



St Filica Society AGM

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 8.00pm

Filkins Village Hall

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** were received from: Jeremy & Teresa Irwin-Singer, Alison & Paul Sutcliffe, Glynn Woodin, Annika Hansen, Ian Grey, Lucille & Tudor Jones, Pauline & Peter Care, Hilary Skinner, Jane Martin, Richard Martin.
2. The minutes of the AGM of 9 February 2023 were accepted by Kevin Robbins and seconded by Frank Smith.
3. **Chairman's Report** – see Appendix.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – see agenda.

Amy Geschke reported that it cost approximately £3k to provide the core services – newsletter, website, insurance etc. The aim is to run events to cover costs with any surplus being offered to other village societies with the bi-annual ball usually making enough to cover the non-ball years. Ticket prices for events cover the costs of putting on the event with profits usually being generated from bar sales. We had budgeted to make a loss in 2023 but actually generated a surplus.

Lottery grants had helped cover costs of the Coronation events eg funding of band. £300 remains from this and a £1k profit was made on the bar on the day. A private event also brought in extra revenue on bar sales.

Money has been allocated to gazebo repairs for 2024 and we are budgeting to break even in 2024, despite the ball.

Andy Hoad noted that the balance of £9k was very healthy for a not for profit organisation and asked if St Filica could fund all requests for funding in full. Amy Geschke advised that the risks were how much repair and replacement of the gazebos, chairs etc came to. Simon Yardley advised that there were maintenance and repairs to be done at the Hardcastles site following the recent vandalism. All planned repairs would

take place in 2024 so that if we are in a position in 2025 with healthy funds, we would try to make more money available to village projects.

Trish Poole asked if providing bar services was something that would happen regularly. The Chairman advised this was a one off as it was reliant on committee members making themselves available.

The accounts were accepted by John Allison, seconded by Lorraine Chitty.

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

Frank Smith has resigned as a trustee as has been replaced by Sue Hitchcock. The Chairman thanked Frank for his many years of service. Andy Hoad, Jeremy Irwin Singer and Jane Martin remain in office. Accepted by Gill Allison seconded Kym Ford

The following were accepted as Officers:

Chairman: Simon Yardley

Vice Chairman: Michelle Woodworth

Treasurer: Amy Geschke

Secretary: Sara Moule

Other Committee Members:

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

New Committee members: Les Goward and Ian Boynton.

Accepted by Mary Bohn, seconded by Avril Payne.

6. Bids for Funding

The following projects had asked for funding from St Filica. The amount to be awarded to each was voted on by the membership present.

- Platinum Garden Refurbishment – Kym Ford requested funding to go towards picnic benches, bug hotels, shrubs etc. **Awarded £284.**
- F&BP Produce Show – Diane Blackett requested funding to cover the cost of printing show schedules for the Produce Show - £80. **Awarded £74.**
- Filkins Village Shop – Jennifer Rooke requested funding requested for a new coffee machine to support the Platinum Garden and Swimming Pool - £150. **Awarded £119.**

- Ladies Supper Club – Gill Pagett requested funding for 2 slow cookers for events at the VH - £160. **Awarded £104.**
- Filkins & Broughton Poggs Gardening Club – Lorraine Chitty requested funding to purchase bulbs for planting tubs and border outside VH - £60. **Awarded £55.**

7. 2024 Events

March 23: Quiz and Curry night

June 29: Summer Ball – Going for Gold, Paris 2024

Oct 12: Quiz & Curry night

Dec 7: Father Christmas

8. Any Other Business

CH has stepped down after 29 years on the committee – Michelle Woodworth thanked her for all her help with Trish Poole endorsing her contribution to St Filica over the years.

Sara Moule thanked Michelle Woodworth for her work over the past 4 years as Chair.

Appendix - Chairmans Report 2023

So here we all are, another year has quickly passed by and we are looking back on the year of 2023.

We kicked off by holding the annual AGM in February where we awarded monies to both the Garden Club for replanting the village beds and to the Platinum Jubilee Garden Project to help build the garden in the Village Centre.

St Filica held two quiz and curry nights, one in March and another in October. Of course, Bilash provided a tasty curry as always and the beer and wine went down well. Thank you to both Simon Yardley and Conrad Bohm for being our quiz masters in 2023.

We held the extremely successful celebrations on the kickabout field for the Kings Coronation. Thankfully the weather improved for the Sunday and the village bought plenty of food for us all to enjoy at the marquee. The bar was almost drunk dry! I think we all enjoyed the band, The Beehives. The party lasted well into the evening with our resident DJ Les playing some classic tunes.

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 another 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 and Simon Yardley. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the night and to all of those that turned out to support us.

Once again we put together the St Filica calendar which you will have all received by now. This was only made possible by sourcing local companies to advertise and fund the printing costs, so a big thank you to all out advertisers for 2024.

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 the events we held, we are in a position to offer up funding to other organisations in the village. 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 2024, 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 2023.

Michelle – Chairman, St Filica.