



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Guild of Town Criers

7 November 2024

MINUTES

Present:

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| Lesley Legge | Master |
| Patrick Bird | Secretary |
| Penny Clover | |
| Laury Conn | |
| John Crowley | |
| Jim Humphreys | |
| Tony Legge | |

Andy Crick Democratic Services Officer, clerk to the meeting

1 **Apologies**

Duncan Blagrove

2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 18 April 2024 were agreed to be a correct record.

Matters arising: Robing room

The storage space provided suffers from damp, affecting the regalia. Recently, the hats had mildew on them and the regalia was damp. Ventilation or a dehumidifier are needed for the storage room. The Guild asked if this could be looked into to avoid any damage.

It was suggested that hats could be hung in cloth or string bags from the railing in the storage space. PC would make some cloth bags.

The Guild has funds and could provide funding for dehumidifiers if useful.

3 **Schedule of events for which cries have been given since last meeting**

Previous events were reviewed, including Shakespeare's birthday in Oxford and Swan Upping, all of which were very successful and enjoyable.

4 **Schedule of future events**

The schedule was reviewed and updated and the secretary would send round a new version after the meeting.

It was noted that 2025 will be the 25th anniversary of the Guild.

5 **Uniforms**

Review of new home for Town Crier costumes in the Robing Room. Discussed under item 2, minutes.

Guild members were keen to get new t-shirts. Regalia hats may also need to be replaced. Tony Legge would look into quotes for hats and John Crowley will look into t-shirts with the aim of submitting a community grant application for these items.

6 **AOB**

The Guild was advised that the annual parish meeting would be held on 26 March 2025 and the Guild was invited to attend and submit a report.

7 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 10 April 2025 – AGM. The Mayor has been invited to attend.
Thursday 6 November 2025