



SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2019 AGM

2018 was a great year with such great weather once "the beast from the east" had passed. Many thanks to all the active members for their continued support. The perennial cry of "the society needs more members" to play regularly and bring guests has reaped rewards this year with 10 new members being signed up. A very warm welcome to Chris Anderson, Richard Blue, Julian Bunting, Joel Evans, Keith Everett, Digby Hebbard, Michael Hodson, Jeff Lewis, Lewis O'Donoghue and Michael Salmon. Thanks also to the members who introduced them. So, despite some previous members falling by the wayside we have increased members to 63 from 57 this time last year. However please keep trying to encourage new members as we aspire to grow to around 80.

My message this year is get the event dates in the diary and please try to attend as many events as possible. The statistics this year are disappointing. We had 84 (cf 2017 - 93, 2016 - 94 & 2015 - 96) member's attendances at the 5 events (excluding the Recessional Bowl) with 23 (cf 2017, 2016 & 2015 - 29) members attending more than one event. We had disappointing turnouts at Sandy Lodge (13 Members) and surprisingly Ashridge (16 Members).

Darrell Lewis, your excellent Captain for 2018 has given you a rundown of the 2018 events as they unfolded so I don't need to add anything here!!!

The 2019 programme is pretty much fixed. We have adjusted the programme to bring more events into the summer period. There are the usual stalwarts again - Moor Park, of course Ashridge and Sandy Lodge. We are going to the superb Abridge this year and this together with Sandy Lodge have been brought forward to the better weather (we hope!!) to try and attract more attendees. Captain's Day returns to the spring with a visit to the magnificent "Buckinghamshire" and the Tour goes overseas again in September with a first visit to La Cala in Southern Spain. (Sign up with Neil Blundy)

I would like to thank fellow committee members and particularly Nick Archer for his tremendous support throughout the year.

Darrell, you were a great Captain to work with, and congratulations on a very successful year. Those who attended will never forget the amazing Turnberry Tour. Great organisation Darrell.

Finally, I would like to wish Neil Blundy all the best for his year as Captain and thank you all in anticipation for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Meixner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neil Meixner