



## Annual General Meeting (40<sup>th</sup>) minutes Tuesday 25th April 2017

1. **Present** 29 and 7 Apologies for absence – Davina, Mike, Mac, Linda, John C, Steve and Jean.
2. **Minutes** of the last meeting - agreed
3. **Matters** arising - none
4. **Chairman's** report –
  - Sees this year's most important item is to increase membership and suggests a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party open both to friends and previous members as well, play to be free;
  - introduced biscuits initially provided by the committee but hopefully by members too; looking into fresh milk being provided;
  - continue to subsidise 2 Surrey Sims and 2 EBU Sims pa.
  - Thanked John for the new website and the officers, committee, the Dealers, the kitchen organisers and Mac for auditing – proposed by Robert Bayley and seconded by Liz Cable that Mac should continue as Auditor. Thanked Mary Forristal for her years of collecting money and hoping for a replacement as Mary is now not continuing this task. Davina and Diana taking it on temporarily. Commented no-one had volunteered for any of the Committee positions. He then mentioned Stafford's untimely death and how much work he had done for the club.
5. **Treasurer's** report and adoption of approved audited accounts - adoption proposed by Robert Bayley and seconded by Liz Cable.  
A summary:
  - membership continues to decline although 5 new members this year;
  - average number of tables has slipped below 7 this year.
  - Although taking a hit because refreshments are now free she decided not to suggest raising subs as the bank balance has increased by 30% due to increase in table money.
  - The auditor asked if the club gained maximum advantage from Pianola and Joan volunteered to have 1 to 1 sessions to explain if anyone would like this.
6. **Election** of officers and committee for 2016/17 – no change
7. **Election** of auditor – no change
8. **Presentation** of trophies to winners of Redmen Trophy – Josie Redmen, Bruce Robertson, Jill Raynor, Heather Hibbert, Anita Lynd. For the Mary Edwards Cup - Elizabeth Copeman and Jill Pearson; for the Wanborough Cup - John Spiers, Ashok Parikh, Mac Derwig and Elizabeth Copeman. Chris Wilson Trophy – Elizabeth Copeman.
9. **Any other** business Robert B suggested advertising in The Bridge, Busbridge Church local Mag. Link for article in as suggested by Robert.  
<http://www.thebridgeonline.org.uk/page3.php>
10. **Date of** next Meeting – not discussed but will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018