

**Annual General Meeting for the year 2023 – 2024
held at Broomfield Football Club at 19.30
on Thursday 30th May 2024**

Present:

Alan Chapman, Alec Fraser, Andrew Pickess, Bas Patel, Brian Purdy, Brigitte Whiteing, Clare Price, Colin Birch, Colin Galley, Dave Purkiss, David Bishop, David Whiteing, Hannah Sadowski, Ian McDonald, Jenny McDonald, John Story, Kevin Bishop, Mike Leonard, Mike Rose, Neil Crumpen, Nicola Riley, Peter Lake, Ray Lawrence, Tom Plucinski, Tony Mansfield, Trevor Sadowski

1. Apologies for Absence: Tom Peacock, Liz Croxson

2. Approval of the minutes.

There were no error or omissions . The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mike Leonard and seconded by Ian McDonald and the minutes were approved unanimously with 25 votes for 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

3. Matters arising from those minutes.

a. Open Evening RL to consider whether this would be suitable for CCC. Action: RL The idea of an open evening was discussed and the conclusion was that to have a dedicated evening instead of one of the normal Thursday evenings would be problematic for existing members and would not attract enough prospective members to make it worthwhile. Instead, we should take advantage of the variety in the normal programme and suggest a suitable combination of evenings for each individual prospective member to attend. They could also be put in touch with existing members who share the same interests or have relevant expertise. Attracting new members in the first place requires a combination of initiatives such as the exhibition stand in Remembrance Square, distribution of programmes to as many outlets as possible, having a presence at local venues and events and featuring in published media. Use of Social Media is working well and we have had publicity in Amateur Photographer, the EAF Bulletin and City News and a display of images in Broomfield Hospital. We attended the Steam Punk Fair in Maldon and have our current exhibition in The Art Place but this is a continuing activity and other possibilities arise and are assessed for suitability. Contact has also been made to other organisations such as the local U3A.

b. Use of images and competition structure. Committee to limit the use of images to spread reuse and avoid overuse and to consider the structure of league competitions.

Action: Committee

The rules on reuse of images were applied to entries into all competitions during the season, not just to entries into the league and this improved the situation. As a reminder, a

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high-scoring image can only be used once. If it scores less than 18 or does not achieve a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place it can be used once more in another season. Note that any image can also be used in the Annual Awards in addition to competitions during the season. Considerable debate took place on the structure of competitions and finally the option for members to enter a themed set of competitions modelled on the Amateur Photographer annual competition was proposed. This offered a choice to members, allowing those happy with the current format to continue with it and those who were looking for more of a challenge to opt for a set of themed competitions. This was proposed to members but there was insufficient interest to make the approach viable. The existing structure will therefore continue.

c. Add a diptych competition for the Panel of Six evening. Action: Committee

A Panel of Two competition was added on the Panel of Six competition evening and it went well. There were only five panels of six prints, however, even fewer than last year, so it was decided to curtail this competition and add the Panel of Two to the Panel of Three competition evening, giving a full evening's entertainment.

4. Treasurer's report and presentation and approval of the annual accounts. See Appendix 2

MC can not be here tonight but we wish him well with his current issue with his wife. His report says we have lost quite a lot of members since the pandemic, now at 69 ish, we would like to see some more members.

The financial situation was very difficult after the pandemic but we managed to make a surplus this year, which will give us a buffer, and this means that we can spend a little more money on speakers and judges, and hopefully we will get some good and different speakers.

There were no questions about the reports so CB thanked MC and BC for the audit. The acceptance of the reports was proposed by Trevor Sadowski and seconded by Bas Patel and the reports were approved unanimously with 25 votes for 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

5. Officers' Reports: (Proposed by the President that the reports be dealt with in their entirety and then voted upon.) This year all of the Officers' Reports have been emailed to members in advance, CB asked if there were any questions on the reports, there were no questions.

6. Members to vote on Officers' Reports. See Appendix 1

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The acceptance of the reports was proposed by Alan Chapman and seconded by Kevin Bishop and the reports were approved unanimously with 25 votes for 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

7. Chairman's Report.

I feel really privileged that the club accepted me as Chairman over the last four years, and despite the best attempts of the failed and painful attempt to move to Sandon, and the Considerable impact of COVID, the club continues to run an entertaining and full program for its membership.

