

Ipswich Group

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 01/2025**

**Held on Wednesday 19 February 2025**

**at “The Railway” PH**

**Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA**

**Present:-**

Mr J Mills (Chairman)  
Mrs A Mills (by invitation)  
Mr D Gibson (Secretary)  
Mr P Whiting (Treasurer)  
Mr R J Thomas  
Mr P Richards  
Mrs N Richards (by invitation)  
Mr M Holmes  
Mr J Capon

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2:25 pm.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Ron Willet was unable to attend, and had presented his apologies in advance.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of meeting 04/2024 agreed and signed.

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. Secretary’s Report**

Everyone had received their “Recognising Volunteers” vouchers in time for Christmas, and this had been well received by all concerned.

There had not been any notifications from HQ other than the minutes of the AGM, which went to all committee members so there was nothing to report there.

Bob Thomas reported on the recent Club Council meeting, and noted that the Club Handbook was being reviewed.

Late news..we had been notified (on the day of our meeting) that the Club was looking for local volunteers to support Club-originated events, one of which was a visit to Jimmy's Farm on 10 May. There was a contact name at Brighton for anyone who would like to volunteer, and this would be a good chance to "sell" the activities of the local Group to people who attended the event.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£1151.00</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Ipswich Xmas meal receipts	£340.00
Norwich Xmas meal receipts	£168.70
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
November committee travel	£68.60
Ipswich November clubnight room hire	£118.30
Ipswich Christmas meal	£858.00
Norwich Xmas meal balance	£339.64
Ipswich December clubnight speaker	£45.00
Ipswich December clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich December speaker	£86.00
Norwich Newsletter	£15.80
<b><u>2024 End-of Year balance</u></b>	<b><u>£10.06</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Imprest	£964.00
Norwich Filby meal receipts	£126.00
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Ipswich January Clubnight speaker	£75.00
Norwich January speaker	£75.00
Ipswich January clubnight room hire	£118.30
Ipswich newsletter costs	£109.14
Ipswich Clubnight refreshment imprest	£40.00
Ipswich February clubnight speaker	£75.00
Norwich February speaker	£90.00
<b><u>Current Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£517.62</u></b>

The Treasurer was authorised to apply for the next Imprest.

## **7. Past events**

27 November Ipswich Christmas Dinner at Bowls Club 25 members and 3 guests

Good event with a nice attendance and excellent meal

28 November Norwich Christmas Lunch at Sugar Beat 12 members and 1 guest

A bit heavy-going for some of us after a dinner the previous evening, but the food was excellent quality and well-served. Numbers low as 5 people were unable to attend through illness.

11 December Ipswich Clubnight Peter Jones "Zeppelins over East Anglia" 26 members and 3 guests

Good talk well received and a good attendance. It's a shame he wont go to Norwich (he is based in Colchester) as it would go down well there too.

12 December Norwich Lunchtime talk Stephen Poulter "Supernatural Norfolk" 11 members and 1 guest

Good talk and good speaker. Shame there weren't more there to hear him!

8 January 2025 Ipswich Clubnight Richard Symes "Dunwich Heath" 17 members and 1 guest

Excellent talk & good speaker who can also do Norwich. OK attendance.

9 January Norwich lunchtime speaker Pip Wright "Travels by Bus Pass" 6 members and 5 guests

Not a good one! Unfortunately due to late booking of the speaker there was virtually no publicity for the event except for a late "flyer" newsletter. Previously Norwich did not have a speaker in January, so this may also have curtailed the attendance.

22 January Ipswich Noggin @ The Railway 10 members and 0 guests

Good event again.

12 February Ipswich Clubnight Chris Turland "Felixstowe Flying Boats" 24 members and 2 guests

Good talk (although he was a bit quiet) and excellent attendance.

13 February Norwich lunchtime speaker Sarah Doig "Curious Norfolk" 25 members and 5 guests

Excellent talk by a good speaker. Good turnout (at last) meant venue was pretty well full.

