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It is safe to say that we can finally come out of hibernation. The lighter evenings and longer days are with us so we can all come out to play again! Having said that, I guess there are some hearty souls who have not stopped throughout the winter. Maybe walking groups have stayed the pace and have the benefit of continued fitness whereas others like me who stopped playing golf during the wet and cold weather will be struggling to regain theirs. How nice to see the outdoor bowlers rolling their woods sedately closest to the jack again and the sound of willow on leather at the cricket grounds.

Following our AGM in February we began our annual programme with Committee and Branch meetings on 8 April 2026. I have to report that the AGM went well and the Committee was duly re-elected. Thanks to all concerned. The treasurer reported that the funds are in a good position thanks to the input from the Ipswich Branch.

The speaker at our meeting was Pip Wright who gave us an insight on his travels around East Anglia using his bus pass. It is amazing how far one can go in a day, having made a careful study of the timetables to arrive home on the same day!.

It was nice to be able to welcome Gordon De'ath from Ipswich to the meeting. A reminder to newcomers to come to the Village Hall at Fornham St Genevieve not the halls in the other two villages.

We discussed the various options for outings and Summer lunch. One was for a visit to Colchester and Layer Marney Towers and the Tiptree Jam Factory with the possibility of picking up Ipswich people on the way. Yet to be decided.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 June 2026 when Charles Garland will be talking about the ever popular TV programme, "Dad's Army." The talk about "Tools with a Mission" has been changed to 14 October 2026.

Hoping to see as many of you as possible next time.

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