

**The Steyning Society - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16 April 2025
At 7.30pm Coombe Court, Steyning Centre**

Present - about 100 members and guests

1. Apologies for absence - Anne Richards

2. Minutes of AGM 2024 - agreed

3. Annual Report 2024/25 Nick Bennett introduced the Society's Annual Report which had been circulated to members. He thanked the Committee for their support and welcomed Sarah Lavery as a new member. He proposed the following Committee members for 2025/26 -

- Chair - Nick Bennett
- Vice- Chair and Membership Secretary - Catherine Mant
- Treasurer - Adrian Gobat, Secretary, Tony Struthers, Publicity Officer - Julia Bonner
- Committee members - Andrew Betts, John Downe, Brian Lavery, Sarah Lavery, Lynne Broome and Nicola Mason

The Annual Report 2024/25 and the committee members were agreed.

4. Income and Expenditure Accounts for year ending 28 February 2025

Adrian Gobat corrected the total income for 23/24 which should be £8706.76, not £6180.22,. All other figures are correct.
This was agreed.

5. AOB - there was no other business.

6. At the close of the meeting, Canon Nigel Hartley spoke about the **Bowl awards** for those involved with the elderly. They faced the unexpected and it was very appropriate that the Society was celebrating members of voluntary organisations associated with the elderly, particularly in Holy Week when we recognise the principles of love and compassion. He congratulated the winners and presented the Steyning Bowl Award and certificates

Winner of the Steyning Bowl - Vintage Years, Chair Mary Goodchild

Certificates of Highly Commended -

**Ann Long and Sally McNiff (Vintage Years)
Jackie Flowers-Leek (Parkour for Seniors)
Elizabeth Brown (Wednesday Coffee)
Kate Burnett (Kadenza)
Judie Thomson (Grief Cafe)**