## **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, the position is similar but the pressure is on to fill in the details. Several people are unhappy with the venue for the Norwich events (especially the hard chairs) and the larger attendance at the last talk shows there is interest in the talks, so perhaps we should look seriously for a new venue.

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.

**10. AGM Preparation**

All at the meeting expressed willingness to stand for re-election in their current roles.

The secretary would go through the meeting attendances to find the person to be given the supporter's award.

Bob Thomas suggested that a "handbook" should be prepared for all those at the meeting, containing Group report, treasurer's report and minutes of the last meeting. These could then be accepted (on the nod) without needing to go through them during the formal meeting, This had been done at other Groups, and had reduced the time spent on the formal meeting.

**11. AOB**

None

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

As some members would not be attending the Clubnight on 14 May (which would have been the preferred choice) it was decided that the next meeting would be:-

**Thursday 15 May 2025 at 2:15pm**

at "The Railway" PH

Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA

Meeting closed at 4:05 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

D M Gibson (Secretary)

**Ipswich Group Rolling Events list as of 3 April 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Booked</b>	<b>SEN</b>
	<b>2025</b>			
26 Feb	Noggin Railway PH	DMG	Yes	077
12 Mar	Clubnight Tony Friedlander "My Long Lost family"	DMG	Yes	076
26 Mar	Noggin Railway PH	DMG	Yes	169
9 Apr	AGM and talk Mike Wabe "Coffee the Devil's Drink"	RJT	Yes	168
23 Apr	Annual Dinner Rushmere Bowls Club	JFM/RJT	Yes	167
14 May	Clubnight Barbara Meyer "Wildlife in East Anglia"	DMG	Yes	
4 Jun	Fish & Chip night	DMG/RJT	Yes	
11 Jun	Summer visit with Norwich Earlham Rd Secret Garden	MH	Yes	173
25 Jun	Evening Visit ST Margarets Church, Ipswich	DMG	Yes	
9 July	Summer BBQ Railway PH	DMG/RJT	Yes	
06 Aug	Picture Trail	PRR		
10 Sep	Clubnight Carol Peachey (Yorkshire BS) Avoiding Fraud and Scams	DMG	Yes	
24 Sep	Noggin Railway PH	DMG		
8 Oct	Clubnight Richard Hobson Memoirs of an RAF Officer	DMG	Yes	
22 Oct	Noggin Railway PH			
12 Nov	Clubnight John Griffiths "Memories of Ipswich Airport"	DMG	Yes	
26 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
10 Dec	Clubnight Mike Wabe "Christmas Carol"	RJT	Yes	
	<b>2026</b>			

14 Jan	Clubnight			
28 Jan	Noggin			
11 Feb	Clubnight Adrian Tindall ' <i>A Handsome Little Town</i> ': a Virtual Tour of Bury St Edmunds.	DMG	Yes	

### Norwich Group Rolling Events list as of 3 April 2025

Date	Event	Organiser	Booked	SEN
	<b>2025</b>			
13 Mar	Afternoon talk F & M Holmes of Norwich Heritage Project "Norwich in the 1950's"	MH	Yes	079
27 Mar	Spring Lunch Filby Bridge	MH/RJT	Yes	170
10 Apr	Afternoon talk Richard Symes "Dunwich Heath"	DMG	Yes	171
8 May	Afternoon talk Andy Malcolm "The Fisherman's Mission"	DMG	Yes	172
11 Jun	Summer Visit Secret Garden Earlham Rd	MH	Yes	173
10 Jul	Local visit Somerleyton Hall	MH		
14 Aug	No event			
11 Sep	Afternoon talk Speaker TBA (Test event at George Hotel)	MH		
9 Oct	Afternoon talk Steve Poulter Dick Turpin	MH	Yes	
13 Nov	Afternoon Talk Sarah Doig	MH	Yes	
11 Dec	Christmas Dinner Filby Bridge	MH/RJT	Yes	