The 75th Anniversary event with Joe Cornish last season really helped to redress the financial balance of the club, and this season has equally seen us balance the books, despite the fact the membership continues to dwindle.

We have as a club this year politely declined to participate in some external competitions, and whittled these down to a few key relationships moving forward. We owe a huge vote of thanks to Clare Price who picked up the mantle of this and together with Mike Rose and Ian McDonald ensured we represented ourselves at those key events. We do however need to fill this vacancy this coming season, as Clare undertook this in addition to all the efforts of the Secretary role for the club. Volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

Steve Marriott has stepped down from the committee as membership secretary, and a deep vote of thanks goes to Steve for all his efforts (again volunteers welcome) and also thank you to Neil Crumpen who reluctantly resigned the PDI competition's role due to work commitments. Dave Purkiss has taken on this responsibility for us.

The summer months are again filled with activities, with various events organised by the wildlife Group and the R5 / R6 group which should account for everyone's varied interests, and the PhotoTrek competition has changed this year to a 10 picture event taken on your mobile phone anywhere, the only restrictions being the date range.

At the last AGM a point was made in respect of competitions and competition structure, and I did present to members an alternative which I hoped would allow a position for everyone to participate in respect of their chosen outcome. However, less than 1/3 of the current membership bothered to vote for the proposition, which clearly indicated that the proposition didn't have sufficient merit to be considered further, which on a personal note I think is a real shame.

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This season heralds my last as Chairman. When I took on the role, I was expecting to be fully retired and therefore believed I could throw my all at the proposition. Alas, I managed to expand my sporting photographic hobby further than previously, which means for three, maybe four months of the camera club season I am simply not available to attend, and I don't believe this is appropriate for the club. Mike Leonard, with the support of everyone at the club has agreed to take on these responsibilities with Tom Plucinski a more than able lieutenant.

Finally, the club exists for its members, but there are a group of people that operate and run this club without whom we would not have such an engaging program, without whom frankly the club would not run, nor exist. I on behalf of every club member propose an enormous vote of thanks and gratitude to all those on the committee who give up their time, effort and seemingly boundless energy to ensure we continue to be one of the foremost Camera Clubs in the region.

Thank you for all your support over the last four years, and I hope you will be able to bestow upon Mike and Tom even greater support as they look to continue to take our great club forwards.

CB thanked RL and said that his report was well received.

8. Year 2024/2025 subscriptions. The committee proposes that the 2024/2025 subscriptions will remain as follows. Annual membership £35 for all members, no concessions or Family membership, normal Thursday entrance fee of £3. It is possible to pay for a full year's subscription and annual membership for £140. MC will be issuing information on this and GDPR within the next few days.

The acceptance of the subscriptions was proposed by Andrew Pickess and seconded by Nicola Riley

The 2024/2025 subscriptions are approved unanimously with 25 votes for, 0 votes against and 0 abstention.

9. Membership Renewal: Existing members are requested to rejoin by the end of the summer break as we would like to be able to offer places to new members in September.

10. President's remarks.

Ray has covered the Club's year so I would like to give a vote of thanks to him as our Chairman and to the committee as a whole who have worked so hard to ensure everything has run smoothly. Ray, together with Steve Marriott and Neil Crumpen are standing down

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this year so a special thank you to them for all the work as Chairman, New Members Secretary and PDI Competition Secretary.

Congratulations to Ian and Jenny McDonald on gaining their DPAGB and CPAGB awards respectively and also to Steve Marriott who has just achieved his BPE1*. Distinctions are worth doing so I would like to encourage everyone to think about going for either PAGB, RPS, FIAP or BPE awards. In fact, the EAF is putting on an Advisory Day near Cambridge on 1st September for those considering going for a PAGB award. You can take along images for advice or just go along to see what quality of image is required. For those interested, go to the EAF website or have a word with me for details. EAF actually hosting an Advisory Day in 2016.

Finally, have a good summer, take lots of pictures, don't forget the PhotoTrek and I hope to see you at the Beer Festival.

11. Election of the President.

The meeting was then handed over to Ray Lawrence, the Chairman, to conduct this election.

Ray said that as there were no other counter proposals Colin Birch was re-elected as President. CB was unanimously elected, no votes against or abstentions.

12. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members:

The Officers and Committee members already proposed and seconded to form the new Committee are as follows:

Chairman Mike Leonard
Vice Chairman Tom Plucinski
Secretary Clare Price
Treasurer Mike Crack
Programme Sec Colin Birch
Competition Sec PDIs David Purkiss
Competition Sec Prints Ian McDonald
External Comp Sec TBA
Web Master Andrew Pickess
Sound System Tom Plucinski
Social Media Sec Alan Chapman
Committee member TBA

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CB announced that Nicola Riley has volunteered to taken on the External Competition secretary role, CB thanked Nicola.

CB stated that there was one vacancy on the committee if anyone was interested in volunteering for it.

This doesn't exceed the maximum number so Colin Birch proposed that the whole committee is re-elected together.

The acceptance of the reports was proposed by Ray Lawrence and seconded by Alec Frazer, the new Committee was duly elected with 25 votes for 0 votes against and 0 abstention.

13. Auditor

CB said Barry Collin has audited the accounts for several years and has agreed to continue, thank you Barry.

14. Answers to members' written questions- There were no questions.

15. AOB

a. Tom Plucinski asked about PhotoTrek details. AP stated that there are 10 subjects to be taken on a mobile phone, no geographical location specified. Details released on 1st June 2024.

b. CB explained that although the PAGB has stated that it is not a legal requirement for Camera Club to have a First Aider, if someone has these skills could they either please come forward now or privately. Dave Purkiss said that he had 30 years in the fire service and that included first aid skills and Kevin Bishop said he is retrained every 3 years in first-aid for his work with the Scouts.

c. Brigitte Whiteing said she knew of another camera club, Maldon, who issue members with business cards which could be given to potential members. NR said she had a friend who ran a printing company. Committee to investigate.

Action: Committee

d. Trevor Sadowski asked if there had been any news about The Art Place selling our prints. RL said he would message his contact Ben asap. David and Brigitte had looked at the exhibition last week.

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e. NR asked if we should ask colleges if they would promote our club but this has been attempted before and it was found that many students are not based in Chelmsford.

f. DW said that there is another 'group' called Chelmsford Camera Club on Facebook, It appears to be a problem for us (we don't know who this is). Apparently it could be people trying to sell on a 1:1 basis.

Meeting finished 20.25

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Appendix 1

Print Competition Secretary's Report – Ian McDonald

Firstly, I would like to thank all those that have helped and supported me this season, especially Mike Rose and Colin, it really is appreciated.

League Competition

- Level 1 was won by Ian McDonald and David Purkiss who both scored 99 points. Alison Johnson was third.

There were two demotions from Level 1.

- Level 2 was won by Alan Chapman with a score of 98. Jenny McDonald was second and Alan Evans third.

Alan Chapman, Jenny and Alan Evans are promoted to Level 1.

- There were no promotions from Level 3.

The Mono Print Competition for the Dennis Clarke Memorial Trophy

37 prints were entered for the mono competition this season, slightly more than last year. First place went to Steve Marriott, David Purkiss was second and Alan Chapman third. Four entries were highly commended (Colin Galley, Mike Rose, Trevor Sadowski and David Purkiss).

The Burley Cup (panels of three)

There were only 12 entries for the Burley Cup. Brian Purdy was first, with Colin Birch second and Steve Marriott third. The 2 entries submitted by David Purkiss were both Highly Commended.

The Cyril Chorley Memorial Trophy (panels of six)

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There were only 5 entries for the panels of 6 competition. In first place was David Purkiss with Brian Purdy second and Tom Plucinski third.

Panels of Two

As it was anticipated that there would be a low level of support for the Panels of Six competition, it was decided that we should add an additional competition – the Panels of Two.

There were only 10 entries, from 8 members. First was Alan Chapman, with Bas Patel second and Brian Purdy third. The entries submitted by Ian McDonald and Colin Birch were Highly Commended.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who have entered prints this season. It is satisfying to note that judges regularly comment on the excellent quality of work entered for our competitions. However, the number of prints entered is, again, lower than previous years. I would, therefore, encourage more members to enter prints next season to ensure that we can maintain the programme in its current form.

Ian McDonald
Print Competition Secretary

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PDI Secretary's Report: Neil Crumpen

PDI SECRETARY'S REPORT END OF 2023-24 SEASON

As last year, only the top two preferences from each competitor were shown in each competition. This gave approximately 83 images to be judged each competition night. The exception to this was the themed competition where 3 images per person were used and led to 78 images to be judged this is a reduction in entries from last years 99.

