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## AGM NEWS



The AGM was a great success. Thanks to Helen Pearce, Jenny Irwin and Molly Aldridge for organising the food, also thank you to everyone for bringing fireworks.



Chairman-Mike Appleyard [chairman@lgfc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lgfc.org.uk)  
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Treasurer-Roger Wensley [treasurer@lgfc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@lgfc.org.uk)

Other members Brian Burroughs, John Grinstead, John E Irwin, Paddy Muir, Tim Plaice, Tom Sutherland

Mike Agreed to be chairman but made the following points

(1) that the rest of the committee were in agreement that I should stand (so there was no 'coup!') and that Brian (as ex-chair) and Victoria (as continuing vice-chair) were keen to stay on the



committee and to continue with the things they been working on, such as the new lease negotiation, but more in the background



without the public prominence of being chair


(2) that following on from what Brian had said earlier in the meeting about a possible need for a change in the structure of the management of the association due to the continuing low levels of membership involvement, that I would start to look at other models of charity management that required less hands-on involvement by a committee, with a view to bringing such a proposal to the next AGM if things continued the same way this year

### Accident / Near miss reporting

**Reporting of accidents and near misses is extremely important for LGFC. All organisations are required to keep a log of accidents and near misses. The reporting of incidents isn't a bad thing, in fact it's a very important learning tool for us. Reporting a near miss could prevent a serious incident in the future. We can learn from mistakes that have been made and make sure everyone on site is safe. Please make sure you report any near misses and accidents to the warden, no matter how small you think the incident is.**

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## Educational Hub & Dark Sky's

It with sadness that we have to report that John Grocott has decided to step down as the Educational Hub coordinator and Malcolm Morris has resigned from his Dark Sky role. This has meant the committee has had to find a way to take the hub and Dark Sky events forward. For the Educational

Hub we plan to run 4 events in a one week block next October. We are hoping to work with the Rivers Trust to bring Key stage 3 pupils from local schools down to LGFC for a afternoon and night event. We are hoping to arrange transport for 20 pupils from each school involved, each

group will stay overnight and leave after breakfast the next morning. The Dark Sky event planed for January has been postponed to give the committee time to find a new coordinator / volunteers to run the Dark Events.

### Members Dates

#### 2017 Dates

27th- 29th January 2017 - Dark Sky Weekend **POSTPONED**

24th-26th Feb 2017 Members' weekend in conjunction with Dark Sky

4 Mar 2017 CM (to take place off site)

14-17 April Members' weekend (Easter)

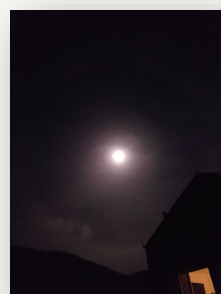
2-4 June Members' weekend + CM

21 Aug – 3 Sep Working week + Members and Mates week + CM

(Please make sure you book your bed with Ellen, as bedspaces will also be available to the general public \*no exclusive use bookings will be taken)

## Supermoon

Although it was cloudy on the night of 14th for the Supermoon, we did get some pictures from Saturday night when the sky was very clear. We were very lucky for most of the week to see amazing views of the moon. On the clear nights there has been no need for torches !!



## *Drainage Works*

*The drainage work to prevent flooding has begun here at LGFC. The contractors have reinstated a channel at the back of the property which carries the water away from site. The gutter work is due to be carried out shortly.*