



CHAIRPERSON'S NOTES

Nigel Daley

It's been a busy year for us, what with work parties, moving to a new tool shed, Dick Beeden's Heron and Egret nest cameras (work still in progress) and the prospect of cattle on the riverside meadows in autumn.

We have two new members on our committee – Russell Ball who is taking on Membership Recruitment. Every year, like all charities we lose a few members who have to be replaced. The bigger we are, the more £5 subs we get and thus the more work we can afford to take on. Of course, a large membership also strengthens our influence with the powers that be. So, if you have not yet paid your 2018 subs, please do so ASAP.

Our second new committee member, Linda Ascroft joins us as Events Organiser. It's one thing planning a nature walk; it's another thing finding someone qualified to lead it. That's where Linda comes in and soon she'll get to know our splendid walk leaders and who knows? Linda may find some new ones!

We still need a Secretary so that we are ready when our present Secretary, Sue Sanderson leaves the district. Also, as a group, we would benefit from having a Publicity Officer who can raise awareness of who we are and what we do in the local community and beyond. Finally, there are a number of fund-giving bodies in our area and we need a Fundraising Officer to find out who they are and to plead our cause.

I would ask all of our members to keep a look out for any possible candidates that could fill these roles.

WORK ON THE RESERVE

Work Party Sunday 7th January - Ian Watson

Another good size party worked off some of the Christmas pudding and mince pies. We continued the job of clearing the undergrowth that blocks the sun from our hedge on the canal-side. Some of us carried on layering the hedge, whilst others picked up rubbish discarded by our lovely Great British Public. Nigel Daley took several carloads of rubbish and cuttings to the dump and cleared up the full sacks we left on site in December. In February we will all get down to hedge layering – under instruction from our experts.

Many thanks to Emma Brading, Steve Cohen, Nigel Daley, Georgina & Julia Davies, Peter Ewer, Evelyn Fox, Dawn Goodair, Ray Kristofiak, Tim Lawrence, Alison Marriott, Ian Watson and Jack Westbrook.

Work Party Sunday 4th February - Nigel Daley

The weather was bright yet cool so it was a busy Sunday working around Stocker's and there were many visitors enjoying the ambience. The work party split into two groups. One group focussed on hedge layering along the canal side with Dawn, Julia and Phil leading this group and teaching some new members the intricacies of hedge layering. The other group worked on the causeway between Bury and Stocker's Lakes removing saplings by the water's edge along the reed bed. The removed saplings had their lateral branches taken off so that they could be used at a later date as stakes on the reserve. Apologies to the hedge layering group who worked through tea break due to a miss communication by myself. Rest assured, I have punished myself for such an oversight and I can only tentatively ask for forgiveness. *Many thanks to: Dawn Goodair, Julia Davies, Phil Davies, Eileen Petch, Nilesh Dodhia, Peter Ewer, Steve Cohen, Nigel Daley, Sarah Marriott, Tony and Sheila Lea*

Work Party Sunday 11th March Emma Brading



A good-sized party worked on the land between the Uxbridge Road entrance and the River Colne. Not everybody knew that this is part of our reserve. The path not only gives access to the reserve but also to the Aquadrome and even the large Tesco store.

It is widely used and, as sadly you may expect from the Great British Public, heavily strewn with rubbish, plastic, glass, tins and my pet hate, little plastic bags of dog poo. Why people go to the trouble of collecting their dog poo and then discarding the plastic bag as rubbish, I'll never know. Far better, in a nature reserve, to let the animal do its business off the path so that the first rain washes it back into the earth, whence all things cometh. Plastic bags do not disintegrate but stay where they are as unhygienic eye-sores until somebody, like us, disposes of them. We also planted nearly 40 trees. Alders, geans (wild cherries), silver birch and oak. We've already planted about 50 trees there over the past 20 years.

Meanwhile, on the canal-side of the reserve, our expert hedge layerers, *Julia & Phillip Davies* and *Ken Davies*, were continuing the big job of layering the canal hedge we planted 10 years ago. Our thanks not only to them but also to, *Emma Brading, Russell Ball, Nigel Daley, Nilesh Dodia, Tony & Sheila Scott and Ian Watson.*

We are thinking about continuing our rubbish clear-up at the next work party on 8 April and combining it with some membership recruitment, as so many people use the path.

