



Dear Member,

Season's Greetings to all our members!

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of our active members, **Peter Dimambro**. Peter was very active in the Coventry & Warwickshire Group before he transferred to the Birmingham Group. He was active at national level as a teller at the AGM for many years and as a delegate for Birmingham. We send our deep condolences to his wife and family. Peter's funeral is on 10th December 2025. Please contact me for further details.

The Birmingham and District Group continues to meet each month. Unfortunately, the numbers attending continue to fall. We have had difficulty in filling the vacancies for Group Officers and EC and our finances continue to dwindle. We would urge members to attend our meetings. Most are coffee mornings and very informal, others are formal meetings when there is special business, like the AGM.

We extend the invitation to our meetings and coffee mornings to the members of Coventry & Warwickshire Group. We will be discussing a possible merger of our two groups at the AGM in March and we would welcome your views.

Notice of the 2026 AGM is attached. For other meetings, we meet on the 1st Wednesday in each month (save January and October) at the same venue.

As attendance is low, our finances are dwindling and we would welcome donations from members to boost our funds. Donations should be made to the Group Treasurer Graham Christie. Please contact him on 0121 444 8889 for details.

Despite the lack of attendance, our members have been involved in many campaigns including on winter fuel payments and pensions and we have arranged days out and Xmas lunch for members.

Days out for 2026 include a tour of Symphony Hall in Birmingham and a tour of St Chads Cathedral. If you are interested in any of our future outings, please contact our social secretary Fiona Scott on email: fms2015@hotmail.co.uk

Our Group AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 10.30am at St Michaels Church, Queensway Birmingham. The Church is opposite Moor Street Station and next to the Carrs Lane Church.

At the AGM we will be electing Group Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee. Any nominations should be sent to the Secretary by 11th February 2026.

If you would be interested in any post, but are not sure what that entails, please contact me at the address below.

Regards

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