



**St Filica Society AGM
Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 8.00pm**

Minutes

1. Apologies were received from: Charlie & Avril Payne, Jeremy & Teresa Irwin-Singer, Charlotte Spencer, Paul Sutcliffe, Richard Martin, Glynn Woodin, Annika Hansen, Ian Grey, Sue & Nigel Hitchcock, Lucille & Tudor Jones, Pauline & Peter Care, Peter Ford, Denise Barry Smith, Vicky Heath.
2. Acceptance of the minutes of AGM held on 9th February 2022 was proposed by Jane Martin and seconded by John Allison.
3. Chairman's Report – see Appendix.
4. Treasurer's Report – Kym Ford accepted the accounts for February 2022 to January 2023, seconded by Jane Martin. Amy Geschke referred members to the December newsletter which contained a detailed report on the accounts.

There were no big income generating events planned in 2023 so the forecast for this year was to make a loss. However, £500 was available for bids for funding village projects. Repairs are required to the gazebos and marquee for which there was a reserve.

£1200 remained from the Lottery Jubilee funding which was proposed to be used for the Coronation celebrations in May. Kym Ford advised that it had been announced that there was Lottery funding for Coronation events on a first come, first served basis.

£500 was available for bids for village projects – 2 bids had been received:

- The Garden Club asked for funding to renovate and replant the beds around the Village Centre.
- The Platinum Jubilee Garden project asked for funding to help build the garden behind the Village Centre to include hard and soft landscaping. NGS funding had been applied for.



Following a vote, it was agreed by the members present to award the Garden Club bid £257 and the PJG bid £243.

5. Election of Trustees, Officers and Other Committee Members for 2023/4

The trustees remain unchanged: Frank Smith, Andy Hoad, Jeremy Irwin Singer, Jane Martin (proposed by Rob Bohm and seconded by Simon Yardley)

The following were accepted as Officers (proposed by Les Goward, seconded by Ian Cutmore):

Chairman:	Michelle Woodworth
Vice Chairman:	Cris Hoad
Treasurer:	Amy Geschke
Secretary:	Sara Moule

Other Committee Members:

Kym Ford, Gill Pagett, Colin Barry Smith, Rob Bohm, Kevin Robbins, Alison Sutcliffe.

6. Future Programme -

March 25: Quiz and Curry night
May 7: Coronation Celebration
Oct 14: Quiz & Curry night
Dec 9: Father Christmas
Summer event in July – ideas for this were invited.

7. Coronation Celebrations

Ideas were invited for celebrating the Coronation.
After some discussion, it was agreed to go with the National Coronation Big Lunch theme on Sunday 7 May, similar to Platinum Jubilee celebrations with people bringing food. Other groups in the village would be asked to get involved and St Filica would run the bar. Ronnie Bailey suggested fancy dress or crown making for the children. Michelle Heath agreed to take this back to the Theatre Group.
Ideas were also invited for the The Big Help Out on Bank Holiday Monday 8 May.

8. Any Other Business

None raised.



Appendix - Chairman's Report

So another year has flown by, here we are looking back on 2022 and what a year it was!

We held the annual AGM in February following a year where we were still finding our feet after coming out of Covid restrictions.

We held two quiz and curry nights one in March and another in October. Of course Bilash provided a tasty curry on both occasions and the beer and wine went down well. Thank you to both Charlie Payne and Conrad Bohm for being our quiz masters in 2022.

We held the extremely successful celebrations over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend. On the Friday night we had a good old knees up in the Village Hall which was decorated by Jane. I think we all enjoyed the swing band, the fish and chip van and the bar. The party lasted well into the evening with our resident DJ Les taking over after the swing band finished their set.

We then all nursed our hangovers the following day and turned out in our masses for the village tea party where we had plenty of food all kindly made and donated by people in the village, there were activities for the children, a reading by the theatre group and music once again from Les - he was busy that weekend!

July saw the return of the St Filica summer ball, a year late but worth the wait. The theme was glitterball and everyone turned out in their sparkly outfits. There were a lot of sequins to clean up the next day! Freda and Jane worked their usual magic decorating the marquee, Saddlers did a great job with the food as always and our band of many volunteers were out in force to set up, tidy up and dismantle! The highlight of the night was "Janet the Sax" something different for the ball but very well received.

Finally, we had Father Christmas's annual visit to turn on the Christmas tree lights. The bus shelter once again turned into a Sledge shelter and was bedecked with lights and decorations for a third year. Mr Fuddles made his annual appearance. We had plenty of mince pies and cakes and as always, Father Christmas bought plenty of bags of sweets for the children, with mulled



wine for the adults. The tree was kindly donated by Ernest Cook Trust and erected by Kev Robbins, Ian Grey, Simon Yardley and Colin Barry Smith. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the night and to all of those that turned out to support us.

Throughout the year, we have still had the usual outgoings such as printing costs for the St Filica Newsletter, the annual St Filica calendar and the rent on Hardcastles field. However, thanks to all the events we managed to hold, we are in a position to offer up funding. We'll touch more on finances and the bids later on.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our volunteers, for your help with the gazebo bookings and setting up the events we have held. There are too many to name individually, but you know who you are. Your help is greatly appreciated and with the events we have planned for 2023, we will be calling on you again soon.

I'd also like to thank Jane Martin for editing the Newsletter, Annika Hansen and Debbie Law for maintaining the St Filica Website and Charlie Payne for cutting the grass at Hardcastles Field.

Finally thank you to everyone on the committee, for all your help and support during 2022.

Michelle Woodworth - Chairman