Midweek Work Party 20th March

Jack Westbrook & Ian Watson repaired the fence we put up on the canal-side. We replaced broken and missing fence rails and railed off the end which had allowed access to the reserve and to rubbish tippers. 3 hours well spent.

Work Party Sunday 8 April - Emma Brading

We returned to the scene of our last work party to continue clearing the rubbish from the strip of land between the Uxbridge Road and the metal bridge over the River Colne. And what rubbish! We filled three large builders bags with hard and soft plastics, tins, glass and large pieces of metal – all nicely separated ready for disposal. To get at it we had to cut down a high bramble patch which doubtless will regrow. We also picked up loads of dog poo plastic bags. I wish people wouldn't do that. At any given time, there are probably 100 of these bags discarded in our reserve. We also cleared rubbish on the other side of the river. Now we need access to a public dump, as we are regarded as 'corporate' and not allowed to use the Rickmansworth public tip. What nonsense.

We also set up a tent to do some membership recruitment. Unfortunately, as it was rather wet we did not get very many passers-by. But we did recruit one paid up new member and two or three people expressed real interest.

Splendid work by Russell Ball, Emma Brading, Steve Cohen, Nigel Daley, Ken Davies, Peter Ewer, Tony & Sheila Lee, Eileen Petch, Paul & James Sumner (James doing his Duke of Edinburgh Awards) and Ian Watson.



We've Moved! Ian Watson

After nearly 20 years we've vacated Brian & Sally Morgan's garage at Stockers House and moved all our tools to the Water Company shed on Springwell Lane, south-western end of the reserve. British Airways Angling Society, who have occupied it since 1965, have kindly made room for us. We can't thank Brian & Sally enough for so patiently allowing us to use their garage for so many years. Indeed, ever since Richard Drew, of sacred memory, left the district.

We filled my old van on the previous Friday. To my surprise nearly all our stuff was accommodated, except for 2 mechanical scrub cutters and our boat. Then on Tuesday, 27 March a small work party cleared the space we'd been given in the shed and moved our stuff in. We also cleared the brambles and undergrowth to create a space in front of the shed to house BACAS timber which we stacked, raised off the ground and covered with a tarpaulin.

Thanks to Ken Davies, Duncan (a most welcome new member), Ian Watson and Jack Westbrook.

Later in early May, we purchased a lockable cupboard to house our smaller stuff and Jack Westbrook made special shelves to fit. He and I also, on 17 April, added further protection to the pillbox bat roost door to make it, we hope, vandal-proof.

Work Report 2017

We produced a report on the work done by FoSL in 2017 and sent copies to the Trust and to Affinity Water which was well received. It listed all the jobs accomplished in the year, the man hours spent and the number of people involved. In summary:

1. **Work on the reserve:** 240-man hours, involving 24 different members
2. **Nature recording,** Nature Walks, talks given and other involvement with the general public: 124-man hours involving 18 members, plus 25 respondents involved in Steve Carter's annual bird report.
- 3 **FoSL Administration,** including newsletters, dealing with The Charity Commission, Affinity Water, The Trust, Three Rivers District Council, Groundwork Trust, 3 committee meetings, leaflet distribution etc: 144-man hours involving 10 members (Excuse the 'man hours' – ladies were just as important)
4. **Expenditure on the Reserve:** £4076
5. **Donations to The Trust Butterfly Appeal:** £525.

We will do a similar report for 2018.

EVENTS ON THE RESERVE

Wildfowl Walk 14th January - Dick Beeden

There were 6 of us plus me this year. It was dull but calm and not too cold. The poor light made identifying the birds a bit tricky. There were not a great many birds on the lake or in the trees in the surrounding area. We saw all the species we heard and ended with a tally of 35 species (half a dozen up on last year). The full list was:

Great-crested Grebe; Cormorant; one Little Egret; Grey Heron (one standing on a nest, no doubt laying claim to it); **Mute Swan; Canada Goose** (fair numbers); **Mallard; Shoveler** (in modest numbers displaying); **Red-crested Pochard; Pochard; Tufted Duck; Goldeneye;** (males and females but no courtship behaviour this year); **Red Kite; Moorhen; Coot; Lapwing; Black-headed Gull** (lots); **Common Gull; Lesser Black-backed Gull; Woodpigeon; Ring-necked Parakeet; Great-spotted Woodpecker** (male)(excellent if brief view on the feeder by Kingfisher Hide); **Dunnock; Robin; Blackbird;. Song Thrush; Goldcrest; Blue Tit; Great Tit; Nuthatch; Long-tailed Tit; Magpie; Crow;** and a large flock (at least 50) **Siskin**. There were some noticeable absentees apart from Smew and Goosander namely Wigeon; Kingfisher; Gadwall; Wren; Chaffinch; Sparrow and Starling but I guess you cannot have everything.

