

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Oaklands, Harley on 28th April 2025

Present: Jane Hague, Neil Lloyd, Jean Buswell, Michael Theobalds, David Foster,
Alison Richards (chair), Christina Gore, Linda Davies

- 1 **Chairman's Introduction/Apologies for Absence** Action
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Jean for hosting, Neil for chairing the last meeting and Jane for the minutes.
Apologies were received from, Glynn Emery, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Bill Hague
- 2 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
3. Alison has contacted people with standing orders for fees payment. We confirmed that the late joiners from 1st January would be covered until 31st January 2026.
Alison has proved her ID with the Bank so she has been able to approve Jo as signatory. Currently the account is in abeyance awaiting Jo being accepted as signatory.
7.2 Neil reported that the spike on the website last month was on the day the Alison's "Letter from the Chair" went out.
- 4 **Membership Report**
256 members. No new members since last meeting. Jane to send out email requesting members to pay their subscriptions for 1st May until 31st January 2026 and with a link to the website for methods of payment. JH
Michael will send a letter to new members to clarify that they do not need to pay again. MT
- 5 **Finance**
Treasurer supplied a Financial Statement in his absence, and there was nothing further to report. We confirmed that the policy states that subs payments should be made in 2 months...ie by the end of June.
- 6 **Groups**
History : The original third group has stopped but another group, on Wednesday afternoon, has started. It is a more relaxed group, pleasantly conversational with a lighter touch. All groups are just about full now.
Bridge: Jo has contacted Carol Fenwick but as yet has received no response. Terry Frost who had shown interest in leading a bridge group was introduced to Jo as Groups co-ordinator. Progress otherwise uncertain.
Out with Friends: Visited the Oakdene Nursery in Shawbury. It had excellent plants at reasonable prices and a good café.

7 **Communications and website**

Marketing: Glyn has confirmed that we wish to go ahead with two adverts in the Broseley Quarterly. Alison has contacted Carl asking for details of format for submitting material. She has drafted a 100 word editorial, and is awaiting reply.

Jean reported that the adverts in the Herald and Village Life had gone in.

Website statistics : Neil will supply the statistics for April after the end of the month. NL

Visits to the website were down by about 12% and views 30% down on March.
Order of hits: Groups, Homepage, Events, Walk, "Music while you work".

8 **Review of April Meeting**

Christopher Morris talk "Keep the Workers Happy". There was a lower attendance than in March, about 46. We felt he was less animated than previously and the talk was shorter. It was interesting with good information. The microphone worked well.

9 **Next Meeting –9th April**

Karen Evans will give a talk "The Black Sheep", about a murder 200 years ago. She wants £65 +£5 for expenses. She has laptop and projector but will need the screen. Introduction by Alison, thanks by David. AR, DF

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

2nd June 10 am, at Oaklands, Harley.

11 **Any Other Business**

Neil /Alison requests information regarding the September meeting.

Alison, Jo and Neil will attend the Shropshire Network face to face AGM on 16th May in Shrewsbury.

The meeting closed at 11.25 am