

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Wargame Developments
held on 12th July 2026 at Cranfield Management Development Centre**

1. The Chair and Conference Organiser (Tim Gow) said that it had been a cracking weekend, and that the venue had been spot on. Members responded with an ovation. Judith Rawle was thanked for finding the new venue.
2. The Treasurer and Membership Secretary (Bob Cordery) reported that he had good news. Membership was well over 100 and there was no need to increase subscription rates for 2026/27. Assuming no great increase in postage costs he hoped that subscription rates could also be kept the same for 2027/28. WD was becoming stronger. COW 2026 had 60 bookings (cf 38 at Knuston) and had generated a small surplus. He predicted no increase in the cost for COW 2027, which would be held on whichever of the first two weekends in July avoided Silverstone (the dates of which had yet to be announced). Bookings would open in September, and not before.
3. The Editor of "The NUGGET" (Matthew Hartley) reported that nine issues had been produced in the year, he was grateful to members for writing things, particularly if they sent them to him early. He was pleased to be able to announce that there would be an additional "summer special" Nugget in August. Members were asked to keep writing and sending things in. Members responded with an ovation.
4. The Editor of the Colour Supplement (Chris Ager) indicated that if members would send him decent pictures he would get the colour supplement going.
5. Reports by the Display Team Organisers
 - a. Display Team North - John Armatys reported that Martin Rapier had shown the flag at the Society of Ancients Conference 2025 with "Alexander the Brief", which he also took, assisted by Tim Gow, Tim Carne and John Armatys, to The Other Partizan in October 2026. Mark Flannagan and John Armatys's "633 Squadron" saw its debut at Partizan in May 2026, where they were joined by Rob Hymer and Tim Gow, who recruited a new member. Martin Rapier, Mark Flannagan, Rob Hymer and John Armatys took the game to "Joy of Six" in June.

It was hoped that there would be enough volunteers to put on games at The Other Partizan in October 2026 and at Partizan in May 2027. Booking a stand Joy of Six 2027 depended on it not clashing with the date of COW.
 - b. Display Team South - Chris Ager reported that he had not been to any shows, and asked any members able to represent WD to talk to him.
 - c. Display Team West - John Curry reported that he been mentioning WD at conferences. He was thinking about having a stand at DSET.
6. John Bassett proposed that the new constitution (circulated with the agenda for the AGM) should be adopted from the end of the meeting. Seconded by Bob Cordery, the motion was carried unanimously.
7. Election of Officers
The following officers were elected unopposed:
Chair: Tim Gow
COW Organiser: Tim Gow
Editor of "The NUGGET": Mathew Hartley
Membership Secretary and Treasurer: Bob Cordery
General Secretary: John Armatys

Digital Co-ordinator: David Burden.

Members were invited to volunteer to be Other Officers or to serve on the committee. Current volunteers are:

Committee members: Stephen Aguilar-Milan, John Bassett, John Curry, Michael D'Alessandro, Alex Kleanthous, Judith Rawle and Pete Sizer.

Vice Chair: John Bassett

Organiser, WD Display Team North: John Armatys

Organiser, WD Display Team South: Chris Ager

Organiser, WD Display Team West: John Curry.

Colour Supplement Editor: Chris Ager

Assistant Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Stephen Aguilar-Millan

VCOW Organiser: Tim Gow

AVG Organiser: Michael D'Alessandro.

Organisers of Other Events would be appointed as necessary.

8. Any other business

- a. Ian Mitchell reported that Mark Evens, a former member of WD, had died recently. The funeral would be held in Wales on 20th July 2026.
- b. Tom Mouat offered thanks and welcome to new attendees and to those who had travelled to COW from overseas.
- c. It was noted that the Society of Ancients conference was at Cranfield on 16th - 18th October 2026.
- d. Jonathan Crowe asked for it to be made clear that moving a presenter's sign-up sheet was a breach of COW etiquette.
- e. John Bassett announced that the AVG would be held on Saturday 24th October.
- f. Kiera Bentley thanked the organisers for their huge efforts in producing the best COW yet. She wondered if a social event could be held at Cranfield of the Thursday night before COW 2027.
- g. Jerry Elsmore asked that the chefs at Cranfield be thanked. Tim Gow said that he would ensure that this was done.