The usual rules for the league competition applied, i.e., an entrant's best mark for each competition was retained and the best 5 of these 'bests' was used to determine the final league position.

PDI LEAGUE COMPETITION 2023-2024

Level 1

This Season there will be no relegation from level 1 to level 2.

Level 2

This season there will be 3 Members Promoted from Level 2 to Level 1

As per Club Rules there will be no relegations from Level 2 to Level 3

Level 3

This season there is 1 Members being Promoted from Level 3 to Level 2

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After dropping the lowest score, the winners of each level are as follows

Level 1

Winner	Mike Rose	100 Points
Runner up	David Purkiss	99 Points
Third Place	Alec Fraser	98 Points

Level2

Winner	David Heath	97 Points
Runner Up	Colin Birch	95 Points
Third Place	Mike Leonard	94 Points

Level 3

Winner	Kevin Bishop	98 Points
Runner up	Ash Bishop-Smith	73 Points
Third Pace	Robert Major	19 Points

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The full end of season tables is given below.

Level 1

League	Competition 1 21/09/2023	Competition 2 16/11/2023 16/11/2023	Competition 3 04/01/2024	Competition 4 01/02/2024	Competition 5 Themed 21/03/2024	Competition 6 11/04/2024	Total Less Lowest Score
Level 1	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	
Mike Rose	20	17	20	20	20	20	100
David Purkiss	20	20	19	19	20	20	99
Alec Fraser	19	20	20	19	20	16	98
Tom Plucinski	19	19	20	19	18	20	97
Brian Purdy	19	19	19	18	20	20	97
Clare Price	19	20	18	19	0	19	95
Ian Mcdonald	20	18	18	18	20	18	94
Steve Marriott	19	17	18	18	20	18	93
David Bishop	18	18	16	19	20	18	93
Bas Patel	18	17	17	19	19	20	93
Alan Chapman	19	18	18	18	19	0	92
Bruce Gray	18	16	17	20	17	20	92
Nicola Riley	20	17	19	17	18	17	91
Steve Wilkinson	18	17	18	19	0	19	91
Brigitte Whiteing	18	17	17	16	20	17	89
Bob Pollard	18	18	17	19	0	17	89
Gary Woods	18	15	17	17	20	0	87
Mike Crack	18	0	0	0	0	0	18

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Level 2	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	
David Heath	19	19	19	20	20	17	97
Colin Birch	19	20	17	0	19	20	95
Mike Leonard	19	18	18	19	0	20	94
Les Mann	17	18	18	19	19	18	92
Alan Delany	18	16	17	20	18	19	92
Alan Waplington	18	18	19	17	19	17	91
Graham Chorley	20	18	18	17	17	16	90
Andrew Pickess	18	16	17	15	20	19	90
Rita Thorneloe	18	17	16	17	19	18	89
Allan Puzey	17	16	13	20	19	17	89
Liz Croxson	18	19	18	16	0	18	89
Chris Hackett	18	17	14	15	18	18	86
Neil Crumpen	18	18	14	19	0	17	86
David Whiteing	18	15	13	17	17	17	84
Trevor Sadowski	17	0	20	15	0	18	70
Tom Peacock	0	20	0	20	0	16	56
Hannah Sadowski	0	0	18	15	0	17	50

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Level 3	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	High Score	
Kevin Bishop	20	18	17	20	20	20	98
Ash Bishop-smith	0	17	17	19	0	20	73
Robert Major	19	0	0	0	0	0	19

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THEMED PDI COMPETITION (#5) 2023-2024

The themed competition took place on the 21st March 2024 and was judged by Harold Mousley LRPS AFIAP.

26 people entered the competition, each supplying one image in each of the three themes – Textures, Tryptic and Tree(s), which led to 78 images to be judged on the night.

Overall Themed Competition (marks out of 60)

Winner	Brian Purdy	59 Marks
Runner up	Ian McDonald	58 Marks
Joint third Place	Andrew Pickess David Bishop Rita Thorneloe	57 Marks

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Social Media Report 2023-24 – Alan Chapman

The club Facebook Page and Group have been running for two seasons. Most of the posts are sharing the high scoring images from club competitions, however, the aim was to provide club members a safe online place to share their images, information about photography venues etc and generally extend the social reach of the club beyond one evening a week.

