

Ipswich Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 01/2024

Held on Saturday 24 February 2024

hosted by Dot and Ron Willett

at 11 Wimborne Avenue, Ipswich IP3 8QW

Present:- Mr J Mills (Chairman)
Mr D Gibson (Secretary)
Mr P Whiting (Treasurer)
Mr R J Thomas
Mr M Holmes
Mr R Willett

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2:15 pm, and welcomed us to the meeting. He thanked Dot and Ron Willett for agreeing to hold the meeting at their house again.

2. Apologies for Absence

Pete and Nicky Richards presented their apologies in advance of the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary had made an error in these minutes, as he had used the wrong name for the Speaker in the Clubnight of 8 November. The speaker was in fact Chris Parfitt, not Chris Partridge as shown. Noting this correction, the minutes of meeting 06/2023 agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Secretary's Report

It was noted that the "Recognising Volunteers" vouchers had been received by everyone, in time for Christmas.

Received from HQ the Communique and Club Council minutes which were forwarded to the Committee. Noted that there has been a request for nominations for the role of Local Group Representative, with closing date of 18 March with the election to take place in March/April.

There was an issue at the February event for Norwich Group, when one couple unfortunately left the venue without paying for their lunch. Mike Holmes was contacted by the venue, and returned to settle the account, and has subsequently been reimbursed by the Club. From the list of attendees kept by the secretary, and with the help of the CCTV at the venue, the couple have been identified, and they will be asked to pay up the next time they come to an event.

Bob Thomas gave us some feedback from the Club Council meeting (which he attends as LGR), which was that all 3 East Anglia Groups are seen to be doing well, with a slight rise in attendances.

6. Treasurer's Report

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£1919.57</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Ipswich Xmas meal member payments	£195.00
Norwich Centenary meal income	£122.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
November committee travel	£64.40
Ipswich Xmas meal	£900.00
Norwich Centenary Meal	£506.70
Ipswich December clubnight speaker	£60.00
Ipswich December clubnight room hire	£109.50
Norwich event speaker	£60.00
Newsletter costs (Jul – Dec)	£128.18
<u>End of Year Balance</u>	<u>£407.79</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Imprest	£787.00
Ipswich Meal member payments	£135.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Ipswich January Clubnight speaker fee	£60.00
Norwich January event venue costs	£159.00
Treasurer's postage	£6.20
Ipswich January Clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich February talk speaker fee	£60
Norwich Feb event meal mispayment	£37.55
Ipswich February clubnight speaker fee	£70
Ipswich February clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich March Speaker fee	£70
<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>£630.44</u>

The Treasurer was authorised to apply for the next Imprest.

7. Past events

22 November Ipswich Group Christmas Dinner 25 members and 6 guests

A good attendance for what turned out to be a truly family affair, with several members bringing more of their extended families to the event.

30 November Norwich Boundless centenary dinner 23 members and 0 guests

A reasonable turnout, and the Sugar Beat put on an excellent meal, well presented and served.

13 December Ipswich Clubnight Paul Whiting "The Star of Bethlehem" 16 members and 0 guests

Even the offer of "Christmas Nibbles" is not enough to bring out a bigger attendance.

14 December Norwich talk Paul Whiting "The Star of Bethlehem" 18 members and 1 guest

Yes, same talk again, but with a slightly larger turnout.

10 January 2024 Ipswich Clubnight Pip Wright "Whistlecraft Family of Rickinghall" 13 members and 1 guest

Again, low attendance, which implies we are suffering a Christmas hangover

11 January Norwich New Year noggin 13 members and 0 guests

Again, quite small numbers for this event, even with the excellent tea provided by the "Sugar Beat"

24 January Ipswich Lunchtime Noggin 8 members and 0 guests

Smaller number than before, but probably time of year

8 February Norwich afternoon talk Hannah Jackson "A Royal Palace Reborn" 21 members and 3 guests

Good talk, with a good attendance. This is probably about as many as this venue can accommodate - we need to look at somewhere larger if numbers continue to climb.

14 February Ipswich Clubnight Norma Howell "Medical Detection Dogs" 23 members and 2 guests

A popular subject, and a good presentation. As well as the speaker fee paid by the Club, the presenter rang to say she had collected an extra £50 from the audience, so well done to all concerned.

8. Future Events

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

Other than completing the bookings for all events until the end of April, there has not been any progress on firming up events for the summer and autumn. It is down to the Secretary to get a move on!

The revised programmes are attached to these minutes.

9. Editors report

The editor has produced the local newsletters for both Ipswich and Norwich, and is awaiting some input (especially menus for meals) before sending out the March/April issues.

10. AGM Preparation

All of the existing committee have indicated they are willing to stand for re-election, so the nomination paper has been completed. It was decided that, in order to streamline the event a little, that the Secretary's and Chairman's reports in previous years would be replaced by a single Group Report, covering the main topics of interest to the members.

There is a tie for the Supporter's Award, based on the total number of events attended, so it was decided to use the rule used in other competitions that the first person to miss an event would lose, so Mikki King is the winner for 2023.

11. Any Other Business

None

12. Date and Location of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 2:15pm
hosted by Dot and Ron Willett
at 11 Wimborne Avenue, Ipswich IP3 8QW

Meeting closed at 16:25 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

D M Gibson (Secretary)

Ipswich Group Rolling Events list as of 12 March 2024

Date	Event	Organiser	Booked	SEN
2024				
13 Mar	Clubnight Paul Whiting "Bawdsey Radar – The Eyes of the Few"	PJW	Yes	1926
27 Mar	Group Annual Dinner Rushmere Bowls Club	JFM	Yes	1927
10 Apr	AGM plus talk Mike Wabe "One Man's Meat"	RJT	Yes	1856
24 Apr	Noggin "The Railway"	DMG	Yes	1923
8 May	Clubnight talk on Ipswich Transport Museum			
22 May	Fish & Chips "The Hut"			
12 Jun	Day Trip Southwold with Norwich Group			
26 Jun	Evening Visit Ipswich Transport Museum			
10 Jul	Summer BBQ "The Railway"			
14 Aug	Picture Treasure trail			
11 Sep	Clubnight Richard Symes (National Trust) "Dunwich Heath"			
25 Sep	Noggin			
9 Oct	Clubnight Susan Doig "Village Signs"			
23 Oct	Noggin			
13 Nov	Clubnight Peter Jones "Zeppelins over East Anglia"			
27 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
11 Dec	Clubnight			

Norwich Group Rolling Events list as of 12 March 2024

Date	Event 2024	Organiser	Booked	SEN
14 Mar	Talk Norma Howell "Medical Detection Dogs"	MH	Yes	1931
28 Mar	Filby Bridge Lunch	MH	Yes	1932
11Apr	Talk Ivor Stamp "Norfolk Wherry Trust"	MH	Yes	1933
9 May	Talk Chris Parfitt	DMG	Yes	
12 Jun	Southwold visit with Ipswich group			
11 Jul	Visit Retro TV Workshop			
8 Aug	See show at Yarmouth Hippodrome			
12 Sep	Filby Bridge Lunch			
26 Sep	Cromer Pier show	MH	Yes	
10 Oct	Talk Paul Whiting "Bawdsey Radar – The Eyes of the Few"	PJW	Yes	
14 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
12 Dec	Talk Stephen Poulter "Supernatural Norfolk"			