



THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 43rd AGM held at the 6th Form Centre,
Northampton School for Boys

at 7.15pm on Wednesday 17th September 2025

Rev Lulu Pelly, Chair, opened the meeting. However, before passing over the proceedings to the President, the Chair announced with great sadness to members the death of Ann (Sam) Smart, a well-respected, longtime and stalwart member of the Arts Society Northamptonshire. Sam served NAS in a variety of capacities, including Chair. Most recently, she served in conjunction with Jane White, as events/trips/visits coordinator. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Roy Smart and her family. Sam will be very much missed.

Attendance

118 in attendance: 91 in the theatre (76 members, 10 guests, and 5 new members), and 27 on Zoom.

The AGM was presided over by the President: Roger Clarke.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from the following: Tricia Parker, John and Liz Tanqueray, Roger and Val Wood, Lucy and Stephen Reece-Raybould, Hilary Poole, Pat Stoddart, Chris Green, Jean Braund, Rose Freeman.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and confirmed to be a true record. Confirmation proposed by Loredana Harley, seconded by Graham Ashworth.

3. Chair's Report

Rev Pelly's report had been circulated to the members. The Chairman's report was accepted and approved: proposed by John Allen, seconded by Trudy Clarke.



4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Fazackerley's report and Annual Accounts had been circulated to the members. The Treasurer was thanked for his detailed and informative report. Acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Jane White, seconded by Carol Allen.

5. Election of Committee

The President began the meeting by thanking the Committee for their sterling work this past year on behalf of the membership. The Society's finances are in good shape, member levels have been maintained, the lecture series has been stellar, and the trips and events have been well-supported.

It is proposed that the following Committee be elected for the ensuing year: -

Chair	Rev. Lulu Pelly
Vice Chair	Ruth Corby
Honorary Secretary	Thomas Rathwell
Honorary Treasurer	John Fazackerley
Honorary Membership Secretary	Gary Shaeffer
Programme Secretary	Marie-Anne Askew
Events Planner	Anne Thorburn
Visits/Trips	Anne Thorburn
Special Interest Days	Richard & Gill Dimpleby

The nominated committee was elected en bloc. Proposed by Graham Ashworth, seconded by Simon Powis.

6. Any other business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7:25 pm.