

Ohjac AGM July23rd 2025 held at Pete and Ann's at 8pm.

Present: Maureen White, Pete Wilson, Peter Fletcher, Rosemary Fletcher, Liz Potter, Christine Scratchley, Anthea Johns, Tim Johns, Sue Wilkin, Ann Wilson.

Apologies: Roger Rosewarne, Gloria Taylor, Chris Smith

It was hoped that all three would be able to make the next walk.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were accepted and signed

2. Chairperson's report

Maureen thanked Peter and Tim for leading the walks this year.

Walks were good,unusually one having to be cancelled due to very hot weather!

The highlight was the residential at Bernard's Acre . It was a great place and very enjoyable, blessed by good weather. She thanked Christine and Ann and Peter for providing the evening meals. A good Christmas meal at the White Horse was had. She thanked everyone for their company and also for the cakes and brownies provided at the end of the walks by various members.

3. Secretary's Report

Ann had little to report on. She had queried the end date on the membership card (DEC 2025) with the BMC as it shouldn't run out till end of March but so far had had No reply from them. She thanked everyone for prompt replies to emails regarding Dates in particular.

4. Treasurer's Report

Income: 13 x £35 = £455

BMC Group membership = £381-29

Balance in currant Account= £149-27

Payment to make: To Stuart for Web Site (last year £72-47)

5. Events Secretary's Report

Peter reported we had had 2 socials and 10 walks since the last AGM, increase of 10%. He thanked Tim for leading walks, mentioned memorable ones and added touches (The Love Hearts).

Had in mind dates for next walks and agreed on Friday 26th September

With 11th October as a possibility.

6. Election of Officers.

All current officers were elected unopposed.

7. BMC Membership /Future of Club

The need to still be members as a group to the BMC was discussed.

We are now a smaller group and don't advertise or actively seek new members.

We are a group of friends anyway.

The BMC don't list us as an active group on their web site (don't know why)

We are anyway all responsible for ourselves and it is really only public liability that

We are covered for. This maybe covered individually by our own house insurance.

The advantages for some, Maureen in particular, is the discount we get from

Coltswold in particular for being a member. For Sue it means she can get insurance

From BMC ago cover certain Ultra Trails she takes part in, not available elsewhere.

Individuals can become full members and receive these benefits. Peter W is a full member and could possibly claim liability using this.

It was strongly felt by some that they valued the Web Site as a means of

Communication. This could be covered by a small sub. It was mentioned that a

What's App group could be set up for this.

It was agreed to discuss this further, check individual insurance for liability/legal implications over the next months. No final decision needs to be made till next subs are due. (Feb 2026) but hopefully agreement around Dec. Then there maybe need for another meeting to formalise if not rejoining.

8. AOB

Sue asked about dogs being allowed on walks

This had been discussed at the last AGM regarding dogs. (2024 minutes)

There are various concerns by members which make it difficult to accept dogs on walks. These are: insurance issues, increased risk regarding cattle/sheep if dogs on walks, National Park Regulations.

Christmas Social

Members had really enjoyed the venue of the White Horse at Woodbury and it was

Agreed to go there again this year. Suggested date: Thursday 18th December.

Ann agreed to make a provisional enquiry.

Residential

Several members were interested in another residential next year.

Possible areas were raised.

Lake District was mentioned in particular.

(I encourage those interested, including myself, to look for possible venues.

YH but also individual large houses for rent)

Return to Bernard's Acre was also mentioned

(availability is often good in school term time)

As always various members expressed their enjoyment of the walks and company as a group. We are all there to support each other.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm for dessert inside.