

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**  
**THE WILTSHIRE CENTRE OF THE CARAVAN CLUB,**  
**HELD AT LYNEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYNEHAM,**  
**ON SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**Attendance:** - All Officers and Committee Members were present, with a total of **39** voting Members.

**Welcome:** - The Meeting was opened at 14:04 hrs by the Chairman, Mr Steve Berridge, who welcomed Members, Guests, Tellers and Past Chairmen.

He pointed out the fire exits and stated that, as a school, this was a no-smoking establishment, including the grounds. He then advised all members present that if invited to speak they should state their name clearly, address all comments to the chair and not to other members, and to use the microphone to ensure that all present can hear what they have to say. He requested that all mobile phones be turned to off or silent, and informed the members that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of minute writing only.

**Eligibility:** - The Chairman reminded the Meeting that only Wiltshire Centre Members who had registered 35 days before the Meeting could speak or vote.

**Tellers:** - The Chairman announced that as there were votes for Motions or Committee and therefore the requirement for Tellers to be appointed. Centre Guidance Annex 2-B Para 5. The Chairman welcomed the Tellers from the West Hants Centre, Gary and Helen Walton and Paul and Helen Hopkins.

**Proposed** by Mr Geoff Randall

**Seconded** by Mr Jim Gilchrist

**Approval:** Granted with a show of hands

The Chairman requested permission from the Meeting for Members on the platform to remain seated.

**Approval:** Granted with a show of hands.

The Competitions Officer was requested to commence counting the votes for the Pickwick Shield and 2024 Competition themes. The Tellers were requested to help with the counting.

**MINUTE No 1. APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Secretary, Mrs Nicky Bullock, read the Notice Convening the Meeting, which to the best of her knowledge conformed to Caravan and Motorhome Club Centre Rules 6.6.

**MINUTE No 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr and Mrs M Tolman, Mr & Mrs R Holborn, Mrs & Mrs D Owen, Mrs C Riley, Mrs A Harrison, Mr and Mrs N Randall.

**MINUTE No 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINETH AGM**

The adoption of the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes, reproduced in the AGM booklet, which had been available throughout the year from the Secretary and on the website.

**Proposed** by Mr Nigel Riley

**Seconded** by Mr Doug Haddrell

**Approved** by the Meeting on a show of hands.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**MINUTE No 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**MINUTE No 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Past Chairmen and Guests.

I can't believe how my second term has once again elapsed so quickly. The year started with a full complement of committee after the co-option of Debbie and Chase Davis but unfortunately due to personal reasons they both had to resign.

To my committee, I trust your still enjoying our monthly Zoom meetings, thank you all for your perseverance of putting up with me, and for all the time and commitment you all give to ensure our centre prospers, is invaluable, so a big thank you goes to all.

I would also like to thank Helen Ballamy for all her time in producing the Rally book, and I think you will all agree that she has done a fantastic job.

I would also like to thank Nick Randall for PAT testing the Centre portable equipment, so thank you for that.

This year the reps for South West Region were Ange and myself and will be going on for next year. The South West Centres will be Mark & Liz Tolman.

As you know, John Holdway became Vice Chairman at the start of my chairmanship and agreed he would cover the first two years. Sadly, it's now become apparent that I am going into my third and final year without a vice chairman to take our centre forward into 2025. Consequently, unless we have more members willing to give some time and dedication to the centre and joining the committee or arranging rallies, then I foresee the future viability of the centre being a very uncertain one. So, if anyone would like to be co-opted for the available positions, please see me after the Meeting.

This year has been very challenging for our rally officers with some having to cancel or overcome issues due to the poor weather conditions. May I take this opportunity to thank our rally officers for all the time and support they have given to the centre again this year.

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| Nigel & Chris Riley     | John & Tracy Mason    | Phil & Ange Sambrook    |
| Basil Raddy             | Nigel & Helen Ballamy | Jim & Linda Gilchrist   |
| Sid & Chris Peacock     | Jeff & Marylyn Hall   | Steve & Nicky Jefferson |
| Dave & Nicky Bullock    | Reece & Sue Searle    | Rob & Cathy Holborn     |
| Phil & Yvonne Austin    | Mark & Liz Tolman     | Geoff & Jan Randell     |
| Adi & Jo Berridge       | Miriam Weatherly      | Alan & Sally Spearing   |
| Stuart & Marilyn Vinten |                       |                         |

The choice of rallies for next year is once again not looking healthy we have for the first time experienced a six week break from mid-July to the September let's hope this doesn't become the norm, so I repeat the call for new Rally Officers to run, or help to run, rallies so that we can have another enjoyable Rally Program; we look forward to any new ideas or locations you might bring.

