

2017 AGM

WWT Slimbridge

25th February 2017



Celebrating 130 Years



The restrictions over Bird Flu during the winter weighed heavily on many minds for the AGM this year. Several members decided not to come as a precaution. Only at the very last minute were we certain that the event could go ahead at Slimbridge instead of our alternate venue. However with sensible measures for biosecurity, we were made welcome by WWT and 47 members attended. We were particularly pleased to meet Gary Haseley-Nejrup, who is the General Manger of WWT Slimbridge. We are very grateful to those who sponsored the whole event: The food, raffle prizes and the hire of the Peng Observatory.



Formal proceedings were mercifully efficient. The work carried out by committees, aims for the future and of course the awards sailed by swiftly. Perhaps the thought of birthday cake was in a few minds...





After a buffet lunch we had an interesting talk from Phoebe Young about the past, present and future of Slimbridge. There was an hour or so in hand afterwards to tour the grounds, before we returned to the Peng Observatory for Dave Paynter's commented swan feed.

Short daylight hours make it difficult for some to attend at this time of year but there is the option to stay over. Half of us stayed at the Tudor Arms for a great communal dinner, but not before the Wildfowl Keepers took on the Domestic Breeders at skittles. It was a needle match, but the Wildfowl came out ahead by a nose. Or was that a bill?.



Next year's meeting will take place on Saturday, 24th February, 2018. Please note this date in your diary for next year, details to follow.

SKITTLES SCOREBOARD							
NAME	WINS	HOME TEAM	TOTAL	NAME	WINS	AWAY TEAM	TOTAL
Edie S.	8	3	7	Gene C.	8	3	8
Chris M.	5	2	5	Eula C.	9	3	6
Rob W.	3	5	5	Bob W.	5	9	6
Richard H.	6	7	5	Margal D.	9	5	5
John W.	5	7	4	Don R.	4	5	4
Glynis P.	6	5	5	Talkie D.	4	7	2
Sandra P.	4	9	5	Charles H.	3	6	7
Andy F.	6	4	7	Rob C.	7	4	6
Colgan C.	5	4	7	Ian C.	3	5	7

