

President: Lisa Henderson

**Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting held on
Tuesday 11th November 2025, 1.45pm at
The Gatehouse Theatre, Stafford, ST16 2LT**

Minutes



Attendance: Elizabeth Crutchley
Lisa Henderson
Jane King

Chairman
President
Secretary

Plus 97 members and 8 guests

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting and presented the Committee seated at the front.

1. **Apologies**

The Secretary tabled apologies from Lesley Brandon, Judy Brass, Ian and Maggie Browne, Sue and James Hawley, Barbara and John Hyde, Gina Krupski, Carole Marginson.

2. **Minutes of the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting**

The minutes, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Stella Blazier, seconded by Jen Gully and carried unanimously.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report had been previously circulated and was taken as read. The Chairman thanked all the members of the committee for their support and urged all other members to consider joining the committee.

4. **Committee and Other Reports**

All Committee Reports had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

5. **Presentation of the Annual Accounts**

The accounts had been previously circulated and were taken as read. The Committee had decided the annual subscription should maintain the membership fee at its current level of £60 for the following year.

The Chairman proposed the accounts for adoption, seconded by Brenda Yates and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then handed the meeting over to President Lisa Henderson for the Elections.

6. **Re-election of Financial Examiner of the Accounts for 2025-26**

Patricia Kavanagh Brown was proposed by Gina Krupski, seconded by Joan Holmes and, as no objections had been received prior to the meeting, was duly elected.

7. **Re-election of Chairman**
Elizabeth Crutchley was proposed as Chairman by Stella Blazier, seconded by Judy Brass and, as no objections had been received prior to the meeting, was duly elected.
8. **Re-election of Secretary**
Jane King was proposed as Secretary by Stella Blazier, seconded by Judith Carder and, as no objections had been received prior to the meeting, was duly elected.
9. **Re-election of Treasurer**
Gina Krupski was proposed as Treasurer by Linda Brooks and seconded by Judith Manners and, as no objections had been received prior to the meeting, was duly elected.
10. **Election of Study Days Organiser**
Lesley Brandon was proposed as Study Days Organiser by Gina Krupski, seconded by Joan Holmes and, as no objections had been received prior to the meeting, was duly elected.
11. **Election and Re-election of Serving Officers and Committee Members en bloc**

 Bill Cottiss, Website
 Jack Barber, Social Media
 Proposed by Joan Holmes, seconded by Jane King

 Sue Cottiss, Programme
 Joan Holmes, Membership
 Proposed by Lucy Heath, seconded by Maggie Braithwaite

As no objections had been received prior to the meeting, Serving Officers and Committee members were duly elected.

President Lisa Henderson then handed the meeting back to the Chairman

12. **Vote of Thanks**
The Chairman thanked Michael Faarup, who had chosen not to seek re-election, for his hard work and enthusiasm on organising visits. She also thanked Gina Krupski for her excellent work on organising Study Days. Gina would be continuing as Treasurer for one further year. The Chairman indicated that she too would serve one further year. So new committee members are required in order to keep the Society running.
13. **Any Other Business**
There was no further business as no items had been received in writing prior to the meeting.
14. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next AGM of The Arts Society Stafford will be on Tuesday, 17th November 2026 at 1.45 pm at The Gatehouse Theatre, Stafford ST16 2LT

NB All reports mentioned above are attached to the Minutes.