As you are all aware, the Centres 60th Anniversary Celebration Rally at Charlton Park in Malmesbury from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May promises to be a grand occasion. The members of the subcommittee have given endless hours in planning to ensure a quality line up of entertainment and catering outlets available. All details of how to book can be found on the website.

This year I have been honoured to present life membership of the CAMC to Doug Haddrell and Pete Wiltshire for 50 years continuous membership, In recognition of this achievement the plaque on the Centres mascot has been engraved.

I want to mention Chris and Nigel Riley for reaching 600 rallies which is a major milestone.

As you all know my chosen charity for this year was Macmillan Cancer the sum raised of £1000 plus any money raised at the Chairmans Charity Rally which is being held next weekend. This has been achieved from all your generosity through supporting the Centre raffle and other kind donations. I cannot thank you all enough for supporting this charity.

Going forward my charity for this coming year I have chosen The Free Wheelers which is Blood Bikes. This charity provides out of hours services to the NHS, including Doctors and Care Homes, plus delivering medicines to private houses following patients discharge from hospital. They also carry specialised items include blood, urine and the transport of human breast milk - to baby wards.

Once again, all that's left for me to say is a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Centre with the running of the Wiltshire Centre, and especially to my wife Sand for trying to steer me in the right direction. Thank you!

This concludes my second report.

**Approval:** Proposed by Mrs Ann Holdway and Seconded by Mr Phil Sambrook.

**Discussion:** - Mr Phil Sambrook asked the question 'Are the Blood Bikes for just Wiltshire or any other county? The answer from the Chairman was 'Wiltshire'.

**Adoption:** There being no other discussion the Adoption of the Chairman's Report was by the Meeting on a show of hands.

## MINUTE No 6. TREASURERS REPORT

The Chairman requested the Treasurer, Mrs A Sambrook, to present her report:

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to my reporting on 2022 accounts.

I can confirm that Berkeley Lifford Hall's report, as in previous years, has been prepared as an Independent Examiners Report which ensures that the Wiltshire Centre's Accounts and the way in which they have been prepared, are in accordance with the Caravan Club Limited, Centre Guidance. It also confirms that no matter has come to their attention which needed deeper clarification or understanding and that all accounting requirements have been met.

As I've continued to do over the past 12 years, there a number of key points that I'd like to cover so that you, the members are fully aware of what happens to the Centre finances I look after on your behalf, covering Income and Expenditure, Balance sheet anomalies, preview of 2023 activities and committee business discussed since last AGM.

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## **Income and Expenditure**

We saw an increase in membership over the last 2 years and saw our membership numbers creep over the magic 900 figure, hence a larger grant. However, this figure continues to be dependent on you continuing to renew your Centre membership when your Caravan & Motorhome Club membership is due, so I'd encourage you to do so as soon as it comes through. But in recent months, we've started to see this number reduce, so it's more important than ever to keep the membership numbers running.

Centre Sales have had some adjustments, with some stock disposed of. This consisted mainly of clothing that carried the old Caravan Club heritage logo, which it seemed no-one wanted. Sales remain on a lower level than in previous years, limited by a reduced and smaller rallying calendar.

Interest payments are on those deposits held with Club, with an increase from 1% to 4% interest from October 2022.

In the Rallies section, this looks at income versus expenditure. 2022 had a much-improved rally programme compared with 2021, although smaller than in previous years. This had an impact on rally receipts, expenditure and plaque costs, with the expectation that an increase in costs will be seen moving forwards. It remains to be seen what the final outcome of these price rises might be, and please be mindful when setting your social and event costs. We had smaller charity donations received than in previous years, but we've still contributed to the

Chairman's Charity fund with a corresponding entry for any funds paid out in expenditure. There also remains £35 currently held and ring-fenced for the Juniors.

Miscellaneous income: reflects a donation made by the rallier concerned following their cancellation of a rally.

## **Expenditure**

We produced a hard copy rally book in 2022, with the costs being more than covered by the advertising income, although our events cards were still produced electronically.

Rally circulars cover the cost of the newsletter which was printed in 2022.

