



SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2024 AGM

Well, 2023 was another great year, defeating the "Old Enemy" for a second time in the annual EPIC v BAGS match this year held at Knebworth was a highlight. Well done to Captain Rob Seeley and the team on a memorable victory!!

Please see the details for this and all the other events in the Captain's Report.

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 very successful this year with 10 new members joining. A very warm welcome to Bernadette Barker, Jon Bray, Matthew Caldecourt, Noel Greig, Dan Harrison, Ro Harper, Will Higgins, Richard Piggott, Gavin Travica & Chris Yates who all joined EPIC in 2023. Thanks also to the members who introduced them. We have had a number of retirees, most notably an EPIC stalwart Graham Howe who decided to retire at the end of 2023 so 70 fully paid-up members are on the books compared with 65 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 2023 (which all exclude Letchworth) were very encouraging with 122 member's attendances (cf. 2022 - 115, 2021 - 95, 2019 - 97, 2018 - 84, 2017 - 93, 2016 - 94 & 2015 - 96) at the 5 events with 34 (cf. 2022 - 34, 2021 - 29, 2019 - 22, 2018 - 23, 2017, 2016 & 2015 - 29) members attending more than one event.

Many Thanks to Rob Seeley for being so supportive of the Secretary and being a magnificently proactive Captain.

The 2024 programme is fixed. This year we are will attend some of our favourites, return to some we have neglected for a few years and try a new venue. So, it's Moor Park, Ashridge, Berkhamsted, Harleyford, Sandy Lodge & Letchworth. Some great courses. All the details are on the website. Captain elect, Fiona Watson, has already organised the tour which this year goes for the first time to Marrakech.

[The message this year is as always get the events 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. Thanks also go to the "Social Media Committee" (Aaron Hughes and Chris Sunderland) for their help in updating our social media interfaces!

I remind members that prompt and clear payments from members of subscriptions and for events is essential for the smooth running of EPIC.

Rob, you were a delight to work with and really supportive of me in my secretarial role and I look forward to working with Fiona 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', with a flourish at the end.

Neil Meixner - Secretary