

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE IET SURREY RMS PC GROUP
HELD AT THE NEWDIGATE VILLAGE HALL
ON THE 21st APRIL, 2010 AT 10.30 a.m.**

The meeting was chaired by Tony Barnes

1 Present

Tony Barnes and 21 other members including committee members.

2 Apologies for Absence

Received from: Alan Inkster, Jan Spencer

3 Minutes of Last A.G.M. (held on 16th April 2008)

The Minutes of the sixteenth AGM were approved, and signed by Tony Barnes as a true and correct record. An error on the Programme page was noted and will be corrected.

4 Matters arising

None.

5 Chairman's Report

The membership stands at about 48 with typically 30 attending meetings. We thank Nigel Brooks for his talk on Trojans and Viruses, Alan Cocks for [K]Ubuntu. Also thanks to Leslie Haddow for the Problem page in the newsletter.

David Goddard has completed the treasurer handover from David Hight. The bank account is now separated from the IET.

Don Andrews was thanked for organising the meeting refreshments and the lunch orders at the Six Bells. Also thanked was the whole committee who have been supportive over the years, and Cecil Ives for organising the Ladies Lunch.

Tony has done three years as chairman, during which time he introduced us to Apple computers and Ubuntu Linux, in an attempt to wean us off MS-DOS based software!

New committee members are needed, particularly with expertise in our subject. The committee tries to share its expertise and knowledge with the membership.

The venue in the village hall is an ideal size for our meetings to include tea/coffee, talks and open forums.

We have a good mix of skills, and new members are welcome including novices.

Ron Everitt was thanked for his efforts in producing the newsletter.

Tony Barnes, outgoing chairman.

6 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the accounts on the screen, and some printed copies were available. He thanked Peter Dulley for examining the accounts. The previous treasurer David Hight has been ill but is now somewhat improved.

The accounts for the last two years take account of the fact that some membership payments are paid during the previous year. This has resulted in apparent discrepancy between years which will disappear in future years.

Subscriptions do not need to be increased for the time being as we have a healthy bank balance of over £2000, increasing year on year. The contributions from IET headquarters cover expenses such as hire of venue for technical meetings. As most of our meetings are deemed to be technical this income is significant, and without it our subscriptions would need to be increased.

7 Election of Officers and committee

To take effect from October 2010

The following were proposed by the Committee; there being no other nominations they were duly elected;

Chairman	Roy Stevens
Vice-Chairman	Vacant (to be considered at the following committee meeting)
Secretary	Seb Welford
Hon Treasurer	David Goddard

Acceptance was proposed by Bert Payne and Seconded by David Neish.

The following were proposed by the Committee and there being no other nominations they were duly elected:

Alan Inkster has agreed to continue
Cecil Ives has agreed to continue
Leslie Haddow has agreed to be co-opted if the new Committee so wishes
Peter Dulley has agreed to act as Accounts Examiner
Don Andrews has agreed to continue to look after refreshments at the village hall.
Ron Everitt has agreed to continue as newsletter editor

Acceptance was proposed by Don Andrews and Seconded Bert Payne.

Chris Rosenberg has agreed to serve as Committee Member, proposed by Leslie Haddow and seconded by Cecil Ives. This was accepted by a show of hands

The chairman requested that all members present consider joining the committee, but no volunteers were immediately forthcoming.

8 Topics for further meetings

None was forthcoming from the membership.

9 A.O.B

Cecil Ives wishes to stand down from organising the Ladies Lunch after this year.

The meeting closed at 11.05 AM

An Open Forum discussion followed the meeting.

These Minutes were prepared by Seb Welford

Signature _____ Date _____

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Chairman's Report - April 2011

We continue to get a good attendance at our monthly meetings, and our membership now stands at 50, an increase since last year.

We had another varied programme of presentations and discussions through year as listed below:

2010		
17 May	Ladies Lunch	
16 June	Windows XP vs 7	John Steel & Seb Welford
21 July	Video Editing	Ron Everitt
17 August	Open Forum	John Steel
15 September	Graphic Processors and the iPad	Tony Barnes
20 October	MS Word problems	Seb Welford
17 November	Transmitter Networks and Digital Handover	David Goddard
8 December	Mince Pies & Open Forum	
2011		
19 January	Digital Terrestrial Television	Keith Hayler
16 February	Protocols (What does it all mean)	Chris Rosenberg
March 16	Tables in Word, Excel & Access	Leslie Haddow

We continue to be indebted to Ron Everitt for the production of the Newsletter and to Leslie Haddow for keeping the Problem Page going.

Due to the difficulty in getting outside speakers we are heavily dependent on members to give talks.

We are now getting IET funding for all of our meetings, with the exception of the Ladies Lunch. Without this support our subscription rate would be significantly higher.

Don Andrews has continued to look after the refreshments for our meetings and has arranged the lunch orders with the Six Bells. Always cheerfully carried out, these chores are greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you Don.

I would like to thank the whole Committee for the strong support I have received from them over the last year. Due to Roy Steven's illness I stayed on as Chairman for an extra year. The future of the Group will be in jeopardy if we do not receive new nominations for the Committee.

Due to Cecil Ives being ill, David Goddard has kindly stepped in to organise the Ladies Lunch this year.