We had a full year of competitions and the cost associated with engraving those trophies enthusiastically challenged and fought over.

The AGM held in 2022 was also a meeting only event, and costs reflect the hall hire for the meeting only and printing of the AGM booklet. Committee meetings have continued online with the meeting costs reflecting the renewal of the Zoom licence.

Whilst we had a smaller rally programme, the need to keep appropriate records remains, with some paperwork still being sent out, reflected in the Centre Equipment & Miscellaneous figures costs for paper, ink, envelopes and postage, but where possible more is being issued electronically.

Bank charges will now to be a regular cost with a regular £5 monthly charge now being charged by HSBC. We are also charged for each cheque and cash deposit made.

The request remains the same, please pay by BACS as it costs nothing to administer. Please also consider your rally officer should you decide not to pay by BACS. They still have to make the time to find an HSBC branch, park and pay the monies in which may cause some inconvenience.

Misc expenditure reflects the set-up costs for the new website, current website hosting, competition expenses and storage boxes for centre records.

## **Balance Sheet.**

There are no huge dramatic changes from the previous year, but an increase in cash at bank, reflecting an increased amount of activity conducted in 2022.

Prepaid expenditure relates to the deposit paid for our 2024 Celebration rally, with funds held for Deposits relating to the rally programme.

The figure for VAT relates to the last quarter year end VAT payment.

Charity donations we've already noted, with the remaining funds held for the current Chairman's charity and the Junior charity fund. Like in previous years, with no current Junior committee, the balance in their fund-raising account remains, until such time as there are sufficient Juniors to reform the committee and decide what if any, charity fundraising should be.

Clothing balances are reduced with a much more streamlined stock of items, following a reduction in the out-of-date clothing lines that Pete was holding. That leaves us with a healthy, if somewhat reduced surplus of just over £800 for the year.

### **2023 Business**

Earlier I said that membership and the grant paid by Club is based on the numbers that we have registered, and as a result we'd seen an increase in members. But in the past ten months, this progress has started to decline, along with the relatively low conversion of those new members who continue rallying after their first rally. We've clearly still got work to do, but if anyone has any ideas, please speak to any of us.

The website has now been up and running for past twelve months, with the majority of rallies able to book online, which is fully compliant with all the relevant GDPR requirements, together with a summary giving the total to be paid. This also provides a confirmation email to you, when the deposit is paid and I can reconcile it in the bank account, plus an area allowing rally officers to see who has booked online in the event of a query.

2024 sees our 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration rally, with the marquee and entertainment booked. Bookings forms are available, with a small deposit payable at the time of booking and I've already had a number come through to me.

Finally, for all those rally officers who ran rallies this year, thank you and for submitting your rally accounts in a timely manner, with minimal problems.

As ever you can get a copy of the accounts, signed by the Auditor and presented to Club H.Q. I have them with me or if you wish I can email them to you although they are in a slightly different format to that which you've got in front of you today.

Lastly, I'd also like to offer my thanks to Phil as ever, for his support during the past 12 months.

That concludes my report.

**Approval:** - Proposed by Mr Nigel Ballamy, Seconded by Mr Nigel Riley.

**Discussion:** - Mr J Gilchrist asked a question: This is regarding renewal of membership; we have had nothing from Club regarding paperwork at all. I want to thank the Secretary for reminding me to renew my membership before the end of the month as a follow on from what the previous Secretary Nigel Riley had done for me for many years. It seems strange that notifications from the Club is becoming very sparse, we seem to have to rely on the internet for everything. Thank you.

This question was not responded to, as it was just to make a point. This was, in fact mentioned in the South West Region report. later in the meeting.

**Adoption:** There being no further discussion, adoption of the Treasurer's Report was by a show of hands.

### **MINUTE No 7. ELECTIONS**

The Chairman requested the Secretary to announce to the membership, the number of voting members present.

#### **As at the 8th September 2023:**

|                               |            |   |
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| <b>FULL MEMBERSHIP</b>        | <b>872</b> | <b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b><br><b>1627</b> |
| <b>JOINT MEMBERSHIP</b>       | <b>729</b> |   |
| <b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>      | <b>20</b>  |   |
| <b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>        | <b>6</b>   |   |
| <b>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</b> | <b>39</b>  |   |

The Chairman announced that the names of all Nominees, their Proposers and Seconders were in the AGM booklet available to all attendees. He then asked all Members, other than the Secretary to leave the platform.

