

Midlands Region Newsletter



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July 2019

AGM and Dinner Dance was held on the 6th July 2019, at the Wiltshire Hotel, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

President, Mark Rea, Welcomed all the attending members to the 2019 ICM AGM on the 6th July 2019.

Governor, David John, gave his opening address which included his praise for a lovely venue and looks forward to the evening dinner and dance.



Committee Roy Blamey Membership Director, Mark Rea National President, Diana Charlton Secretary, Missing was John Sinfield Director of Finance was due to illness.

Apologies from Ken Watts was not well enough to attend. Mike Bishop. After the signing of last year's minutes, and no matters arising **Mark Rea** read out his report. **Mark** highlighted this was the second time at the Wiltshire hotel, the first when Ian Rea was inaugurated into the Office of President.

Mark made the forum aware of the passing of **Eric Richards and Vic Pannell** reporting on their Valuable positions and activities at Centre, level Regional and National level Followed by a one-minute silence remembering all members who were also good friends.



David Jones Director of Education & Training Received manager of the year award. David is also in process of hosting a delegation from China under the umbrella of the ICM.

Mark gave thanks to all the members of the Exec for their guidance and support over the year. The Generals Secretary reported that Clive Feather, Editor of Viewpoint has now stood down leaving a vacancy to be filled. Diana Highlighted that her partner, Clifton Brown, has been involved with the running of the Institute in several forms for 25years and they will both be standing down once Cliff has fulfilled his Office of Passed President.

Mike Bishop, Editor of most of the Newsletters, standing down after Julys Issue, after 15 years. We all showed our appreciation

for the work that Mike has put into the Institute, in many capacities and wish him well for the future.

Clifton Brown closed the meeting with his address.

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The dinner and dance attended by 78 guests and Members. Bouquets of flowers were presented to Joanne Rea, President's Wife, also Julie Moss and Edith Cook for the flowers and table centre pieces.



Ian Rea's Table



A Bouquets was presented to **Jan Richards** in memory of **Eric** and for her courage to attend the event on her own. In conversation, with Mark, Jan was apprehensive and unsure whether to attend, but afterwards felt welcomed and at ease by the support of their friends within the Institute. The President thanked **Roy Blamey** for Grace, **Ian Trickey** for taking on the role of **MC**. To **Ian Rea** for his assistance in organising the weekend and all the printing.



Joanne and Son Eliot

The evening carried on till midnight with all dispersing by one in the morning. Look forward to next years.

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It can be a member from each region could write their own, I will be able to pass on the Newsletter heading in Word for editing and used each time. Also contact email addresses for copying and pasting there are a few members in each region that have no emails and are printed and posted to them.



Cliff Brown and Diana Charlton

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