

WFC Annual General Meeting – 7th of July, 2026

The AGM was held after the screening of *Little Trouble Girls* and lasted roughly 30 minutes.

It was chaired by Andrew Shipton (WFC Chair), with three other trustees in attendance (David Timoney, WFC Treasurer, Richard Hilton and Geraldine Plummer, WFC Secretary).

The meeting was quorate having a total of 30+ attendees.

The following briefing documents were circulated online to all members on 2 July: 1) Agenda, 2) Chair's report, 3) Proxy voting form.

Minutes

1. **Apologies:** Jade Evans and Pauline Mullin
2. **Chair's Report 2025-26:** Andrew introduced the meeting and outlined the agenda.

Andrew reviewed the membership figures noting an increase of 9% in paid memberships from 113 to 123, of which 7 are in the under 30/FTS (following last year's AGM decision to introduce a £10 charge), and an increase in the renewal rate from 52% to 55%.

Andrew reviewed the season's programme, noting that seven films were members' choices and that participation in the members' choice voting remained healthy, despite being lower than the previous season's peak. He also highlighted the continued high level of attendee satisfaction, at 83%. Average audience numbers dipped slightly from 69 to 67, although there were three sell-out screenings since returning to the Curzon. The number of guest speakers was lower than in previous years, and a target of 6–9 guest speakers has been set for next season

Andrew noted the findings from three members' surveys concerning our venue: each of which showed a clear preference for the Curzon over the Odeon, despite the Curzon's later start time.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave reviewed our financial performance for the period September 2025 to August 2026.

Both income and expenditure increased this year, but we expect to end the year with a small surplus. Membership income continues to subsidise screening costs, which we consider prudent given the less predictable nature of screening income, and we expect this approach to continue. Reserves remain healthy, with an estimated year-end balance of over £10k.

The move from Eventbrite to Ticket Tailor has been successful, including a slightly higher-than-anticipated increase in net income per seat. There have been no significant operational issues, and the supplier has been responsive. The introduction of membership codes, ensuring that discounted tickets are available only to members, has also been positive.

4. **Proposed arrangements for next season:** Dave presented the following four proposals for next season:
- a. **Members' Choice films** – We propose not to screen a Members' Choice film if it has already been a box-office success and had a long local run, unless a Q&A is planned, in order to avoid a low turnout.
 - b. **Programme Notes** – We will discontinue printed programme notes, as only six copies per screening have been printed over the past six months and there are frequently copies left over.
 - c. **Fees and ticket prices** – We propose to maintain membership fees and ticket prices at their current levels.
 - d. **Membership focus group** – We intend to run a members' focus group in the autumn, initially focusing on the journey from non-member to member, with a view to supporting recruitment.

No objections were raised by members.

5. **Election of charity Trustees and Officers:** Geraldine reviewed the proposal to re-elect the existing 4 trustees (Andrew Shipton, Geraldine Plummer, David Timoney and Richard Hilton) and elect the 1 new co-opted trustee (Pauline Mullin, a long-standing member and volunteer).

Decision: The proposal was passed unanimously by those in attendance. The proxy votes were 1 in favour and none against. The proposal thus passes.

Geraldine reviewed the proposal to re-appoint the current officers: Andrew Shipton as Chair, Geraldine Plummer as Secretary, and David Timoney as Treasurer.

Decision: All three proposals were passed unanimously by those in attendance. The proxy votes were 1 in favour and none against in each case. The proposals thus pass.

Geraldine gave thanks to Jade Evans who is stepping down as a trustee after 5 years volunteer service, but we are delighted that she will continue to support the Club.

6. **AOB:**

- a. **Membership Prize Draw** - In celebration of the WFC's 20th Anniversary, we announced the five lucky winners of free membership for the 2026-27 season. They were: Lorraine P., Tomás F., Lili L., Sue F. and James D.
- b. **Post-film discussions** - Members raised the possibility of holding a discussion after screenings where there is no guest speaker. Trustees noted that this would require advance planning and agreed to consider this for films with sufficient substantive subject matter to generate a worthwhile discussion.

- c. **Thanks** - Members expressed thanks to the Committee for the work put in, and expressed appreciation for the friendly welcome given at club screenings and the opportunity to hear guest speakers.