- (a) The Secretary announced the unopposed election of the Chairman, Mr Steve Berridge.  
The Secretary presented badge and plaque to the Chairman who resumed control of the meeting.
- (b) The Chairman announced the unopposed election of the Secretary, Mrs Nicky Bullock.

- The Chairman presented badge and plaque to the Secretary and invited her to join the platform.
- (c) The Chairman announced the unopposed election of the Treasurer, Mrs Ange Sambrook.  
The Chairman presented badge and plaque to the Treasurer and invited her to join the platform.
- (d) The Chairman announced there was no nomination for Vice Chairman
- (e) The Chairman announced the unopposed election of the Rally Secretary, Mrs Tracy Mason  
The Chairman presented badge and plaque to the Rally Secretary and invited her to join the platform.
- (f) The Chairman announced that as there were only 8 Nominations for Committee there would be no vote  
The Chairman then announced the unopposed election of the 8 members of the Centre Committee:  
Mr Adi Berridge, Mrs JoAnne Berridge, Mrs Ann Holdway, Mr John Holdway  
Mrs Nicky Jefferson, Mr John Mason, Mrs Jenny Newman, and Mr Pete Wiltshire.

The Chairman welcomed all members to the Centre Committee who collected their presented badges and plaques.  
The Chairman then announced that the Committee is two members down. Anyone wishing to be considered for co-option on to the Committee should contact the Secretary. All volunteers would be considered at a future Committee Meeting.

#### **MINUTE No 8. APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The appointment of Berkeley Lifford Hall, Corsham was approved by the meeting on a show of hands.

#### **MINUTE No 9. SOUTH WEST REGION REPORT**

Mrs Ange Sambrook made her report for 2023.

South West Region Representatives this year have been Steve Berridge and myself. Since our last Centre AGM, there have been three Club Council meetings, plus the AGM.

Meetings have covered a variety of topics, raised by Centres or as a direct result of information received from Club.

Topics covered so far this year, by no means a complete list but of note:

- *Tents on rallies*
- *Ease of renewing Centre membership at the point of Caravan Club membership renewal - this has been raised many times.*
- *Fire extinguishers and fire exit signs in Centre marquees and event spaces*
- *Document retention*

The South West Regional AGM was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at Museum of Army Flying Middle Wallop Museum.

Elections for the Officers were, Chairman John Condie, Vice-Chairman Phil Sambrook and Treasurer Mark Tolman. There were no nominations for a Secretary but the outgoing Chairman Sheelagh Butler offered to take up this role, together with the co-option of Jo Dyke as Minute Secretary.

Also in attendance was Grenville Chamberlain at one of his final meetings, as he retires from the Chairmanship of the Club at the end of October.

That concludes my report.

#### **MINUTE No 10. CHAIRMAN TO INTRODUCE THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

The Chairman addressed the meeting to explain that there were insufficient Juniors to form a Committee for 2024, however it was hoped that the Junior Section could be re-established in the near future.

#### **MINUTE No 11. MOTIONS**

2 motions raised by the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

##### **Motion 1 - Deposit amount**

The deposit for rallies will now be increased £10. This is due to rising cost of Rally venues, social costs, admin and rally fees.

**Proposer:** Steve Berridge (Chairman)

**Seconder:** Ange Sambrook (Treasurer)

The Treasurer made a statement: This is a preamble of Motion 1, previous AGMs have notated a provision for a £5 general deposit to be paid at the time of booking a rally and as per the motion approved at the last AGM (AGM 46) and mentioned in your rally books, a £5 general deposit is to be paid at time of booking and will be forfeited in the event of a late cancellation, i.e. Within 14 days of the rally or non-arrival. However, with the increase in general costs forfeited £5 deposit will not be sufficient cover costs such as Plaques, admin, social costs therefore we now feel that it the right time to increase this to £10 which seems a reasonable deposit to pay. Ill health or bereavement cancellations within the 14-day period with a request for returned funds will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the committee.

*A question was raised by S Vinten:* Regarding the deposit on rallies, if you were running Socials can you ask for a deposit?

*Treasurer response:* 'Yes' this has always been the case and it is covered in the rally book.

A question was raised by Sue Searle: Reference to the deposits on Rallies, can I ask if it has always been a committee decision or can it be left to the rally officers to make that decision if they have a surplus in their kitty for that weekend, then can they make that decision.

