



St Filica Society AGM

Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 8.00pm

Filkins Village Hall

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** were received from: Teresa Irwin-Singer, Glynn Woodin, Annika Hansen, Lucille & Tudor Jones, Pauline & Peter Care, Sue Ashford-Smith, Jane Martin, Frank & Elaine Smith, Charlie & Avril Payne, Lorraine Chitty and Richard Martin.

2. **Minutes of AGM 2024**

The minutes of the AGM of 7 February 2024 were accepted by Kevin Robbins and seconded by Michelle Heath.

3. **Chairman's Report** – see Appendix.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – see agenda for details.

Amy Geschke reported that although the budget had been to break even for 2024, we had actually made a profit of £1200 due to better than expected income from the Summer Ball. A new gazebo and replacement chairs had been purchased as planned.

For 2025, we expect running costs to rise (we have been notified of an 8% increase in the newsletter printing costs), to nearly £4000. In a non Ball year and assuming the profit from the bar will cover the VE Day celebrations (including the band, disco, decorations, hall hire & subsidising the fish and chips), a £2000 loss is predicted for the year.

However, as reserves are currently healthy, we are able to make £1000 available for bids, leaving retained profits of £5600 to fund this loss.

After a membership vote, the money was allocated as follows:

Village Coffee Morning for a new coffee machine £149

Flower & Produce Show printing costs £72

Swinford Museum for a new secure glass fronted cabinet £253

Garden Club for spring bulb planting £245

Remembrance Day for the purchase of two metal soldiers £227

Retained (not allocated) £54

The accounts were accepted by Trish Martin, seconded by Simon Yardley.

5. Election of Trustees, Officers and Other Committee Members for 2024/5

The existing Trustees (Andy Hoad, Jeremy Irwin Singer, Jane Martin and Sue Hitchcock) had kindly agreed to continue in office. Agreed by the membership.

The following were accepted as Officers:

Chairman: Simon Yardley

Vice Chairman: Michelle Woodworth

Treasurer: Mary Bohm

Secretary: Sara Moule

Other Committee Members:

Amy Geschke, Gill Pagett, Denise Barry Smith, Rob Bohm, Kevin Robbins, Alison Sutcliffe and Les Goward.

The Chairman thanked Amy Geschke for her time as Treasurer and also thanked Kym Ford for her time on the committee. This meant that there was a vacancy on the Committee.

Accepted by the membership.

6. Future Programme

March 22: Quiz and Curry night

May 10: VE Day Celebrations with a swing band, disco and fish and chip supper

TBA: Village Summer Fete
October 11: Quiz and Curry night
Dec 6: Father Christmas and Advent Window lighting

7. Village Fete - see agenda for ideas

SY suggested running a village fete in the summer on the playground and kick about field and asked for input from the membership as to whether there was an appetite for such an event. This would be run by a committee (not St Filica) and would require the support and participation of all the village societies where possible. Trish Martin felt the fete idea was good and asked about funding. SY felt that any society running a stall should benefit from the proceedings. St Filica would run a bar and fund music.

Celia Walker asked if there could be an evening BBQ tagged on to the day. Andy Hoad advised that the equipment for an Aunt Sally might be in the shed behind the Hall.

The membership was asked for input and to submit ideas to St Filica by the end of February to see if there was sufficient enthusiasm for the event. The original planned date of 12 July would not be suitable as there were two weddings in the village that day so an alternative would need to be found.

8. Any Other Business

Jeremy Irwin-Singer thanked the Committee for organising the Summer Ball.

SY advised he was reviewing and updating the constitution and that Item 16 required changing as it referred to bank cheques for payment rather than bank transfer.
Agreed.

Ian Grey advised that one of the original founders of St Filica, Pat Mason had passed away recently and proposed a toast in her memory. The committee would send her husband Geoff a card of condolence.

Appendix - Chairman's Report 2024

Good evening everyone, and welcome to our AGM!

Well, what a year it's been! It seems like just yesterday we were here, distributing 2023's profits – and look at us, ready to do it all again! It's fantastic to see the benefits spread across our community, with the Platinum Garden, the Produce Show, the Village Shop, the Supper Club, and the Gardening Club all receiving a well-deserved boost.

We kicked off the year with our traditional quiz and curry night – a huge thank you to Helen Dunnall for crafting such a fiendishly clever quiz, and to Phil Dunnall for keeping the bar flowing. It's always a popular event, and this year was no exception.

Summer saw our "Going for Gold" Olympic-themed ball. Jane Martin, you absolutely transformed the marquee! It looked incredible, and we're so grateful for her creative genius. The DJ and singer were brilliant, and it was fantastic to see everyone up on their feet, dancing the night away.

Then, before we knew it, autumn was upon us, bringing with it another successful October quiz and curry. Conrad Bohm, your questions certainly kept us on our toes, and the Bilash curry was absolutely delicious. Thank you both!

And finally, we rounded off the year with our Christmas tree lighting and Father Christmas visit. What a night that was! The weather tried its best to put a dampener on things, but we weren't going to let a bit of wind stop us! A special thanks to St Filica for providing the tree this year, as ECT weren't able to supply one of a suitable size.

We tried something a little different this year, holding the carols, mulled wine, and cakes in the church after the lighting. It was lovely to hear the children's choir, with a little help from the adults, and a big thank you to Kate Mowbray for organising them. I really hope this becomes a regular fixture on our Christmas calendar.

Of course, behind the scenes, there's always so much going on. The newsletter continues to be a vital communication tool, and a massive thank you goes to Jane, our editor, and all the contributors. And to Annika Hansen and Debbie Law, thank you for keeping our website up-to-date and running smoothly.

Les and Agata have done a brilliant job managing the gazebo hire, which, as promised last year, has allowed us to replace one of the older

gazebos. We've also taken the opportunity to replace some of the chairs, which were definitely starting to show their age. Thanks also to all those in the St Filica troops group who have turned out in all weathers to assemble and disassemble the on hire gazebos.

And last, but certainly not least, a huge round of applause for Sara, who puts so much time and effort into producing our fantastic calendar. It's a real labour of love, and we're all incredibly grateful.

I want to thank every single member of the committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. And of course, a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our events and helped raise the funds we're about to distribute. Your support is invaluable. Remember, our constitution only allows us this one opportunity to distribute funds which we'll be coming on to shortly.

Finally, a special mention to Charlie Payne for keeping Hardcastle's field looking so good over the years!

Sadly this year Kym has decided to step down from the committee so if anyone fancies joining us on St Filica please approach anyone on the committee and we will gladly welcome your help.

Simon Yardley

St Filica Chairman