

**Minutes of the Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club
Annual General Meeting held on
Monday 29th April, 2019 at 12.30.p.m. at the
Woking Leisure Centre.**

Alan Gibbs WLC 50+ club Chair welcomed around 40 members of 50+ together with representative from the Leisure Centre to the Annual General Meeting

Apologies were received from Dave Neves, Stan Craven, Simon Grant, David & Barbara Nicholson, Janet Morgan, Sue Robinson, Val Woodland, Bob, Jo and John.

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM which had been circulated to members were approved by Chris Roberts and seconded by Les Knight and by the members with a show of hands.

Matters arising. - None

Chairman's Report

I welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting of the 50+ Club. It is very nice to see a greater number of members present here today than were present at last year's AGM.

As a number you will know, I was elected as Chairman by your Committee in September last year following the sad death of our previous Chairman, Rodney Griffiths in the summer. It is traditional for the Chairman to give a brief overview of what has gone on in the Club over the last year, and as I know that you are keen to get on with the usual Monday afternoon's sporting activities after this meeting, I shall keep this overview brief.

One of our regular activities outside the Leisure Centre, the Wednesday Walks program, has gone from strength to strength with a significant number of members joining and enjoying the arranged walks. I am sure that you all aware that our Committee member for walks, Hilary Thomas, and the team of walk leaders work very hard in researching and trialling an interesting variety of walks, and I wish to thank them for all their efforts in this very successful activity.

Our Quiz Night in the Leisure Centre in November last year was well supported, and with the profits made from the evening we were able to make donations of £125.00 to Woking Hospice and £125.00 to The Fountain Centre at Luke's, Guildford, in memory of Rodney Griffiths, which was very much appreciated by Val Griffiths. Many thanks to Pam Bedder and Elaine Bailey for all the arrangements and organising the raffle.

As far as the program of excursions and visits over the last year, we may not have had as many excursions as in previous years but it has certainly been an interesting program, most notably –

The visit to the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Centre & Museum in May

The short holiday to Arosa in Switzerland

The 4-day trip to Amiens, France, in September,

The London walk in October despite some people not being able to get to London on the day because of rail problems

The Christmas concert at the Royal Albert Hall in December

The visit to the London Postal Museum and Smithfield Market in March this year.

A big thank you goes to our Committee members involved with the planning and organisation of these excursions, namely Diann Arnfield, Hilary Thomas and Myra Bayliss. There is a lot of work involved, and sometimes a few anxious moments in filling the places available on these excursions, but as I see it, the excursions and visits that we do put on add that something extra to the range of activities of your club.

The Christmas Lunch at Sutton Green Golf Club, where we have been for this event for a number of years now, was once again enjoyed very well attended by 88 members and guests. A quick note for your diaries is that the 2019 Christmas Lunch is provisionally booked for Friday 13 December.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Committee members who put in a lot of effort in keeping your club ticking over in good order for the benefit of you the members, and not forgetting, but I almost forgot, our Treasurer, Ian Wilson, who has to deal with a blizzard of booking forms, cheques, and payments, looking after the money, and pass the audit.

In closing I would also like to extend the Club's thanks to Matt and Abbey of the Leisure Centre and all the Leisure Centre staff making the 50+ Club's activities in the Leisure Centre run as smoothly as possible, despite all the other pressures that they face, and offering us the extra session time, Wednesday mornings, that has been running since September.

I will move now to reading to you Stan Craven's report on our club's recent participation in the REACT Games held in October and where we achieved some exceptional medal performances. Many congratulations to all the medal winners and, in fact, to all the team members for making the effort to represent the club. As Stan mentions, the 2019 REACT games will be held on Thursday, 10 October, so there is plenty of time to think about representing your club and start practising.

Report of Stan Craven

REACT GAMES 2018

The Games were held in October at High Wycombe, a new venue as far as React was concerned. The Centre is only five years old and it showed. The facilities were very new, spacious and enjoyed by all.

The Woking Leisure Centre Team was once again not a complete team. Nonetheless, we put in an exceptional performance and achieved Third Place overall. Had we had representatives in Ladies Racket ball, 50+ Table Tennis, 65+ Badminton and Short Mat Bowls, we could have come Second or even Winners. The difference in points was so close.

We achieved the following individual event results:

Racket ball (Men)	50 +	Gold
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Racket ball (Ladies)	65+	Silver
Badminton	50+	Gold
Badminton	50+	Silver
Short Mat Bowls	65+	Silver
Short Tennis	50+	Silver
Short Tennis	65+	Gold

- Structural refurbishment to the entrance area of the Pool. This is still on-going and WBC has given us a 6-8 weeks completion time.

Future Projects and plans that you may be interested in.

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- Studio Air con project taking place from 29th April. This will provide improved control over air temperature for the variety of different activities taking place in the studios.
- Changing room project. Improvements to the changing facilities are planned in the near future however the date is yet to be confirmed.
- Refurbishment of the 3G football pitches is being planned due to the current wear.

Pool

- Ongoing discussions around the opening of the water slides. The stair tower is currently under repair and once this is complete it is anticipated the slides will be open. Provisional date of June 2019.
- Changing room project. Improvements to the changing facilities are planned in the future however the dates are yet to be confirmed.
- WBC has a planned press release regarding all the future refurbishment works. This is should be available within the next month.

Staffing

The LC continues to recruit staff to provide the best service possible. Abby has now taken the role as Active Communities Manager and with the assistance of Jack our new Active communities Coordinator. Both will be attending the 50+ committee meeting along with myself.

Going forward

Ongoing review of the programmed and facilities made available to the 50+ group and look to increase usage where possible like the introduction to Wednesday morning session. I hope you will all continue to make use of the facilities and if anyone has any suggestions on improvements to the service please feed these back to the committee who will I turn forward these on to Abby and myself. Thank you

The following Officials and Committee Members agreed to stand for election. Glenys Logan nominated and Dulcie Lawrence seconded the following people and they were voted in by a show of hands from the floor.

Alan Gibbs.	Chair
Ian Wilson.	Treasurer
Pam Bedder & Elaine Bailey	Joint Secretaries
Stan Craven	
Hilary Thomas	Walks Co-ordinator
Myra Bayliss	
Diann Arnfield	
Allan Morris	

AOB

Alan Gibbs asked the members if they thought that Okehampton should be organised every other year rather than every year and possibly in the Autumn. There was not much support for this,.

Short tennis balls will be provided by the Leisure Centre in future and they will ensure that we have a regular supply.

Badminton players asked if they could have a permanent extra court on Thursdays but this is not possible but they can play on until 1 o'clock.

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.