

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BEARE GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 6th July 2025 7:30

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of AGM 12th July 2024 for year ending 31/3/24**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Chairman's Report**
- 7. Automatic Resignation of Trustees of Long Service**
- 8. Candidates for election to the post of Trustee**
- 9. Correspondence**
- 10. Reminder : rotation of officers is business for the first meeting after the
AGM**
- 11. Any Other Business**

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 31.03.25

I would like to welcome you all to this year's BGCA AGM. I became chairman in summer 2021, which already seems a long time ago; I'm also webmaster and meetings secretary.

I'd like to thank all trustees and volunteers for all that you do all year round, without which nothing would happen, no fun day, no cinema, no jumble, no hall maintenance. Steve Campbell is always exceptional as event and volunteer/operations manager, and Steve Campbell, Linda Horvath and James Stewart run the cinema, with me operating the "projector" when I am able. I guess you could say Steve is the operational/events chairman, and I'm the bureaucratic chairman !

Steve Campbell and Steve Killick, often with Laura Mott and James Stewart, enjoy running a BGCA bar using our trustee premises licence at selected events such as the two band performances a year by the brilliant Milestone band, and the 2 visits a year by *Kapow Wrestling* which are a really different thing for the village.

Alan Smallwood does so many things and spot and fixes so many practical problems all over and around the hall that I have difficulty listing them all, all the while helping other villages too. Steve Campbell and James are often to be found working together fixing lights, bunting, signs and other such tasks.

The village bookshare has continued under Garry Anstee's diligent management, with a large stock in hand.

Litter pick has carried on, led by John Roche, on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00. We are very grateful, as there is certainly always plenty of litter to go at !

I said last year that I had a vision that Beare Green Village Hall should be the greenest it can be. This year, with the installation of the solar panels in February, we became joint greenest village hall (with 4 others) in Britain. I've made the most of that, including promoting it on Surrey Hills Radio. Mole Valley District Council were again good partners, paying for half of that. I hadn't realised some of extra related tasks (and costs) like getting an engineering survey, signing a licence agreement with our landlord (MVDC) to modify the roof, and the quite extraordinary and prolonged difficulty in getting British Gas to fit an export-capable replacement meter, but that's all done now, and the results will be worth it as it will improve our cash flow by over £2k a year for years to come.

Laura did her usual cracking job developing the number of stalls for fun day and for the Christmas fair, so that the stalls, including the Christmas games she runs with her friends, filled the main hall at Christmas, and she served as treasurer and managed bookings all year round.

The 2 EV chargers didn't break down at all during 24/25.

Cinema attendances have been acceptable. We are operating it at a very small loss - which we think to be OK as it is a service to the village.

The Christmas Fair of December 24 was a success again, with a cracking Santa's grotto set up, Brendan as Santa again, Michelle Watson as his helper, and Steve Killick wrapping the children's presents. Steve Killick made an absolutely *spectacular* "guess the weight" beautifully painted and shaped Papier-mâché candy cane piñata. I still don't know how he did it. We are so grateful to all the helpers.

The 2 jumble sales again brought together a large band of volunteers, some of whom like Maurice and Valerie Homewood have been helping for decades and continue to do so even though they live well away from the village.

The moss on the hall roof hasn't grown back, which is a relief – you can see how thick it used to be from old photos. A large mat of pondweed grew on the pond during summer 2024, clogging it and making fishing impossible. We have no responsibility for the pond, but suggested to the fishing club that we'd not apply to the Parish council for any grants, easing the way for the fishing club to try to use that route for the pond. Steve Killick led the way in securing funding for the solution, being involved with the management of the fishing club, to the huge benefit of the village who have been universally positive about it. This was generously primarily funded by grants from both Mole Valley District Council, whose pond it is, and Capel Parish Council. This finally actually *just* came to pass 1 day just after the period of this annual report, on 1st April, but I thought I'd mention it in this 24/25 summary report regardless, as at next year's AGM it will seem so distant.

Disappointing vandalism occurred to the large main hall window in September. A police investigation based on our CCTV evidence and investigations, didn't lead to any concrete outcome, but cost us £1,032 in this financial year. (Outside the financial year that this report covers, we did later get £782 back from the building insurer thanks to Alan's great perseverance).

None of the activities or the running of the Halls happen without the work of our volunteers and trustees and I would welcome anyone from the Village to join the managing committee either as a volunteer or a Trustee. I repeat my thanks above to all our volunteers and the trustees for everything they do to help because without them the events would simply not take place.

Thank you.
Paul Mott, Chairman

Treasurer's Report and financial activities, auditor's remarks and balance sheet plus AGM 2024 minutes are in separate documents on the website