

The Arts Society Dorking
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 10.15 am in the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls,
at 10.15 a.m.

In the absence of the President, Mrs Brenda Culliford, Mrs Christine Thom, Chairman welcomed members and guests to The Arts Society, Dorking's 43rd Annual General Meeting.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from: Brenda Culliford, Mary Riley, Dee Selwood, Ann Wickham, Gill Gardiner, Penelope Arnold

2 Minutes of the last AGM on 9th July 2024 (on the website and circulated previously). The minutes were unanimously accepted by all at the AGM, and will be signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising

None were raised.

4 Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Proposed: Lizzie Ackers Seconded: Navin Mehta

Approved by unanimous vote.

These will be sent via Mailchimp but will not be posted on the website.

In the absence of the President, the Chairman will continue to oversee the Election of Officers and the Committee, and to give her report

5 Adoption of Chairman's and Membership Secretary's Report

Proposed: Suzie Moore Seconded: Sue Tatham

Approved by unanimous vote

6 Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Mr Robert Lowe was thanked for his work, in his absence, in examining this year's accounts.

Proposed: Jan Way

Seconded: John Thom

Approved by unanimous vote.

7 Election of Officers

Mrs Christine Thom, in her capacity as Chairman, remained in the Chair.

Mrs Thom thanked her team for all their hard work. She commented on the excellent lectures that had been offered over the last year, and commented on the interesting trips that had been enjoyed, by members.

The Chairman explained that the President was unwell and thanked The President, Mrs Brenda Culliford, in her absence. Mrs Thom announced that The President will be standing down this year. The Chairman then announced the appointment of Sue Willis as incoming President for 2025/26. Sue Willis was welcomed by members of the Society.

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The new Committee were introduced, with their roles, by the Chairman.

The new members of Committee, ex-officios and those without Portfolio:

Christine Thom (re-elected)	Chairman
Vice Chairman (re-elected)	Jenni Knights
Treasurer	John Arnold
Secretary	Cecily Church
Membership Secretary	Tricia Smart
Visits Secretary	John Ackers
Programme Secretary	Marina Spatz
Jenni Knights	Lectures with lunch
Jenny Perks	Tours organiser
Chris Blockey	Publicity Officer
Linda Packham	Volunteering Representative, Young Arts, Visitor bookings
Stephanie Randall	New Tours organiser
Emily Hough	Member without Portfolio
Jenny Perks	Member without Portfolio
Suzie Moore	Arts Society magazine
Navin Mehta	Technical Director

Proposed: Jan Way Secunder: Navin Mehta

The Officers and members of the Committee were elected *en bloc* by unanimous vote.

9 Any Other Business

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 10 25 am.

Signed: _____ Date: _____