



MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7th May 2026

Held at Southborough Football Club

Present: Nicola Harrison, Lesley Burnand, Philip Smithies, Marilynne Hill, Daniel Briggs, Richard Briggs, Derek Griffin, Owen Watt, David Bower, Ken Ash, Sue Ash, Jeremy stock, Simon Lane, Sue Pennicott, Philip Easom, Tony Hill, David Godfrey, Kenny McIver, Denys Clarke, Kevin Yates

1. Chairs' Opening Remarks

Lesley welcomed everyone to another AGM, the 60th, and the end of the 2026 season. Lesley and Nicola had reflected on how they thought the year had gone, and were very pleased that they didn't have any major disasters. (They weren't quite Nicola's words, but the sentiment was there.)

2. Apologies for Absence

Jane Thornton, David Lucy, Julie Salwey, Cathie Agates, Tony Sharp, Colin Hurley

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM held on 1st May 2025

Approved.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous AGM held on 1st May 2025

None

5. Reports:

Reports on the club's year had been prepared by the Officers and post holders as listed below, and circulated in advance of the meeting. In view of this they were not read out. There were no questions on the reports from the meeting.

5.01 Chairs' Report - Lesley Burnand/Nicola Harrison

5.02 Treasurer's Report - Nicola Harrison

Adoption of the TCC Accounts:

Proposer: Nicola Harrison on behalf of the Committee **Seconder:** Lesley Burnand

Agreed unanimously.

5.03 Membership Secretary's Report - Marilynne Hill

5.04 Judge Secretary's Report - Marilynne Hill

5.05 Programme Secretary's Report - Shaun Wakelen

5.06 AV Group Report - Philip Smithies

5.07 Mini-outings Report - Philip Smithies

5.08 Image Discussion Group Report - David Godfrey

5.09 Exhibition Secretary's Report - Jeremy Stock

5.10 Publicity Officer's Report - Ian Standing

5.11 Tonbridge Talks Report - Kevin Yates

6. Election of Officers 2026-2027

Co-Chair	Nicola Harrison	Proposer	Philip Smithies	Second	Tony Hill
Co-Chair	Lesley Burnand	Proposer	Philip Smithies	Second	David Bower
Vice-Chair	Philip Smithies (Acting)	Proposer	Jan Baker	Second	Dan Briggs
Vice-Chair		Proposer		Second	
Secretary	Marilynne Hill	Proposer	Philip Easom	Second	Dan Briggs
Treasurer	Nicola Harrison	Proposer	Tony Hill	Second	Richard Briggs

Elected *en bloc* unanimously. No one came forward to stand as Vice-Chair.

7. Election of Committee 2026-2027

Dan Briggs	Proposer	Derek Griffin	Second	Marilynne Hill
Derek Griffin	Proposer	Philip Easom	Second	Owen Watt
Jeremy Stock	Proposer	Marilynne Hill	Second	Lesley Burnand
Shaun Wakelen	Proposer	Marilynne Hill	Second	Lesley Burnand
Sue Ash	Proposer	Jan Baker	Second	Tony Hill
Ian Standing	Proposer	Sue Pennicott	Second	Simon Lane
Sue Pennicott	Proposer	Tony Sharp	Second	Richard Briggs

Elected *en bloc* unanimously.

8. Election of Auditor 2026-2027

Kevin Yates

Proposer: Simon Lane **Second:** Sue Pennicott

Elected unanimously

9. Discussion Items and Proposals by Outgoing Committee

9.01 Subscription fees

Proposer: Nicola Harrison

Second: Lesley Burnand

There were no objections to an increase in subscription fees, as shown below, in the 2026-2027 season:

Membership Category	Current £	Next Season 2026-27 £
Adult	72	75
Joint (2 at same address)	114	120
Junior (under 18)	12	12
Student/Jobseeker's Allowance	25	25
Full Country	46	46
Ordinary Country	25	25
Door Fees	2	2 *

*or £40 for the entire season (unchanged from previous year)

9.02 Programme 2026-2027

Philip had analysed the records of attendance on Thursday evenings and established that the practical sessions are consistently the poorest attended. So, Lesley proposed that the practical sessions be suspended from next year's programme. Instead, members' evenings will comprise various fun, interactive sessions.