Wildfowl Walk Sunday 11th February 2018- Dick Beeden

Unlike last year we had bright sunshine even if it was a bit windy and on the cool side of comfortable. So, it was a pleasant morning walk for the 5 of us. Surprisingly given that it had rained all day the day before, birds generally were conspicuous by their absence. Again without some really cold weather up north bird numbers on the lake remain low. But it does not explain the lack of birds among the trees.

So what did we see? On the lake: The dabbling ducks were represented by some **Wigeon, Mallard, Gadwall, and Shoveler**

The diving duck representatives were **Tufted, Pochard, Red Crested Pochard** (at the Springwell Lane end), **Goldeneye** both male and female (no mating display this year).

No sawbills (Smew, Goosander or Mergansers) or Kingfisher. The lake also produced **Coot, Moorhen, Great Crested Grebe, Canada Geese, Egyptian Geese, Cormorant, Lapwing**, numerous **Black Headed Gull** (surprisingly very few had gained their black heads as they come into breeding plumage), a few **Herring, and Lesser Black Backed Gull and Mute Swan**.

So much for the lake what about in the trees? **Longtail, Blue and Great Tits, Woodpigeon, Magpie and Crows**. We also saw **Blackbirds** and **Robin** and that was about it. Good numbers of **Grey Herons** were sitting on nests in the trees in the usual area (some visible from Kingfisher hide), and a **Red Kite** patrolled over the trees towards the motorway.

All in all, not too bad a morning given how quiet it was ornithologically among the trees with a tally of 29 species by the end of the morning

Heron & Egret Watch Sunday 25th March *Dick Beeden*

Rather different this year. Spring had not really sprung yet and we had brought Heron Watch forward a week or two. Consequently, there were no nesting **Little Egrets** although we did see three at one point' At least one of which was looking interested in the trees and nest sites. There were a good number of Herons on nests and it is possible that some were sitting on nests but there were no signs of youngsters.

Given the recent weather there were a surprising number of people about in what was a pretty ordinary and coolish day. But at least it stayed dry. Again, we posted notices from the causeway in the hope that some of those walking the Aquadrome might extend their walk to where we were. Perhaps they did because Anna Carol and I were kept pretty busy most of the afternoon and were able to show people on nest in particular with a pair of herons standing on it for much of the time we were there. There were a good few oo's and ah's as they saw **herons** up close for the first time

. Again, I set up my scope with my mobile phone so that the view of the nests was on the screen which makes it a lot easier for people not used to squinting through a telescope, children in particular (of which it turned out there were very few), to see clearly and easily what is going on. Most were surprised that they were looking at the far side of the lake. Unfortunately, no feeding behaviour of course that we have seen in previous years We handed out some 30 or so recruitment leaflets. Let's hope we get some returns. A successful afternoon.

What else was about? There were some small birds. **Tits, Chaffinches, Wrens and Dunnock**, kept us entertained as they flitted in and out of the trees and bushes around us. In particular towards the end of the afternoon a **Cetti's Warbler** kept us entertained among the reeds below the watch point. One usually only hears this bird but this gave us clear views. No doubt it is nesting nearby. A pair of **Cormorants** have taken up residence on the osprey pole. We had several excellent views of a **Red Kite**. Quite common over the lake these days. No butterflies this year. Too cool I think. There was a scattering of ducks out on the lake (**Tufted, Mallard and Shoveler** and unexpectedly a pair of **Goldeneye**) as well as coots, the odd Lapwing, some **Lesser black-backed** and numerous **Black headed Gulls** in full breeding plumage, **Cormorants, Swans and Canada Geese** and at least one **Egyptian Goose** all flying or cruising by during the afternoon.

