



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 20.00hrs**

**In attendance**

<b>Darren Mace DM [President]</b>	<b>Steve Checksfield [SC]</b>
<b>Graham Dobell [GD] Vice President</b>	<b>Peter Clarke [PC]</b>
<b>Dave Baker [DB]</b>	<b>Trevor Collins [TC]</b>
<b>Jane Brown [JB]</b>	<b>Bryan D'Souza [BD'S]</b>
<b>Paul Chapman [PC]</b>	<b>Martyn Vant [MV]</b>
	<b>Alan Crocker /Executive Officer</b>

Plus 16 members. The meeting proceeded as the number of attendees conformed to rule 17[1].

Item 1	Welcome/Apologies for absence.	Darren Mace
<p>DM welcomed all attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending the AGM. Darren outlined that the club had given notification of the convening of the meeting. We had used Mail Chimp to circulate to members who we hold email addresses for and who have given us permission to use them. Notices were displayed throughout the club and displayed on the My Tenterden Website.</p> <p>DM thanked all the attendees for all their support to the club over the past 12 months.</p> <p>He confirmed that it had been a good year, not just financially but nice to see so many people coming and supporting the club in these tough times.</p> <p>We are slowly getting changes done in and around the club and trust me a lot goes on behind the scenes [more than I ever expected].</p> <p>We have had some good events and parties over the last 12 months, like the monthly Bingo which goes from strength to strength. Thanks to Jane B for all your hard work. We now have monthly karaoke, regular comedy nights, and country western events.</p> <p>On a more sombre note, we have also lost a few great people who have been members of the club for a very long time. Most noticeably two recent ones being Matt Jones and Sam Sherwood.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to say a few thank you's. Thank you to all the bar staff led by our bar manager Mark Catt I know customers are not always easy, but you all do a great job. Next is my team of committee members for 2025-2026. We have had some great, very long meetings and a lot of serious debates and decisions to make. But you have all given of you time to help the club.</p> <p>And finally, it's thanks to Alan, he keeps as all legal and above board. Ensures money is in the bank, staff are paid, and staff are looked after. Thank you for going above and beyond. Alan will now give you a breakdown of the finances. Following this report, we will come back the floor for questions.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Martin Mowl.</p>		

<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Minutes of the AGM 20.05.2025</b>																						
<p>Following a proposal by JB, seconded by GD the meeting approved the minutes as representing an accurate recording of the said meeting.</p> <p>Questions were received from the floor that attendees had not received copies of the last AGM Minutes. It has never been the case that minutes were circulated to members they were however displayed on the noticeboard post meeting as with all management meetings. After much debate, it was agreed that in fairness to all, going forward draft minutes of the AGM will be displayed on the Members Section of the website.</p>																							
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Elections of Officers.</b>																						
<p>Nominations for Committee Members will remain open until 10.00pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.</p> <p>At this stage of the nomination process 12 nominations have been received for 12 positions. The secretary will advise all members by the usual methods of the final number of nominations and if a ballot needs to take place. AJC outlined the ballot process and the scheduled dates and sought volunteer to act as scrutineers.</p> <p>If necessary, the arrangements for ballot shall be carried out under the direction of the secretary by three scrutineers appointed by the general meeting who shall not be candidates, committee members or officers. The scrutineers as appointed shall remain as scrutineers until their successors are appointed.</p> <p>The scrutineers appointed at the general meeting were: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="560 1160 906 1265"> <tr> <td>Tara Willington Mace</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Venetia Happe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Happe</td> </tr> </table> <p>Out thanks to them for standing.</p> <p>Nominations received as at the close of the meeting were</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="188 1435 1501 1749"> <tr> <td><b>PRESIDENT</b> Darren Mace</td> <td>Bryan D'Souza</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Graham Dobell</td> <td>Mick Eggleshawe</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>MANAGING COMMITTEE</b></td> <td>Callum Knowles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Baker</td> <td>John Stockdale</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Brown</td> <td>Martyn Vant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Chapman</td> <td>Jason Williamson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Clark</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Checksfield</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trevor Collins</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			Tara Willington Mace	Venetia Happe	Dave Happe	<b>PRESIDENT</b> Darren Mace	Bryan D'Souza	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Graham Dobell	Mick Eggleshawe	<b>MANAGING COMMITTEE</b>	Callum Knowles	Dave Baker	John Stockdale	Jane Brown	Martyn Vant	Paul Chapman	Jason Williamson	Peter Clark		Steve Checksfield		Trevor Collins	
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<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Finance Report to the Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Lead AJC</b>																					

Pre Meeting there was an opportunity to collect a copy of the club accounts for the year ending 2025 together with a detailed financial report from the Club Treasurer.

Alan Crocker presented his financial report. Copies are currently available on the shelf under the noticeboard just inside the club main door. He covered the profit and loss from each of the club's income and expenditure for the year ending December 2025.

At this juncture we took questions from the floor, in view of understandable comments made during the meeting...

The issue on the timeline on the announcement of the AGM date was raised and the wording of the notice that questions would need to be submitted 7 days before the event but only gave members 6 days to respond. The reply has already been covered in these minutes.

A question on one of the windows in the Evans Bar was long overdue replacement.

We took several more questions around the date that members were informed of the date for the AGM.

We were one day late in notifying members, and the secretary explained exactly the problem we had which was completely beyond the control of the Secretary or the Management Committee.

Two members of the Folk Group thanked the Management Committee for allowing them to use the club facilities for their regular sessions and they sincerely hope the group will grow in numbers.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

<b>Post Meeting Action Points</b>	
Minutes of future AGMs to be displayed on the Club Website	<b>AJC</b>
Liaise with ballot scrutineers if required	<b>AJC</b>
Set Up Ballot/Count if required under the direction of the Secretary	<b>AJC</b>
Advise result of ballot if required	<b>AJC</b>
Replace the 'clouded' window in the Evans Bar	<b>AJC</b>

**Alan Crocker | Executive Officer**

Incorporating the Role of Secretary | Treasurer | HR Lead

**29.05.2026**