In addition, Lesley & Nicola proposed that next season's programme include more 'structured' mini-outings, with one per month on a date set at the start of the season. These would be run by different members to a location/venue of their choosing. As an example, Tony suggested he might hire a model for a portrait workshop.

David B asked for clarification on how mini outings are advertised etc. Lesley confirmed that details of the set, pre-arranged outings would be included in the programme. *Ad hoc* mini outings could continue alongside those set in the programme, with members being informed via WhatsApp (which anyone could join) and email. There would be no limit on numbers for outings.

There would also be a list on our website of various events of interest to photographers. Lesley & Nicola had started compiling the list, which will be circulated. It includes dates of workshops run by Seamus Ryan which several members expressed an interest in.

It was also proposed to run on-line (zoom) sessions on various aspects of post-processing. Philip had delivered one on Adobe Camera Raw, which was agreed to be excellent. There is a wide range of subjects which could be covered to raise awareness of what can be done in post-processing. The proposal was that these sessions be held on a Tuesday - alternating with Image Discussion and the AV group sessions. It was acknowledged that not everyone would be interested in every session. David G felt that it could run the risk of someone spending a lot of time preparing the session only for no one to attend. It was agreed to trial the sessions and see how they are received.

10. Proposals received from Individual Members

Kevin wished to thank Nicola for her hard work managing TCC accounts & for doing such a professional job on them.

Derek offered to organise another astrophotography evening, although of necessity it would be at short notice so couldn't be included on the programme. He also hoped to repeat the autumn colours workshop held last year.

David B works at the Spa Valley Railway and would be happy to try and arrange an outing or workshop if we let him know what we'd like.

Kenny noted that Ian had done a great job getting the club featured in Amateur Photographer magazine. The magazine runs monthly themed competitions; as the year's themes are listed in advance with closing dates, perhaps the mini outings could be planned to provide opportunities for shots within the theme. Competition entry is at individual level but entrants can accumulate points for their club with the chance that the club could win a prize.

Other proposals for outings were made: the trenches re-enactment held at Deitling, Headcorn airshow 27/28 June, Battle of Britain airshow at Woodchurch, Tudor re-enactments at Kentwell. These could all be added to the events diary on the website.

11. Chairs' Reflections

Lesley & Nicola agreed they owed a great deal of thanks to many people.

Firstly, to Philip Easom, our main projectionist for PDI competitions, as well as speakers, and more recently joined by Derek, to provide an extra layer of support and resilience within the ranks.

To Ken for being the main print competition coordinator. And to Jeremy, and it is good to see him back at the club, and in his absence being supported and helped by his attractive assistant Sue. Also, to Ken and Sue for running the KCPA AV evening – supporting anyone who would like to view, comment or show their AVs.

To Dave G for running the Image Discussion group, experimenting with new formats and ideas, and generally keeping this group informative, fun and an excellent way to explore ways to improve our pictures.

To Kevin for taking on 'Tonbridge Talks' which involves some of us visiting other clubs to give talks on our various areas of interest – if anyone is interested in joining the team of 'talkers', they can speak to Kevin.

Also Jeremy and Kevin for their work with our annual exhibition.

They thanked the committee who had helped set up, take down, move stuff around and generally been very supportive of their efforts as co-chairs, actually making the job fairly straightforward... ish.

Particular thanks went to Philip S, who was there for advice, help and generally keeping accurate and up to date records of club competitions, mini outings and for running one of our additional online meetings – the AV evening.

In our thoughts:

Colin B, whose wife has not been well, and we wish her all the best and hope Colin can return to the club on a regular basis soon.

Denys, whose wife has been unwell, but now, hopefully on the road to recovery.

And we remember Pat King, who was a regular member of the club when we were based in Tonbridge.

Denys, who after many years serving on the committee in various roles from co-Chair to Archivist, and loads of others in between, is stepping down this year. The club very much appreciates his support and help over the years, so thank you.

Denys was presented with a gift as a token of the club's grateful thanks for all that he has done over the years.

12. AOB

None