

Report on the AGM held 23rd November 2016.

Clive Cowdy, chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody. He then went on to give his annual report. It had been an excellent year and our membership was now over 800, new groups had been formed and there are now over 70 now in existence ranging from social groups to educational ones. He went on to thank the committee for all their hard work over the year, welcoming Anita Savage to the committee as the new Newsletter Editor. Finances were stable with 6 months reserves in hand. Two members were leaving the committee, Roland Simpkins, the webmaster and Carolina the newsletter editor. Clive thanked them for all the hard work that they had done.

Paddy Collins, the treasurer was unable to attend the meeting but Roland Simpkins gave a short financial report. He confirmed that we had 6 months reserves in the bank which meant that we were in good financial health. One potential problem looming was that a number of organisations, including the council were raising room rent and groups ought to be aware of this when booking rooms.

Clive then went on to the election of officers

Chairman, Clive Cowdy, Vice chairman, Martin Paul, Secretary, Rosemary Gadd, Treasurer, Paddy Collins were all re-elected. Derek Morgan was elected as webmaster.

Our charity for 2016 has been The Hospital Car Service and we are nearing £1000 for it. The meeting nominated "Project Street Life Buckingham" as our 2017 charity, following a vote was taken t.

There were then some announcements.

The next general meeting will be the Christmas Social on 21st December.

The annual lunch will be on 15th January

The January meeting will be on 25th with a talk on the Falkland Islands

The meeting closed at 3:05pm