

Market Harborough Art Club

AGM Meeting Minutes

April 13th 2026, 7:30pm, Youth Wing Harborough Methodist Church

Members Present: Michael Edwards, David Simons, Sally Struszkowski, Lynda Talbott, Allie Whelan, Val Bailey, Archie McDougall, Charmaine Newmarch, Suzette Ball, Kate Lee, Jessica Edwards, Bernadette Pellow-Jarman, Emma Shaw, Frank Bingley, Anna Cortis, Abigail Newmarch, Anita West.

Apologies: Simone Apel

Mins of AGM 7th April 2025 - LT accepted the mins from last AGM

Chairmans Report;ME thanked SS, LT and AWand AM for their efforts through the year.Thanks also to Frank who continues to support the club so well.ME welcomed all, especially our new members, and asked for ideas please from all members although the programme has now been set for 2026/7. ME is excited about the year's programme ahead and hope it have something for everyone...

Financial Report;SS presented 2025/26 financial report and handed out copies for all present, including the previous yr for comparison. Our membership at the end of last yr was 40 (healthy) and membership fees remain our largest source of revenue. The other main revenue stream is our exhibition which raised £320.59 this year, £106.60 lower than the previous year. The club has a healthy balance of £3407.78 in the bank, and some petty cash in addition.Sally emphasised that the club relies on membership and exhibition participation for it's success.

Exhibition Report;LT presented the Exhibition Report and it was accepted.

Last yr was our 60th exhibition; what an achievement! Thank you to the support from members and the committee, and especially those who baked cakes and served refreshments in the kitchen, to Frank for printing, and to Sally for her hard work reconciling the finances in addition to help in all other areas.

Of our 40 members only 15 submitted entries, with 36 framed pieces in total, and 22 unframed works from just 9 members. This wasn't enough for an exhibition so contributing members were asked to enter more, bringing numbers of works to 54. 6 Framed pieces and 4 unframed sold, congrats to those who sold, and greetings cards sold well. Well done to Isaac, our youngest member, on his first exhibition!

This years' Exhibition is 3rd 4th October in the Theatre as usual. We are very keen to support all artists to enter work this year (would be wonderful if everyone submitted at least one work) and there will be info available to everyone at the meetings running up to the event. Lynda's email address to go on next newsletter for any exhibition related questions.

Election of Officers;

All positions have a year left in their term, but we have space for 3 more committee members should anyone choose to step up: shout up!!

AOB;

- Archie agreed to upload the constitution and AGM mins onto the website.
- Archie suggested adding a 'how to exhibit' page Lynda to send info to AM.
- Members asked for recommendations for art material suppliers, framers, printers etc... committee to compile a list to go in newsletter.
- Discussion re number or pieces of work to be entered by each artist at the Exhibition. Agreed with 3.
- Everyone is able to upload images of work to the website – please email images to Archie. All artists are also able to upload images to the Facebook Page.

- KL expressed a desire for the facebook challenge to recommence. Everyone suggested a topic, which are;Flags, Architecture, Sunset / Sky, Collage, Time, Happiness is..., Reflections, Travel and places, Ladies Clothes, Abstract, Self Portrait, Beaches and Sepia Sketch. Frank to select one a month and publish this on the facebook page, letting Simone know each months for the newsletter.

'FROM THE SEA' competition

Congratulations on some wonderful ad varied work!

Frank's 'Blue Lobster' stole the show in first place, winning the John Voss Trophy, closely followed by David's 'From the Sea' in second. In joint 3rd came Kate; 'River Dart at Dusk', Abigail with 'Island Adventure', and Val with 'Seal'. Well done to all who entered.

As all business had been successfully concluded the meeting ended.Thanks to all who attended.

Reminder of the next meeting; May 11th– Mark Making; 100 strokes.