwich Group Rolling Events list as of 8 November 2024

Date	Event	Organiser	Booked	SEN
	<b>2024</b>			
28 Nov	Christmas Dinner	MH/RJT	Yes	046
12 Dec	Talk Stephen Poulter "Supernatural Norfolk"	DMG	Yes	2366
	<b>2025</b>			
9 Jan	No event			
13 Feb	Afternoon talk Sarah Doig "A to Z of Curious Norfolk"	DMG	Yes	047
13 Mar	Afternoon talk Bridewell museum	MH		
27 Mar	Spring Lunch Filby Bridge	MH/RJT		
10 Apr	Afternoon talk Pubs & churches of Norwich	MH		
8 May	Afternoon talk Chris Parfitt "Bhutan"	DMG		
11 Jun	Summer Visit Secret Garden Earlham Rd	MH		
10 Jul	Local visit Norwich Castle			
14 Aug	No event			
11 Sep	No event			
9 Oct	Afternoon talk Pip Wright "?"	DMG		
13 Nov	Christmas Dinner Filby Bridge	MH/RJT		
11 Dec	Afternoon talk Paul Whiting "Galapagos Islands"	PJW		

