



AGS FRIENDS - MINUTES

Wednesday 19 November 2025, 7:00pm - virtual

In Attendance

Y.Bruton, H.Silcox, G.Farrington, J. Gilmour

Apologies

R.Thorpe

1. Welcome and declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

2. Minutes and action log

[Action log](#) discussed and updated.

3. Lottery update

There is £103 from 2024/25 for a superdraw, a one off cash prize.

230 numbers have been sold for 2025/26, raising £3110.

19 numbers have said to donate their winnings to AGS if they win and we can gift aid on this too.

There are 6 prizes for the first draw of 2025/26 and it was agreed this would be done at the Bingo night on the 21 November.

Action - GF to complete annual return for the licence.

4. Christmas fundraising

VB has negotiated a joint venture with Henley Chocolate. There is a dedicated link for orders and samples will be available at the Bingo night. The chocolate will be sold at the St Nicks night. We will use Henley Chocolates sumup machines and they will give us a percentage of the profit made.

Action - HS to liaise with reception about handing out the chocolate orders sent to school.

5. Gift aid

GF has devised a form & this has been sent to those signed up for the lottery.

Action - GF to email HMRC to check information re gift aid and draft a briefing note for review at future committee meeting re how we can maximise GA.

6. AGM planning

Notices have to be sent out by 15 December.

Current committee members are all willing to stand again. GF would like to share the role if possible.

Proposal to have a short business meeting and then go for food afterwards.

Action - Message the volunteer whatsapp group to see if there is anyone with finance experience who would like to share the role of Treasurer. Give notice of AGM.

HS to look at suitable date that AGM notices can be emailed due to mocks taking place 11 Dec to 19 Dec.

7. Future events planning

Bingo night - price lists need to be updated for the Bingo night's bar. GF informed the committee of Bingo ticket sales and it was agreed that 20 tables should be set up.

120 samosa's to be ordered and paper bags ordered to hand them out in.

Christmas concert - letter is ready to be sent out wc 24 November re ordering pizzas, subject to sufficient volunteers.

St Nicks Night - discussed in point 4.

Yr 11 parents evening - no committee members available. A message to be put on whatsapp group for volunteers before agreeing to this. Julie P to be asked as she retains DBS clearance as former committee member.

Raffle - date decided Friday 12 December. Sumup to be used to sell raffle tickets.

VB/HS to do draw and email winners. It was agreed that GF would contact a potential sponsor and use the sponsorship money for a cash prize as our star prize.

Santa's Sleigh - Not heard back.

Film Night - date decided with school 26 Feb.

Action - Severn Vets to be tagged again on Facebook.

JG to buy samosa's.

HS to check the theatre is booked for Film Night. VB to look into the licence.

JG will speak to Dominos and chase up the Santa's Sleigh.

General message put on whatsapp group for volunteers for all events.

8. Any other business

Committee to look into holding a parental session with school's input.

9. Dates of next meetings

Committee 7 Jan

AGS Weds 14 Jan