*Treasurer response:* It is only a committee decision for under 14 days, if it is prior 14 days then that rally officer is empowered for return the cheque or destroy it or get me to send it back.

*A question was raised by Jim Gilchrist:* I, on the last rally I ran, decided to return two deposits to Ralliers because I knew the full circumstances regarding the reason they had to cancel, one was on the actual day and two were for family issues and I felt I was the right person to make that decision, if the cheque had gone back to committee, it would have cost the centre money returning the cheques through the post at £1.40 per cheque, so I personally feel that the rally officers should be involved in making that decision.

*Treasurer Response:* This is potentially a conversation for another time.

No further questions were received. The Chairman requested that the members used the voting slip Motion 1. Dave Bullock then collected the filled in voting slips. These were then handed in the box to the Tellers, they then retired to count.

**Votes cast 39 with 28 for and 11 against, therefore Approved.**

## **Motion 2 – Competition Entry**

Wiltshire centre members who have booked the rally and are unable to bring their caravan due to unforeseen circumstances should be allowed to compete in the competitions and win the trophies.

**Proposer:** S J Vinten 9261795

**Secunder:** S Sperring 6138408

Stuart Vinten's clarification of Motion 2: If you had booked in for a competition, and say your car breaks down or something happened to the van, are you still allowed to compete in the rally as someone said they weren't allowed to?

*A question was raised by Jenny Weston:* If you are booked on the rally and paid for it, and then cancelled and you couldn't have a refund, is that right?

*Rally Secretary response:* This is to do with competition rallies, if you booked on, what they are asking is what happened if something happened to either the tow car or the van and you couldn't make it, their question was whether you can still take part in the centre competition.

*Response from Jenny Weston:* So, if you have paid for it and not had a refund can you still then compete?

*Rally Secretary response:* If you were on a competition rally such as the Observation, boules or skittles and something had happened to your vehicle or van and you could not attend the rally, you can still compete in the competition, (at this point she checked with S Vinten if this was correct, and he confirmed that this was the case).

The Chairman requested that the members used the voting slip Motion 2. Dave Bullock then collected the filled in voting slips. These were then handed in the box to the Tellers, they then retired to count.

**Votes cast 39 with 23 for and 16 against, therefore Approved.**

## **MINUTE NO 12. RALLY PROGRAMME 2023**

The Chairman called on the Rally Secretary, Mrs Tracy Mason, to present the 2024 programme.

The Rally Secretary opened her remarks, with that she was very disappointed with next year's rally calendar as there was only 17 rallies booked in when we normally get quite a few. I will run through quickly what we have lined up.

We have no Easter Rally next year, so the first one is 12-14<sup>th</sup> April 70s Theme with Jon and Wendy Cottee. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally from the 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> May at Charlton which is being run by the Committee. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May Beehive Rally Field with Janet and Paul Allen. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May Observation Rally at Langley Burrell Village with Steve and Sandra Berridge (Competition Rally). 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June Step Back in Time at Bucklers Hard with Alan and Sally Sperring. First of the Pentewan Rallies 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June with Sid and Chris Peacock. 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June A follow on Rally at Woolsbridge Manor Farm with Steve and Sandra Berridge. 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Burn Your Own Meat at Norton St Philip with Jim and Linda Gilchrist. 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June Boules Rally at Bibury with Basil Raddy (Competition Rally). 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July Cotswold Air Show at Cirencester Park with the South West Centres running this. 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> RIAT at Fairford with Phil and Ange Sambrook. 26<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August Cider and Sausage Festival at Brassknocker with Allen and Sally Sperring. Holiday Rally 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August at Beehive with Steve and Sandra Berridge. 30<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September Curling Rally at Kington Langley with Nigel and Helen Ballamy (Competition Rally). 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September AGM with South West Region Slimbridge. 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September Frome Cheese Show with Steve and Sandra Berridge. 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September Second Pentewan Rally with Rob and Cathy Holborn. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October Skittles at Kington Langley with Nigel and Helen Ballamy. 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October AGM at a new venue Dinton Village Hall, Committee running this. 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December Schools are out for Christmas at Dinton Village Hall with John and Wendy Cottee. This all the rallies for next year at the moment. I would like to thank all the Rally Officers for running rallies this year and are running rallies next year. I would also like to thank John for helping to get through it all. This concludes my report.

