

Minutes of Bu3a 2025 AGM
Held at Friends Meeting House on Thursday 27 March

In attendance: Andy Roberts by his proxy, the chair, Val Cartright by her proxy, the secretary, Susan Park by her proxy Jonathan Wicksteed, Peter Holt (chair), Ainslie Kelly, Ian Johnston, Kath Hopkins, John Hopkins, Hisako Robinson, Judy Hinslif, Mary Chaplin, Richard Chaplin, Tony Byrne, Janet Byrne, Mary Creswell, Vivien Stephenson, Liz Gelanos, Paul Gelanos, Chris Shepley, Trish Simmonds, Alisoun Cunningham, Gill Roberts, Sue Bull, Malcolm Cameron, Richard Tucker, Juli Richmond, John White, Chris Waddington, Deborah Henley, Bernard McMahan, Denise Wills, Irene Yarnall, Nigel Bartlett, Jean Richards, Pam Walker, David Hardman, Stephen Marsh, Jim Campbell, Dave Dalby & Jane Dalby.

1. Apologies: Sue & John Wickham, Jen Coffee, Steve Clarke, David Thornton, Jane Thornton, Janet challenger, Phil Clarke, Marie Howes, Jill Ormerod, Ron Enock, Jan Sunman, Susan Park, Jane Kayley-Burgess, Kate Paul, Rachel Mitchell, Diana Watson, Iris Holt, Sandra Marshall, George Wolfe.
2. Minutes of 2024 AGM approved as a correct record
3. No matters arising
4. Chairman's report available on website and summarised by chair.
5. 2024 accounts approved
6. Election of committee members & officers

Re-election of members of committee	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Approved unanimously	Pam Walker	Sam Lewis	Glenys Moore
Approved unanimously	Sam Lewis	Andy Roberts	Peter Holt
Election of members of committee Approved unanimously	Ainslie Kelly	Peter Holt	Sam Lewis
Approved unanimously	David Thornton	Peter Holt	Sam Lewis
Approved unanimously	David Hardman	Ainslie Kelly	Malcolm Cameron
Election of treasurer			
Approved unanimously	Kath Hopkins	Peter Holt	Sam Lewis

7. Any other business

Trish Simmonds informed members that the Bridge group has vacancies and would welcome additional players.

Irene Yarnall proposed that Glenys Moore be thanked for her work in producing the Gazette. Members responded to this with resounding applause.

Immediately following the AGM, Bu3a member Dr Ian Johnston CB, DL (Retd) gave a presentation with the title: **Is Parliamentary Democracy broken?** He used his previous experience as a Whitehalls Mandarin and deep knowledge and understanding of Whitehall to analyse the current state of British politics. The audience much appreciated his sensitive analysis and well illustrated presentation. Many were in agreement with the speaker that British Parliamentary Democracy is in pretty dire need of fixing.