



# Folk Association of South Hants

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

4pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 online via Zoom

**Present:** Lin Rayner, Dave McGlade, Dave Sutton, Daphne Goddard Coates, Jo Harmer, Thomas Bending, Lyn Sutton, Liz Neil, Hilary & John Turner, Anne & Simon Daw, Celia & Nigel Close, Kenneth Coates

**1. Apologies for absence:** Karen Ilott, Claire Coxwell, Sue & Pete Hall, Elaine & Paul Shiers, Barrie Bullimore, Norma Mcveigh, Jo Dennis, Eddie Hosford, Jenny West, Cath Watkins, Geraldine Buchanan, John Coates, Abigail Penfold.

**2. Minutes of AGM held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** approved (to be signed at the next committee meeting)

### 3. Matters arising

**para 3: new callers** - we haven't forgotten about this and would still like to encourage new callers. People are 'having a go' at some clubs such as Eastleigh FDC and Solent Contra, but the need is really felt by bands who need people willing to call for general events like barn dances and weddings. We will pursue this further in committee.

**Action: committee**

**para 6: handout about FASH** – a draft flyer publicising the FASH website is nearly ready to be circulated to any appropriate venues. It has QR codes to link to the website and to Solent Waves. **Action: committee**

### 4. Chairman's report – Lin Rayner

This is a brief outline, but please see the [full report](#) for more details.

Lin began by paying tribute to Elizabeth Haigh, who was for a long time a valued member of our committee and will be greatly missed.

There is a detailed review of the year's workshops in the May issue of Solent Waves, so a repetition was not needed. We are very lucky that, in addition to the excellent callers and musicians we already have, even more have recently come to live in Hampshire. Lin went into some detail and expressed appreciation for them all. They are the reason our workshops have been so successful this year. She also mentioned the ever-successful West Gallery workshop run by Mike Bailey and The Madding Crowd and thanked everyone involved in the Winter Gathering, which was again well attended and very much enjoyed.

Lin is now officially Chairman and Dave McGlade is Treasurer. Daphne's Secretary role now includes membership as well as bookings. Dave Sutton continues as Editor of the website and Solent Waves. Lin thanked them all. She also thanked Ann McGlade, Norma McVeigh and Lyn Sutton for their invaluable help in the kitchen.

Our self-service arrangements for tea and coffee are working well. There was a reminder that people are welcome to make themselves a drink at any time and bring their own mugs if they wish.

We still have a Covid policy document, which is available to view on our website and at workshops.

You will have received a Save the Date flyer for next season with the dates, venues, callers and musicians, and the themes for each workshop will be available shortly.

The report ended with thanks to everyone who attends our workshops, a plea to think about joining the committee and a request for comments and suggestions.

We then discussed the relative merits of three possible themes suggested by Mike Courthold for the afternoon of his workshop in October. The comments will be taken into account when a decision is made by the committee.

### 5. Treasurer's report – Dave McGlade

The full report can be seen [here](#) together with the audited [Statement of Accounts](#) to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

We made an overall profit this year of approximately £650. Our programme looks good for next season and people continue to advertise in the digital editions of Solent Waves, so we are optimistic for another successful year in 2025/2026. We are therefore not proposing any increase in membership or workshop fees.

Our Miscellaneous expenditure was: -

£89 for our EFDSS affiliation, which provides our insurance cover

£84 for website domain maintenance

£57.53 for website six yearly domain name renewal

£4.25 for bank charges - our bank (Lloyds) has just introduced a monthly charge of at least £4.25. We think this will soon be universal, even if it isn't now.

Anne Daw said that this also happens with The Madding Crowd's Lloyds account. All cash deposits and up to 100 bank transfer credits per month are free, so both types of payment are acceptable. Cheque deposits cost 42p if done by machine and 50p if done at the counter.

Lyn Sutton proposed acceptance of the accounts, Liz Neil seconded and it was agreed unanimously.

## **6. Editor's report: Solent Waves and website – David Sutton**

This is a brief outline of the points made, but please see the [full report](#) for more detail.

Dave said that relatively little had changed since last year's report. The only hard copy of Solent Waves that he now prints is to make it easier for his wife, Lyn, to proof read and check everything.

The British Library were subjected to a major cyber-attack in October 2023, and their Depositor Portal (facility to deposit 'soft' copies of new printed documents) is still unavailable while they develop and test a substantially 'hack proof' system. There are now 16 issues of Solent Waves waiting to be uploaded!

Dave made another plea for more input from readers. The front page Chat is one of the more challenging sections of the journal to write and offers of articles for it would be particularly welcome. If you have something relevant to Folk that is likely to be interesting to other readers and that you feel like sharing, do please get in touch. The number of people receiving our journal via email is now approaching 130 and we have no way of knowing how many more readers read or download Solent Waves from the website.

The layout of the FASH website is pretty settled and it is updated at least every week. The diary information is mainly gleaned from the internet but some clubs and display sides don't post any programs of their events where they can be found. A small and very helpful minority contact Dave with updates – much appreciated!

The Links page now gives a little more information about the websites and organisations that the links will take you to. A section was added recently on that page giving contact details of some of our local bands and callers, ideally with a short description of what and where they like/are willing to play/call. We hope to add to this section when callers and bands we have not included let us know that they also would like us to put their details where people can easily find them. [John Turner agreed to be listed in this section.]

As usual, Dave asked that you let us know if you spot any errors on our web pages and diaries, so that we can correct them.

## **7. Membership update – Daphne Goddard Coates**

We had 46 members in 2024/2025 (including 4 life members) and we have 13 members so far for 2025/26.

Four of those are members of Pogles Copse who are playing for Mike Courthold's workshop this October and kindly accepted membership in lieu of a fee.

## **8. Committee nominations**

Lin Rayner, David Sutton, Dave McGlade and Daphne Goddard Coates were all willing to stand. Lyn Sutton nominated them all, John Turner seconded and it was carried unanimously.

## **9. Schools Ceilidh Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Jo Harmer**

This will again be held at Bishop's Waltham Palace as part of the Bishop's Waltham Festival, and will be mainly funded by grant aid from Bishops Waltham Rotary Club and Meon Valley Lions. FASH will contribute £152.10 plus £90 carried over from last year. Estimated attendance is 185 children from 7 schools, with the possible addition of a group from Fair Oak Junior School. The full report is [here](#).

We thanked Jo Harmer for all the work she does to keep the Schools Ceilidh going and make it such a success.

## **10. Any Other Business: none**

The meeting closed at 4.40pm