



Draft Minutes of The Windsor Forest TR Group Annual General Meeting on 7 Jan 2025 at Foresters Arms commencing 2000 hrs.

Present:

Tim Bartholomew - Treasurer & TR Register WFTR Point of Contact + AGM Chair
Barry Green - Social Secretary
Graham Smith - Member
Mike Heelis - Coopted Committee Membership Member

+ 20 WFTR Group members.

Apologies: Andy and Jane McClaren, David and Jan Hankin, Cliff and Coral Turnbull, Mike and Marilyn Ellis and John Townend.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were unanimously approved by all and accepted.

2. TR Register WFTR Point of Contact Report

Tim Bartholomew welcomed all to the AGM and provided a brief overview of events and activities over the last year covering the following main points:

- Achievements this year:
 - Maintained positive links for the TR Register,
 - Supported British car show event.
 - Delivered a varied events programme,
 - Continued to oversee the thriving club night experience,
- Next year:
 - Support Drive it Day in Hastings.
 - Develop a fun and varied range of activity for all Group members

4. Membership and Website Report

Mike Heelis gave an overview of the current membership status with main points:

- Membership has fallen from 109 to 100. Average participation in events comprises approx 17% of the membership and club nights 24%. The committee had reviewed the entire membership in the past by phone and are content that all that can be done has been done to encourage participation in the Group.

- He maintains a Mailchimp account with members addresses contained in a database to enable distribution of monthly newsletter notifications.

Graham Smith gave a brief overview of the WFTR website which remains a great success and is the backbone of the Group from a communication perspective. Main points were:

- Over the last 12 months we had over 7,000 (up 13%) visitors who reviewed 20,500 (up 15%) pages from 51 countries.
- Around 5000 landed directly on the site (mostly WFTR members) and 2000 arrived via Google.
- The most popular pages were the events followed by the home page and then Galleries. A big chunk of these came from the newsletter so at least some of you are reading it.
- 73.3% of the total visitors used a mobile phone to access the website.
- Cost to the club for running and maintain the web is £110 per annum. Supported by the annual TR Register grant. No cost to us.

5. Treasurers Report

Tim Bartholomew gave a a detailed presentation of WFTR accounts which showed the Group bank balance to be in a very healthy condition. Should any member require a copy of the accounts they should contact the treasurer.

Acceptance of the accounts as present was unanimously accepted with all in favour.

Motion Carried.

6. Social Secretary Report

Barry Green gave an overview of the previous years activity and provided a look forward to what we have planned for 2024. He highlighted the following:

- Throughout 2024 there have been 20 different events (5 more than previous years) organised by the committee and members for the enjoyment of all. In addition, members have supported a variety of shows and events organised by other parties.
- Our monthly meetings at The Foresters Arms continue to be well attended and the short presentations, videos and occasional quiz have proved to be a popular addition to the evenings.
- There are already seven events on the website (one of which is already full) with more to follow in due course.
- We have had some interesting suggestions that members have kindly offered to organise, so we are looking forward to another busy TR season.

- He pointed out that there are 5 events already posted and active on the WFTR website which members are already signing their intent to participate in.

7. Election of Committee

Tim Bartholomew gave notice that he and Barry Green will stand down from the committee at the end of 2025. He was delighted that 3 members have stepped forward to assist as part of the committee. Sadly nobody yet as group Leader, but we hope this post will be filled in due course.

Graham Smith will continue as a non committee member and author the monthly newsletter. Mike Heelis will continue as a coopted membership secretary for as long as is required to get the new membership secretary happy with the role.

Members were asked to consider voting the following proposed members onto the new committee as follows:

- Group Leader - No volunteers so post vacant.
- Treasurer & TR Register WFTR Point of Contact - Tim Bartholomew
- Social Secretary - Barry Green
- Membership Secretary - David Hankin
- Coopted pending portfolio - Darren White
- Coopted pending portfolio - Andy McLaren

The proposed list of committee members was unanimously accepted with all in in favour.

Motion Carried.

8. Resolutions

That we book the Meade Hall for our 2025 Christmas lunch celebration as soon as possible to ensure we get the date we want and also that the venue hear and consider feedback from the 2024 event.

Unanimously accepted with all in in favour.

Motion Carried.

9. AOB

Items were raised as follows:

- A question was asked if we knew which events in 2025 would constitute the first TR Register Regional international event. Jeff Roberts answered this and confirmed it will be on Drive it Day in Hastings organised by Kent Group for the TR Register South Eastern area.
- A question was asked as to why the TR Regional Coordinator was not present at the AGM. The Coordinator had been previously advised by means of the monthly

group newsletter. No answer could be given, Tim Bartholomew agreed to reach out to him to seek an answer.

Action Tim Bartholomew.

10. Close of meeting

Signed on behalf of the committee:
