

Minutes of The Arts Society – Woking 36th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025

Trevor Walters (TW) welcomed everyone and asked, it being Remembrance Day, for those able to be upstanding for two minutes of silent reflection.

TW opened the meeting.

1. Apologies

None received

2. Minutes of last AGM held on 12th November 2024

These were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Chairman's Report

TW thanked everyone for coming and warmly welcomed new members.

TW thanked the committee and helpers for the support and hard work that is appreciated and ensures that our society goes from strength to strength.

Thanks to Geoff and Caroline Wiskin for their diligent hard work over the past three years for providing a varied and stimulating lecture programme.

He welcomed Bob and Annie Rider as the new Programme Secretaries who had already put together the 2025/26 programme.

He thanked Mike Peel for his hard work on AV over the past 4 years and wished him well in the future. Paul Gilham has taken over the A/V role.

Thanks also to:

- Sue Walters for the organization of successful visits/trips notably Dublin in October 2024 and Umbria in June 2025
- Sara Barker and Jo Pay for the efficient admin of the membership.
- Angela Grundy for keeping the finances on track.
- Richard Jordan was given thanks for the publicity and recruitment, monthly newsletter, Xmas card, trifold leaflet.
- Pam Jordan for helping with the secretarial.
- Graham and Jean Jordan for a notable contribution for Art at the Station.

TW said that special mention should be made to Kris Perrin for help with the Gift Aid submissions and Katherine Barker for refreshments each week ably supported by Ros Lawson and Mary Pearce.

He also mentioned Gift Aid payments made a significant contribution to our income and asked members to make certain they were signed up with the Membership Secretaries if they were UK income tax payers.

Our Charity donation has been given to support Young Arts at Watts Gallery – Artists Village and The Therapy Garden.

There were no questions.

5. Finance

The annual Accounts were in the Addenda of the Agenda previously circulated. The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet have been signed off by our Independent Financial Examiner, John Gill.

It was noted that the subscription for 2025/2026 had been increased to £55 per person having been fixed at £50 for six years.

These were approved unanimously on a show of hands.

6. Society's Independent Financial Examiner

John Gill had indicated that he was prepared to continue to act in this role. The Members approved his re-appointment unanimously on a show of hands.

7. Committee Reports on the Previous Year's Activities.

Copies of the Committee Reports had been circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

8. Election of the Committee.

The following Committee Members, all of whom have retired pursuant to paragraph 6c) of the Constitution, were elected by a show of hands-

Chairman	James Margary
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Programme Secretaries	Bob and Annie Rider
Treasurer	Angela Grundy
Membership Secretaries	Jo Pay and Sarah Barker
Visits Secretary	Sue Walters
Publicity and Recruitment	Richard Jordan
Secretary	Pam Jordan
Social Media	Vacant

TW said this is the 4th year at Normandy Village Hall which has proved to be successful with c150 members and finances in a stable healthy position. It is important to remember that volunteers are needed in the future to ensure that our society can continue and thrive.

TW said that social media is becoming increasingly important for communication so the Committee is looking for a volunteer to take on the social media role.

TW thanked Romy Read for her service as President over the past three years and welcomed Ros Lawson, also a previous society Chair, to the role.

9. Any Other Business.

Romy Read performed her last duty as President by thanking Trevor Walters for his outstanding leadership and chairmanship for the past five years and wished him luck in his new challenge at NADFAS as Treasurer.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 10.23 am.

The meeting closed at 10.20 a.m.