The 22 members have used the Group to ask photography related questions and share images from their personal trips. It would be nice if those who find value in this could encourage others to join and participate, like all social media endeavours, the value is greater when more people contribute.

As a reminder, Facebook is completely free and the distinction between the Club's Page and Group is below;

The public Page is available for all of Facebook to view and therefore allows the Club to promote it's events, speakers, and to display the Prints and PDIs that score top marks in the Club's competitions. The Page has lead to membership enquiries and speakers promoting their talks.

The private Group contains the same information that is posted to the Page and extends the social reach of the club. Members are able to post images and discuss all manner of photography related subjects. Only club members are able to join the Group via an invitational link.

All members re-joining the club for the 2024-25 will receive an invite to join the Group, if you would like to join prior to this then please reach out to me (Alan Chapman) on a club night and I will happily send you and invite.

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CCC External Competitions 2023-24 Summary

This is my first year as External Club Co-ordinator together with the rest of the selection committee: Ray Lawrence, Ian McDonald, Mike Rose and Alison Johnson

Competitions completed

7 October 2024 4CS Panel of Six Competition

Judge Barbie Lindsay MPAGB EFIAP/s FBPD AWPf from Ipswich

- 1st In the Ring from Benfleet
- 2nd Beach Combing Treasures from Colchester
- 3rd Landscape of Santiago from Cambridge

Chelmsford had two Highly Commended panels: Aqua Boudoir – Pat Frewin and Norfolk Grey Seals – Gary Woods.

19 Panels – 10 Clubs took part

17 October 2024 Colchester 8x8 Print Competition

Judge Mike Fuller

- 1st Colchester 145
- 2nd Ipswich 145
- 3rd Halstead 142
- 4th Chelmsford 141

8 clubs took part

Thank you to Ian McDonald and Steve Marriott for attending

30 November 2024 Benfleet Battle Print Competition (at BFC)

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Judge Chrissie Hart ARPS DPAGB from Ipswich

10 Colour 10 Mono

1st Benfleet 364

2nd Chelmsford 350

Pin Mill Wrecks by David Purkiss was the best colour print

11 February 2024 EAF PDI Championship

25 PDIs for two rounds

Scores after first round (15 pdis)

1st PICA 186

2nd Beyond Group 180

3rd Norwich 178

14th Chelmsford 165 (joint with 3 other clubs)

Final winners PICA 1st Beyond Group 2nd

28 Clubs took part

Thanks to Colin Birch for attending.

5th March 2024 Braintree Shield Print

Judge Pauline Martindale

6 Mono Prints

1st Halstead 51

2nd Great Notley 48.5

3rd Colchester 48

4th Chelmsford 46.5

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8 Clubs took part

Thanks to Mike Rose for attending.

12 March 2024 EAF Print Championship

15 Prints Open

1st PICO - 192

2nd Beyond - 192

9th Chelmsford - 173

19 Clubs entered

Thanks to Colin Birch for attending.

19 March 2024- Photofold Battle PDIs at Photofold

Judge David Steel - DPAGB

24 PDIs

1st Chelmsford - 400

2nd Photofold - 399

Best PDI – ‘Feeling Lost ‘ by Tom Plucinski

Thanks to Ian McDonald for attending

My thanks to:

Andrew Pickess for his IT help, providing print labels and assisting with finance for external competition fees

Mike Crack for sending information to members

Colin Birch for the organising Judges and Mike Leonard for organising the trophies

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The selection committee, Ray Lawrence, Ian McDonald, Mike Rose and Alison Johnson
All members whose images supported the competitions

Clare Price
29th March 2024

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Programme Secretary's Report 2023-24: Colin Birch

This season went well with a variety of speakers, a members' evening and a practical evening and a couple of new judges. We have an increase in the budget for the coming season so we plan to have an even better year ahead, starting off with Barbie Lindsay at the beginning of September. The new programme should be published in June in plenty of time for next season.

We coped well with four judges or speakers needing replacing during the season, an unusually high number but these things happen. We also had to use Broomfield Village Hall when the repairs to BFC's access road was repaired, but that worked OK. In the coming season there will be two weeks when BFC are hosting their German exchange club so it is likely that we will use Zoom for those and take advantage of a couple of more remote speakers.