During the afternoon I did pop down to Kingfisher hide to see if there was any change on the camera but alas no. The nest is not being used and an empty nest does not make interesting viewing. Towards the end of the month our camera supplier who has a ringing licence will go out to the island and move the camera and get the other one working so hopefully during May we will have lots more to show you.

Warbler Walk Sunday 6th May- Dick Beeden

Ten of us this year gathered on the causeway at half past eight for a walk round the lake. The weather was sunny, warm and calm about as different from last year as you can get. However, it seems that the recent cold weather had slowed the migration of the incoming birds. None-the-less we saw most of the expected birds. There were a few **Swallows**, (but no house martins or swifts) over Stockers Farm flood meadow along with **Egyptian Geese**.

We had good views of several **Reed buntings, House Sparrows** and of a male **Greater Spotted Woodpecker** drumming. Several **Cetti's Warbler** called from various points round the lake but they remained well hidden. **Reed Warblers** were everywhere but we managed just one **Sedge Warbler**.

A few **Chiffchaff** were heard along the canal path and a **Whitethroat** was heard along the river path,. **Blackcap** popped up periodically during the walk as did **Garden Warbler**. Otherwise **Blackbirds, Wrens** (in profusion), **Robins, Chaffinches, one Bullfinch**, and plenty of **Blue, Great and Long Tail Tits** were seen and serenaded us as we passed along.

We saw several **Common Terns** including two sitting on posts by the heron watch point. However, the tern rafts seem to have been taken over completely by **Black Headed Gulls**. No raptors seen this year which was a little surprising as Red Kites are now quite frequently seen over the lake. There are numerous Heron and Little Egret nests in the heronry but we did not manage to identify any youngsters. It looks as though most pairs are still sitting on eggs Not many

cormorants this year. There were a few **Pochards** but no Red crested Pochard. Also **Tufted Ducks, Coots** and a few **Moorhens** were seen. Including the other common species like **Woodpigeon, Crow, Magpie** and so on, we spotted and or heard about 48 species altogether (see list below).

As a bonus this year we saw lots of butterflies (large, small and green veined white; orange tip and speckled wood). We must not forget the deer, possibly roe, laying down on the edge of the woods on the other side of the river. All in all a good morning.

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| Great crested grebe | Blackcap |
| Great cormorant | Wren |
| Grey heron | Dunnock |
| Little egret | Robin |
| Mute swan | Blackbird |
| Greylag goose | Song thrush |
| Canada goose | Cetti's warbler |
| Egyptian goose | Sedge warbler |
| Mallard | Reed warbler |
| Pochard | Garden warbler |
| Tufted duck | Jackdaw |
| Common Pheasant (H) | Gt Spotted Woodpecker |
| Moorhen | Chiffchaff |
| Common coot | Long-tailed tit |
| Black-headed gull | Blue tit |
| Herring gull | Great tit |
| Common tern | Common magpie |
| Woodpigeon | Carrion crow |
| Stock or feral pigeon | Common starling |
| Ring-necked parakeet | Chaffinch |
| Jay | Goldfinch |
| House sparrow | Reed bunting |
| Green Woodpecker (H) | swallow |



Working Parties for 2018

We welcome any members who would like to get more involved in practical conservation work. The work parties last about 2½ hours. Please bring wellies/boots, strong gloves and also garden cutters if you can.

Working Parties 2018

- Sunday August 5th 2018
- Sunday September 2nd 2018
- Sunday October 7th 2018
- Sunday November 4th 2018
- Sunday December 2nd 2018
- Sunday January 6th 2019

All start at 9.55am

Meet: usually by Stocker's House (next to Stocker's Lock) but it is a good idea to check with Emma Brading (01923 779008) before the date in case we have changed meeting place.

