

PENKRIDGE PHOENIX CLUB
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 9th October 2025 at the Peace Memorial Hall

Present

Committee Members - Mike Smith, Val Corbett, Diane Causer, Linda Savage, Margaret Edwards, Margaret Kirkland, Elizabeth Rosenfeld, Trish Hugill, Chris Hewitt.

There were in the region of 65 Phoenix Members in attendance.

Apologies

None received

The Chairperson opened proceedings by welcoming Members to the meeting.

Minutes of 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were circulated in advance. Harry Pettit proposed, and Linda Savage seconded that they be approved as an accurate record. The motion was carried by a show of hands from the Members present. The Chairperson Mike Smith signed the minutes.

Chairperson's Report

Mike Smith presented his report to Members – *Abridged version*

'When I became Chairman 12 months ago, I aimed to uphold the club's traditions while adapting where necessary to keep it strong and viable.

This year offered a varied programme of familiar, new and revised activities. Kurling was discontinued for practical reasons and replaced by popular shuffleboard, introduced at a revamped Strawberry Tea in the Peace Memorial Hall. The event was very well received, encouraging us to repeat the format.

The first mystery tour with lunch was a success and may be repeated, while the Big Breakfast continues with some changes. In December, outside caterers will provide a traditional Christmas lunch in the hall, followed by afternoon entertainment; early interest is encouraging.

Not every initiative has succeeded. Falling attendance means the Wednesday Cuppa Club at Haling Dene will close. This year's Ilfracombe holiday was enjoyed, but bookings for next year's proposed Scotland break remain slow.

We continue to monitor finances carefully, as Val will explain. We are also increasing our use of electronic banking, email and the website, changes that may not suit everyone but are increasingly necessary.

We are grateful to the many volunteers working behind the scenes, including those managing the hall, raffles, coffee rota and social events.

My thanks also go to the Committee, whose time and effort make the club possible. In particular, I thank Anna, our efficient secretary, and Diane, my vice-chair, for covering for me whenever needed.'

Treasurers Report

Val Corbett, Treasurer, presented the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025. The Membership fee will remain at £10 for 2025/26 and continues to represent good value. Members were reminded that fees are due by 1st September. As the costs of venue hire, public liability insurance, raffle prizes and general administration continue to rise, prompt payment is essential. Members were also encouraged to pay by bank transfer to minimise bank charges.

It was proposed by Ron Perry and seconded by Harry Pettit that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as a true record, It was AGREED by a show of hands from the Members present that they be accepted.

Election of Officers

Election of Chairperson

It was proposed by Anna Evans, seconded by Val Corbett that Mike Smith be elected Chairperson. It was AGREED by a show of hands from the Members present that Mike Smith be elected.

Election of Treasurer

It was proposed by Anna Evans, seconded by Trish Hugill that Val Corbett be re-elected as Treasurer. It was AGREED by a show of hands from the Members present that Val Corbett be elected.

Election of Committee

No new nominations were received prior to the meeting. Diane Causer, Trish Hugill, Chris Hewitt were re-elected to the committee. They were proposed by Harry Pettit and seconded by Joy Riley that they be re-elected. It was AGREED by a show of hands from the Members present.

Margaret Edwards, Margaret Kirkland and Elizabeth Rozenfelds didn't stand for re-election. At the conclusion of the meeting, Chris Pace and Bill Jackson were co-opted to the committee.

Any Other Business

A copy of the updated Constitution was circulated to the Membership

The Chairman Mike Smith presented the revised document and asked for the Membership to adopt the revised version. It was proposed by Joyce Gregg and seconded by Joy Riley it be adopted. It was AGREED by a show of hands from the floor.

Date of the next AGM

Thursday 8th October 2026 10.30am Peace Memorial Hall

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman Mike Smith

Signed:Chairperson

Date: Thursday 8th October 2026

**PENKRIDGE PHOENIX CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2026
10.30am AT THE PEACE MEMORIAL HALL, PENKRIDGE**

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM 2025 Proposed Seconded
4. Matters arising
5. Chairperson's Report Proposed Seconded
6. Treasurer's Report Proposed Seconded
7. Election of Officers
 Secretary Proposed Seconded
 President Proposed Seconded
8. Election of Committee Members
 Proposed Seconded
9. Any other Business
10. Date of next AGM Thursday 7th October 2027 10.30am Peace Memorial Hall