



Minutes of the THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The Arts Society Glaven Valley held at Cley Village Hall at 1.45pm on Tuesday 25 June 2025

1. Chair's welcome

The Acting Chair, Maggie Williams, gave apologies from Susan Riddle and then welcomed members to the meeting. She reported that a new member, Rosie Payton, had recently joined the TASGV and was at the AGM. She also reminded the membership that the Afternoon Tea organised by Averil Cooper and due to take place the following week had been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. She then invited the President, Chris Chapman to conduct the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from: Carolyn Thomas-Coxhead; Bill Thomas; Edward Hackford; Jill Hackford; Scilla Landale; Rosemary Bryden; Keith Holt; Jane Holt; Dr Kate Thomson; David Hughes; Susan Riddle.

3. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved by the Meeting and signed by the President as a correct record.

Proposer: Carolyn Thomas-Coxhead

Seconder: David Riddle

4. Matters arising which were not covered by the rest of the Agenda

There were none

5. The Chairman's report

Susan Riddle's report was read out by Maggie Williams. Susan said she was delighted to be elected as Chair of TASGV last year. Unfortunately, her health has not been at its best over the past year and she has made the difficult decision to not seek re-election at the AGM. She thanked the membership for their continued support and noted that an increase in the subscription in 2024 had not adversely affected membership numbers and it had remained stable. She acknowledged that the membership was central to the success of TASGV, its activities and recruiting new members.

The heart of the Society's activities is the lecture programme, organised by Jane Hibbett and Special Interest Days, organised by Scilla Landale. Both programmes have been very successful being well attended and providing a varied and interesting range of subjects. Our teas after events for members to socialise have been greatly appreciated and Susan thanked Averil Cooper and Christine Haverty. Averil also organised the Christmas Lunch and a Summer Tea Party, which unfortunately was cancelled. Thanks were also given to the 'AV Squad' who make lectures happen, David Riddle, David Hughes and Richard Kelham, and Richard Allen who sets up the hall for meetings.

The rising costs of transport has made organising visits difficult. However, during the year, Linda Frost had organised a delightful trip to the ballet in Norwich and an enjoyable visit to Euston Hall.

Steve Williams, our Treasurer, has looked after our finances over the past year and introduced a welcome innovation, electronic payments at meetings. Our thanks also go to John Chapman who has continued to look after the website and acted as Independent Examiner of the Society accounts.



Our volunteer activities are doing well. Our young Arts Projects this year involved students from Paston Sixth Form College exploring possibilities for careers in the arts and the world of theatre. These projects were funded by contributions from the raffle currently run by Patricia Spencer. The Trails Team, led by Maggie Williams, has completed two new trails this year. It is also pleasing to report that Patricia Church is reviving the Church Recording group.

After thanking all members of the committee and volunteer organisers Susan gave special thanks to TASGV Secretary, Carolyn Thomas- Coxhead, and Membership Secretary, Rose Tweedie, whose work is invisible but essential to the Society. It is with regret that we say goodbye to Rose who is leaving the committee.

Susan said that Patricia Spencer, our President and long-standing member of the committee was stepping down at the end of her term of office. She has organised many Special Interest Days and more recently has taken on responsibility for the raffle to fund Young Arts projects. She has been a stalwart member of the Society and she will be greatly missed but we hope to continue to see her regularly at society events.

Lastly, Susan gave her thanks to Maggie Williams for temporarily standing in for her as Chair. She is delighted that Lucilla Burn and Maggie Williams have agreed to be her successors and act as Co-Chairs and knowing the Society will be in safe hands wishes it every success in the future.

6. The Treasurer's report and Accounts for 2023/2024

Steve Williams introduced his report and asked if there were any questions or queries.

There were no questions received. His report and the Accounts for the year April 2024 to March 2025, which had been reviewed by the Independent Examiner, were approved by the Meeting by a unanimous show of hands.

Proposer: Steve Williams

Seconded: Scilla Landale

7. Election of the Committee 2025-2026

As Patricia Spencer's term of office was now completed the rest of the meeting was conducted by Chris Chapman who succeeds as President, having served one year as Vice-President.

Election of Co-Chair Lucilla Burn

Proposer: Susan Riddle

Seconded: Christine Haverty

Election of Co-Chair Maggie Williams

Proposer: Chris Chapman

Seconded: Jane Hibbett

These appointments were agreed by the Meeting by a unanimous show of hands

Election of Officers and Committee members remaining in post

Hon Treasurer

Steve Williams

Hon Secretary

Carolyn Thomas-Coxhead

Programme Secretary

Jane Hibbett

Hall Projection

David Riddle

Hospitality

Averil Cooper

Visits Organiser

Linda Frost



Special Interest Day

Scilla Landale & Christine Haverty

It was proposed that the above be re-elected *en-bloc* and this was agreed by the Meeting by a unanimous show of hands.

Proposer: Susan Riddle

Seconder: Nicky Diggle

Election of new Committee Members

Membership Secretary Sarah White

This appointment was agreed by the Meeting by a unanimous show of hands

Proposer: Janet Gardner

Seconder: Linda Frost

Volunteer Representatives

The Meeting noted that the following are willing to continue as Volunteer Representatives

Church Recorders Patricia Church

Young Arts Jane Oulton

Trails of Discovery Maggie Williams

The post of Heritage Volunteer Representative remains vacant

Appointment of Financial Examiner for 2025-2026

The Meeting approved the appointment of John Chapman for a further year by a unanimous show of hands

Proposer: Steve Williams

Seconder: Maggie Williams

8. Other Resolutions notified to the Honorary Secretary

There were none.

9. Any other business

There was none

10. President's Address

In her address, the outgoing President, Patricia Spencer, thanked the membership for attending the AGM and for their continued support for TASGV through attending lectures and Society activities. She thanked the members also for their continued success in recruiting new members. Membership now seems stable with 203 members currently. She reported that this has been a successful year, with interesting lectures and Special Interest Days as well as two visits and an organised Christmas Lunch. She reminded the members that the Society was currently celebrating its 35th Anniversary and encouraged everyone to celebrate the Anniversary with tea and cake at the end of the meeting.

She then paid tribute to Susan Riddle, for leading the committee and for all her endeavours and dedication to the Society whilst serving as Chair this year.

She welcomed Maggie Williams and Lucilla Burns back to the Committee and for taking on the roles of Co- Chairs. She reminded the membership that it was always difficult to find new committee members. Working with a great team of likeminded people was often rewarding. She encouraged the members to consider taking a role on the Committee in the future.



She went on to give all committee members her thanks and to give some special thanks to the hardworking Secretary Carolyn Thomas-Coxhead and Rose Tweedie, Membership Secretary, who unfortunately will be leaving the committee this year. She also gave thanks to David Hughes who has served on the committee for many years and is currently part of the Audio-Visual Team but will finally be standing down this year. Finally, Patricia wished everyone present a wonderful summer and made presentations to Susan Riddle and Rose Tweedie as a mark of the Society's gratitude.

Chris Chapman, the incoming President, thanked Patricia for the vast amount of time and effort she had given to the Society over the years. She expressed how much she had appreciated everything Patricia had done for the Society and made a presentation to mark the Society's gratitude.

The meeting was closed at 2.20pm

There were 76 members present.

11. Date of the next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 1.45pm