Wildflower Walk

Sunday June 24th 2018 2pm

Join us for a walk around Stocker's lake to identify wild flowers

Meet: 2pm: on the causeway between Stockers Lake and Bury Lake

Dragonfly and Butterfly Walk

Sunday August 12th 2018 10.30am

A walk round Stocker's Lake identifying Dragonflies and Butterflies

Meet: 10:30 on the Causeway between Stocker's Lake and Bury Lake

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wetland Works at Stocker's Lake - March 2018 - Josh Kalms, People & Wildlife Officer (Herts and Middx Trust)

Recent research shows that 80% of wildlife ponds in the UK are in a 'poor' or 'very poor' state and we have lost almost half a million ponds in the last century. The effects of this loss on wildlife are devastating, as freshwater ponds provide many species with suitable breeding and feeding habitat. Ponds have been, and continue to be, lost to urban development and land use change, agricultural drainage and in-filling, fragmentation and through poor management.

Throughout the county, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT) are helping to combat this decline and not least at Stocker's Lake. Around the north east of the reserve, you may have noticed a few seemingly drastic changes where large holes and ditches have been dug.

In the upcoming years, these will become used by a myriad of species, where wildlife will feed, shelter and breed. Within the three ponds, dragonflies and damselflies will grow, safe from predation from the large fish that patrol Stocker's lake, while the many species of bat will benefit from the insects emerging from the ponds surface.

The works will also improve the site's capacity to host water voles. A 30 metre long ditch and equally long 2 metre wide pond have been created which will enable wetland plants to establish. As HMWT work with landowners to the south of the Colne Valley, water voles are rather slowly but steadily moving up towards the northern lakes and have recently been recorded feeding no more than 2km away from the reserve! To have the margins of Stocker's Lake ready in prime condition would go a long way to aid these mammals in need.



Excavation of a ditch

Some trees have been felled into the lake itself! These are already providing shelter for waterfowl and the invertebrates on which they feed. Furthermore, the spoil piled up behind the ponds will be perfect for ground nesting bees to excavate their own nests in this new, sunny, south facing bank.



Near these ponds and ditches, Stocker's northern meadows are to be grazed by Dexter cattle – hopefully beginning this summer. Through their grazing action, the Dexters will discourage the growth of ranker grasses and increase the diversity of the grassland. This will encourage those more sensitive plants such as Ragged robin and Cuckoo flower that once thrived here. Thanks to Ian Watson for arranging the grazing.

All the wetland work has been funded by Affinity Water, who care about the biodiversity on their sites. They, together with HMWT, are excited to watch this area develop into a place to be utilised by a profusion of wildlife. HMWT wishes to thank the Friends of Stocker's Lake for their support and advice during these works.

A.G.M.

Friends of Stocker's Lake A.G.M.

Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth WD3 7EL

7.30pm. Wednesday 11th April 2018

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dr and Mrs Colin Parkes

2. **Treasurer's Report for 2017:** Slight increase in membership income and in number of members.

There was a decrease in donations, as in the previous year there had been a special donation of £5000 by a member in memory of his father. There was a £2846 increase in expenditure on the reserve over the previous year, as promised at last year's AGM. And more to come.

So far in 2018 we have spent a further £11,000 on the lake with at least another £10,000 to come. Thus our accumulated funds which increased to £32,253 in 2017 will be heavily reduced by the end of 2018.

We now have a new accountant, Rachel Rooker FCCA, of Acust Accounting Ltd. 22a Lower Road, Chorleywood, WD3 5LH. She has very kindly agreed to check our accounts annually, free of charge, like Ian Mead, our previous accountant who has retired.

At the time of this AGM, some 200 members had not yet renewed, 40 of them not since 2015. These 40 will be removed from the mailing list if we do not hear from them reasonably soon after the May newsletter.

We need all the members we can get because the bigger we are, the more people in power will listen to us. And the more £5 subs we have, the more we can do for our marvellous reserve.

3. Business

- a. The 2017 accounts were approved unanimously. Proposed by: Mr Mallet; seconded by: Mr Abadjian.
- b. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved unanimously. Proposed by: Trish Jeneid; seconded by: Jenni Watson.
- c. The committee offered themselves for re-election. Approved unanimously.
Proposed by: Anna Marret; seconded by: Mr Abadjian.