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**Treasurer's Report for AGM
Year End Accounts at 31 March 2024**

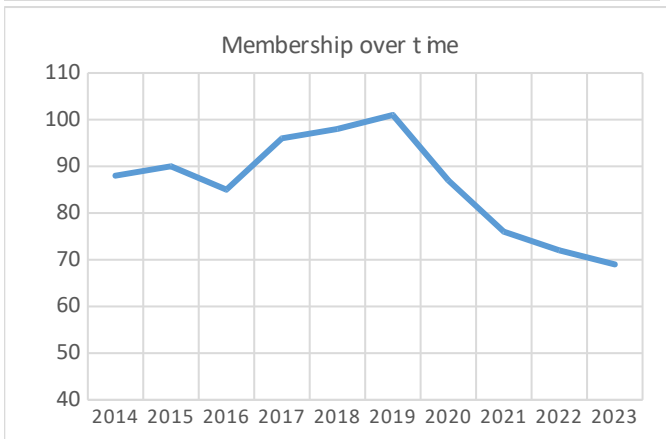
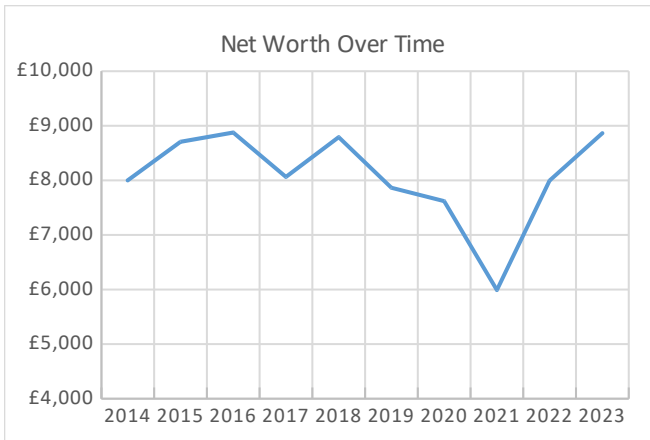
The total sum in our bank and cash accounts is £8863
The Income & Expense summary shows a surplus of £868

Membership is 69 - down 30% from pre-Covid levels, and continuing to fall.
Average weekly attendance is 32 – down 35% from pre-Covid levels.

The healthy bank balance and the surplus this year demonstrates that the increase in attendance fees, coupled with the economies implemented last year, have reversed the downturn in our financial situation. This confirms that we have a viable club with a financial model which should see us through the foreseeable future few years.

We are now able to increase expenditure on Speakers and Judges for the coming season without jeopardizing our financial stability

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Income & Expenses for Year Ending 31 March 2024

Income	2022/23	2023/24
Membership fees	2380.00	2180.00
Attendances - Club Night	3755.00	3503.00
Attendances - SIG/Beginners	165.00	193.88
Raffle Collection	440.00	542.00
Less Raffle prizes	232.35	222.30
Bank Interest	7.50	42.19
Panel of 6 Comp (4Cs)	-26.55	102.20
Misc Income	61.19	55.00
BBQ	75.38	60.42
Joe Cornish 2023	999.49	
Total Income	7624.66	6456.39
Expenses		
Venue Hire - Club Nights	2884.00	2859.02
Judges Expenses	610.14	581.90
Speakers Expenses	811.00	811.00
Insurance	96.00	96.00
EAF, PAGB etc	169.50	165.00
Weekly Refreshments	232.88	244.23
Christmas Social	76.99	75.71
Equipment Purchase/Maint/Repair	14.45	64.05
External Competitions	175.79	195.54
Other Expenses	76.60	90.60
Website	229.79	181.84
Postage, Stationery, Printing	64.50	32.72
Programme Printing (A4 Flyers)	34.46	46.78
Zoom subscriptions	143.88	143.88
Total Expenses	5619.98	5588.27
Surplus/-Deficit for the year	2004.68	868.12
Balance at start of year	5990.84	7995.52
Balance at end of year	7995.52	8863.64
Bank Current a/c end of year	3513.45	4659.14
Unpresented cheques	15.00	3498.45

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Bank Savings a/c end of year	3961.42	4003.61
Cash in hand	535.65	200.89
	7995.52	8863.64

Hon. Treasurer: M. CRACK

HON. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hon. Auditor: B. COLLIN LRPS
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