

OHJAC AGM September 2024

At Summer Social

Friday September 6th at the home of Anthea and Tim. Great venue.

Present: Maureen White, Peter Fletcher, Peter Wilson, Rosemary Fletcher, Liz Potter, Christine Scratchley, Roger Rosewarne, Gloria Taylor, Chris Smith, Anthea Johns, Tim Johns, Ann Wilson.

Apologies: Sue Wilkin

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

Signed and accepted

2. Chairman's report

Maureen commented on the good walks with mainly good weather we had had this year. She had been unable to make all but those she hadn't were confirmed as also good. She thanked in particular the two Peter's for organising and leading the walks and also Tim who had lead walks.

Anyone else was welcome to lead a walk.

She commented on the enjoyable Christmas meal at The Saddlers, and all loved the camellia's Liz gave to everyone as her Christmas Card.

She thanked Anthea and Tim for use of their home, really appreciated and to all for their excellent contributions to the food.

3. Secretary's report

We have 13 members, 12 of which have been able to join in most of the walks.

With regards to dogs on a walk it was felt they need to be on a lead and for some walks they are not suitable, for example National Park regulations and if it is known that there are a lot of cattle/sheep in the fields.

All had received BMC card and magazines.

Regular emails from BMC are received regarding training programmes and walking holidays, and updates about land access. Ann will pass on anything that seems relevant to member but also can pass/ find out any information a member wants regarding BMC.

BMC membership for the club was renewed in April with price remaining The same. No notification to date of next year's fee.

4. Treasurer's report

Income: £325 from memberships

Expenses: £310.70 for BMC membership

£69.52 for Web site update to S. Wilson

£380.22 Total

Current balance: £ 80.83

Peter said that the membership fee could probably stay at £25 for the year 2025/2026 but this would depend on any increase by BMC and Web site.

A decision would be made in January when these should be known.

Generally members were happy if a small increase was needed to keep some balance.

5. Event secretary's report

Past Events.: Pete reported there have been 10 walks since the last AGM, down one on last year, due partly to medical issues/holidays.

4 more walks were planned for remainder of this year:

28th September... Shipley Bridge, Dartmoor

19th October ... (Suggestions / where would

? November.... would members like to go?)

? December

Christmas Meal

Peter Fletcher felt he didn't want to take responsibility to lead walks anymore. He was thanked for all his contributions in the past, which have been a lot and really appreciated.

Everyone was encouraged to consider leading a walk. Pete emphasised that they did not need a qualification or weren't in anyway responsible for anyone else.

Pete also asked members for places they would like to walk or repeat of walks done already, maybe with a variation, then he could work something out.

Christine suggested we all had a think about a walk.

Gloria and Chris thought they would be able to do one.

Shorter walks were discussed and this would be appreciated by members as were Summer early evening strolls. A cup of tea at the end of a walk also mentioned.

6. Election of Officers

All current officers were re-elected unopposed.

7. Date and venue of next AGM

Summer Social 2025. Date and venue to be arranged nearer the time.
Please let Ann know if you would like to host!

8. AOB

Christmas Social

Preferred date: Thursday 12th December (reserve date 5th Dec)

Possible venues: Saddlers.... food and value good but some concern about table configuration. Also maybe time for a change.

Other suggestions were: King's Arms, Otterton, The Redwing, Devoncourt Hotel.

As secretary Ann said she would ask these places for menus/dates etc. and let members know.

After the meeting Tim also suggested Exmouth Sailing Club and has made enquiries. They would be willing to do a meal for up to 13. He will investigate menu/cost further.

Residential at Bernards Acre, Belstone.

Pete gave quick resume of location, accommodation etc. at Bernard's Acre right on the edge of The Moor. It is Self catering with well equipped kitchen.

Food etc. would be discussed at a later date.

Suggestion was for 3 nights, arriving on a Tues-leaving on Friday morning. Depending on time of year and based on 12 people cost £222 per night.

This works out at about £18.50 per night per person (£55.50 in total for accommodation) Less people cost would be more.

There seems a positive response so dates were looked at.

Tues 29th April to Fri 2nd May, reserve date 6th May to 9th May.

Ann agreed to make an enquiry.

Gloria asked that another year maybe we could consider staying in a hotel.

Various members expressed their enjoyment of the walks and company as a group. All there to support each other. I think we all agree.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm for coffee/tea.

No idea when started!