4. **Thank yous:** To Dick Beeden for his work as treasurer, on difficult legal work to accommodate new government legislation on privacy and for his work on the nest camera project (very much his baby); to

Sue Sanderson our secretary who sadly will be resigning as she will be moving out of the district; to

Simon Jones who runs our magnificent website; to

Trish Jeneid who 3 times a year designs, lays out and edits our newsletter; to

Steve Carter who writes our annual bird list which has been produced continuously since 1988; to

Barbara James and her team who this year will be doing the 10th annual butterfly survey, April to September; to

Emma Brading our newest committee member who has really boosted volunteer numbers at our work parties and is deeply involved working with bats on our reserve; to

Ian Watson who does a bit here and there on the reserve; to

Vaughan and Janet Ryan who propose to give FoSL2//3 of an island on the River Colne when and if they leave the district or whenever they feel unable to look after it. It's a lovely piece of land and would give us our second piece of freehold land,

And finally, to all our splendid volunteers who work on the reserve or collect litter or lead nature walks or give talks to local organisations etc, etc., this all comes to about 364-man hours in 2017 and involves at least 50 different local people.

5. **Chairman's Review:** Much has happened on the reserve in 2017 and will continue in 2018. As promised at last year's AGM our large reserves will be severely diminished by the end of 2018. We will spend at least £20,000 on the reserve in 2018.

- a. **Cattle.** We hope to have fences built around the 3 meadows between to lake and River Colne by the end of July and cattle grazing there by 1st September. Many thanks to our chairman Nigel, for raising 60% of the £19,200 cost of gates and fencing and notice boards from the Heritage Lottery Fund via Groundwork South. Thanks also to Ian Watson for dealing with contractors, The Trust, Affinity and Groundwork Trust on the practical problems.
- b. **Bats.** Emma Brading (and family) have converted a wartime pillbox on the canal to a bat roost. A lot of work which has received the seal of approval from one of England's recognised bat expert: Patty Briggs. Emma as volunteer organiser also rejuvenated attendance at our work parties. So, we get more work done.
- c. **Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust.** Now that Affinity Water are giving the Trust more financial support, the Trust has become very active on the reserve, which we at FoSL welcome wholeheartedly. Indeed, our relationship with Trust is now close, co-operative, mutually respectful and enjoyable. Josh Kalms, People and Wildlife Officer at the Trust, talked about future plans for involving the local community, particularly children in wildlife and nature conservation. Rob Hopkins, Trust Warden for Stocker's, talked about the Trust's practical work on the reserve.

6. **Jobs Vacant.** We could do more and achieve more if we had a little more help on the committee from members. Our committee meets only 3 times a year ostensibly to prepare our newsletter for January, May and September but also to discuss other relevant matters. It's our rule that everyone on the committee has a specific job to do. We don't want our meetings to become 'talking shops'. We are all busy people (which reminds one of the old adage 'if you want something done, give it to a busy person'.) but important jobs still need someone in charge e.g.:

Secretary with Sue Sanderson's pending retirement we need to find a replacement. A very important job.

- Recruitment Officer. We lose members every year (quite normal with all charities). We need to replace them and indeed increase our membership which stands at 628, but in 1995 it was over 1000.

- Events Organiser Apart from practical work parties we run 7 or 8 events every year, such as nature walks etc. These need an organiser not so much to participate need in them, but to ensure they are organised properly and that someone is in charge.
- Publicity Officer. Could be combined with one of the above jobs. We just need to ensure that anything we are doing that needs publicity or would be of interest to a wider public gets the publicity it needs. Mainly local media, press, radio, public notices, Trish Jeneid does put up notices in the hides before events.

Briefing: Don't jump to conclusions as to what these jobs involve. Speak to us and we'll meet and give you a clear idea of what the job entails. Phone Ian Watson on 01923 282136 or Nigel Daley on 1923282844. The main thing is that anyone doing these jobs should love Stocker's Lake and want to make a contribution to its conservation as a local Nature Reserve.

7. Speaker. The meeting ended with a brilliant and inspiring talk by John Little of the Green Roof Company who showed how brownfield sites can become very productive and important nature reserves, and how what we normally regard as rubbish i.e. scrap metal, broken up concrete, ceramics, bricks, etc can become the basis for plentiful wild flowers, insects, birds and small animals.

As promised the details for John Little's open garden day is as follows, he has invited our members: **National Garden Scheme day 1st July 2018 £5 entrance fee, 2.00 pm till 7.00 pm refreshments available with vegetarian snacks** Internet Hyperlink is as follows: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/?bf-garden=34797>

It is a pity that only 38 people heard this talk – our lowest AGM attendance on record.

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