

# **Fornham All Saints Computer Club**

Annual General Meeting

27/06/2017

## **Review of last six months**

Bernard opened the meeting with a review of the most significant issues arising within the last six months

- Membership stable at 24 but there is a need to grow the tablet group sizes to make it more economical as sometimes the groups were too small.
- Income from membership still lags behind cost of hall rental when basing costs on maximum rental charge of £30. This has been offset by the Community Centre not making any charges yet and the Village Hall charging at a reduced rate. Significant financial assistance from The Community Centre, Village Hall, Parish Council, Local Council and Car boot sales has allowed us to maintain a strong financial position.
- There have been a number of significant purchases. These include a Digital Projector, Amplifier and Speakers for the Village Hall and Community Centre locations. This equipment will be shared with the two facilities and there may be further opportunity in the future to charge other groups for the use of this equipment. We have recently purchased a WiFi Router for use in rooms without broadband connection to allow the smaller tablet groups to use the internet. This will save money compared with the £30 per session charges at the Anselm Centre. The next purchase should probably be a new set of extension cables so that they can be properly PAT tested.
- Tony reviewed the work done by the Windows Group and explained a little about how that work will be developed in the next six months. Bernard discussed the changes to the Tablet group and the need for growing the size of the group, particularly the Android group.
- Bob Rainbird had resigned as Treasurer and we would like to thank Mary Purnell for taking over and doing excellent work until this AGM could be held.
- The Community Centre have made a commitment to have Broadband installed at high cost and on that basis due to the better parking facilities the Committee had decided to make the Community Centre, its preferred venue when it was available.

## **Election of Officials**

In keeping with our policy for officials to stand for re-election each year, the committee resigned. Due to Bob's resignation there was also a vacancy for anyone wishing to become a committee member.

All committee members were willing to stand for election again. No members wished to stand for election, the existing committee were re-appointed with all members in agreement.

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## **Financial Review**

Mary (P) presented a copy of the current financial statement to members. She further explained sources of income and the most significant items of expenditure. She expanded on the importance of continuing to try and raise money through the Car Boot sales and asked members to help where they were able. The accounts showed a positive balance of £1374.35 at the 27<sup>th</sup> June. There are about 24 sessions before the next membership fees are due and these funds will carry us through to that date with some headroom.

Catherine suggested contacting Fornham St Martins for a contribution towards costs.

A member proposed that where the Club had provided valuable assistance to a member, it should be acceptable for that member to make a voluntary contribution to Club funds. This was agreed but members should not feel pressured into doing this.

## **Broadband Update**

Enid provided an explanation for the delays experienced so far with the Broadband installation. Given the work left to do it will be unlikely to be completed before the end of August. Mary agreed to contact the local newspaper and possibly our MP to highlight the difficulty that we have experienced.

## **Topic Schedules next six months**

Bernard explained that the schedule needed to take account of planned holidays for Summer and Christmas. Summer because Tony and Bernard planned to be away and Christmas because last December sessions had a low attendance. We discussed the proposals and everyone agreed that it was sensible. We discussed whether we should charge less for the second half of the year due to the fewer days of training. It was generally agreed that until we know what our operating costs will be after Broadband installation at the hall, membership fees will remain at £40 per annum paid at six monthly intervals. This to be reviewed in six months time. Mary (G) provided a reminder about the adjustments for members joining part way through a year and asked that Mary (P) check to ensure that Bob and Anne had not been overcharged for their first payment.

Tony discussed the objectives for the Windows group in the next period and in particular how less experienced members should be supported and developed. It was agreed that our proposal to alternate between basic and advanced topics would be fair to everyone. Tony also asked that more experienced members should help with those members who may be struggling.

Bernard and Tony displayed a potential schedule for the next six months and we discussed topics and the level of interest. There were a few suggestions put forward for that included Photo Corrections, Microsoft Word, Gimp Graphics, Android Standard Apps. The plan is to discuss these in more detail with the individual groups in the next month and release the new schedule and dates at the end of July. Please submit any areas of interest to Bernard for Tony for inclusion.

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We also discussed the possibility of providing tutorial notes after training sessions. We will try to do this where possible and may also try tutorial videos.

## **Membership Levels**

Bernard explained that with the Tablet Groups being smaller, it was quite common for there to be from 2-6 members at a session. This is a particular issue for the Android group. We discussed whether to increase membership and it was decided that advertising for Tablet members only was the best route forward. A number of suggestions were made

- Church Magazine
- Contact emails at Lackford
- Lackford Magazine
- Nextdoor The Fornhams website
- Community Centre Web Page

It was also recommended that any advertising should be done on a frequent basis rather than a one-off event. The Ads could also be updates on Topics covered recently and even simple tips for computer users.

The club agreed to increase the limit to 40 from 30 but to try and hold Windows membership at it's current level.

The meeting finished at 3.30 PM