



SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2022 AGM

Well, 2021 was better with only one event cancelled (Letchworth) and the AGM being held "Virtually"!!! Please see the Captain's Report for details of the events. Many thanks to all those members who continue to support EPIC. The perennial cry of "the society needs more members" to play regularly and bring guests has been successful this year with 10 new members joining our merry band. A very warm welcome to James Barrett, Richard Bartholomew, Paul Ibson, Delwyn Jacobs, Adrian Pitt, Richard Poulter, Jarlath Rooney, Bradley Taylor, Danny Toseland and Robert White who all joined EPIC in 2021. Thanks also to the members who introduced them. We therefore have 66 members on the books compared with 58 this time last year. Please keep trying to encourage new and particularly younger members as we aspire to grow to around 80.

The statistics for 2021 were encouraging with 95 member's attendances (cf. 2019 - 97, 2018 - 84, 2017 - 93, 2016 - 94 & 2015 - 96) at the 5 events (excluding the Recessional Bowl) with 29 (cf. 2019 - 22, 2018 - 23, 2017, 2016 & 2015 - 29) members attending more than one event.

Many Thanks to Iain Stevenson for his great leadership over his 2-year tenure!!

The 2022 programme is fixed. We are going back to Moor Park (this year for the Charity Event in June) and of course Ashridge as well as visiting, after a long break, an old favourite in Gog Magog. New venues at Bishops Stortford and Saffron Walden have been added to the calendar for this year. Captain elect, Jason Wood, has already organised and filled the tour which this year returns to Vilamoura. [The message this year is as always get the event dates in the diary and please try to attend as many events as possible.](#)

I would like to thank fellow committee members for their support and particularly Nick Archer (ably assisted by Jane Chaston) for keeping tabs on the finances throughout the year. I remind members that prompt and clear payments from members of subscriptions and for events is essential for the smooth running of the society.

Iain, you were a pleasure to work with, as Captain and I look forward working with Jason this year!!

Finally, I would like to thank you all in anticipation of your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Meixner', written over a light blue grid background.

Neil Meixner - Secretary