The Chairman reminded the meeting all the rallies are bookable as they will be published on the website shortly.  
The Chairman thanked the Rally Secretary for her report.  
The Chairman then asked for any discussion on the 2024 Rally programme. There was none.

#### **MINUTE No 13. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE 2024 AGM**

The Secretary announced that the 2024 AGM would be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 14:00hrs the venue is at Dinton Village Hall, Dinton, Wiltshire.

*She advised that this was subject to confirmation, and that members should check their 2024 Rally books and the website for the AGM Calling Notice, which are the official notifications of the AGM.*

#### **MINUTE No 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no comments received.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **21 years of Service – John Holdway**

It is at this point that the Chairman wanted to say a great thanks to Mr John Holdway for his contribution to the Centre for standing on Committee for more than 21 years. Thank you, John and Ann, your names will be added to the Wiltshire Mascot, the White Horse. A round of applause took place.

##### **Competitions**

The Competitions Officer, Mr John Mason announced the result of the Pickwick Trophy (Rally Book cover).

3<sup>rd</sup> place is Helen Ballamy with Picture No. 4

2<sup>nd</sup> place is Nigel Ballamy picture taken at Kington Langley Rally at the Skittles competition.

The Winner is **Doug Haddrell** with picture no. 6.

The Chairman presented the Pickwick trophy to the winner.

The Chairman and Competitions Officer presented the Competition Cups, Trophies and Plaques to the winners of:

The Mens Boules competition (Swindon Caravans)– **Darrell Hazelton** (Doug Haddrell to take for him as not present)

The Illuminated Window (The Don Roberts Trophy) – **Doug Haddrell**

The Ladies Boules Competition (Blunsdon Abbey Rose Bowl) – **Liz Tolman** (not present, John Mason to arrange delivery)

The Photographic competition (The Greatfield Shield) – **Helen Ballamy**

The Curling Competition Ladies (Green Trophy) – **Cindy Oakey**

The Observation competition (Northover Trophy) – **Nigel and Helen Ballamy**

The Curling Competition Mens (The Sarum Trophy) - **David Goff** (Not present, The Chairman to arrange delivery)

The German Trophy (Overall Winner)

Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 387 points were Mark and Liz Tolman & Steve and Sandra Berridge

2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 398 points was Nigel and Helen Ballamy

**1<sup>st</sup> Place with 484 points was Doug Haddrell**

John then thanked his wife Tracy for all her help and keeping a check on the competitions.

The result of the vote on themes for 2024 was then announced. The Illuminated Window theme will be **Seaside** and the Photographic theme will be **Birds**. It was then stated that the Illuminated Window competition will be renamed to Illuminated Caravan instead.

The Chairman thanked the Competitions Officer for an excellent presentation and for all his efforts throughout the year.

#### **THANKS:**

The Chairman thanked the Tellers for their help assistance with the counting. Sandra Berridge and Ann Holdway then presented both Helen & Gary Walton and Helen & Paul Hopkins with flowers and a bottle of wine. Paul stood up and thanked everyone for their warm welcome and hospitality.

The Chairman thanked Mr Dave Bullock for his assistance with the roving microphone.

#### **VOTE OF THANKS:**

Mr Doug Haddrell thanked the Chairman for conducting the AGM with just the right amount of humour. I would like to make a plea (but not to the converted) but to the members who haven't run a rally yet, we really do need more rally officers so any new members or members who have never run a rally, please contact the Rally Secretary as I would not like to see, what has been my 50 years of social life, end. So, I would like to put that plea forward. Finally, I would like to thank you Mr Chairman and I wish you and your Committee the very best of luck with the Celebration Rally next year. Thank you.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

The Chairman thanked all the members present for making the effort to attend this meeting, and for the support he has been given in his second year. He then thanked his wife, Sandra, for the help and support she had given him.

**CLOSURE:**

The Chairman asked if the meeting was happy for the voting slips to be destroyed? This received a YES from the members. He also stated that if the members present would like a Rally Newsletter, please see Ann Holdway for a printed copy.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 15:10 with thanks to all Members for their attendance and requested the new Committee to remain behind for a brief meeting. He also said that, as previously stated, the Committee is short, if anyone wishes to be considered for co-option please come forward.

Mrs Nicky Bullock  
Secretary  
Wiltshire Centre

Mr Steve Berridge  
Chairman  
Wiltshire Centre