



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2025 AGM**

Well, 2024 was another great year, defeating the "Old Enemy" for a third time in a row at Ashridge in the annual EPIC v BAGS match this year was a highlight.

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 and younger members" to play regularly and bring guests has been very successful this year with 11 new members joining. A very warm welcome to Peter Caneparo, Will Evans (rejoining), Garry Fairbairn, Chris Kwok, Clark Lee, Paul McMahon, Mitesh Patel, Jason Ramage, Josh Roughan, Paul Tumelty & James Varley who all joined EPIC in 2024. Thanks also to the members who introduced them. We have had a number of retirees but on balance we continue to grow with 74 fully paid-up members at the end of 2024 are on the books compared with 70 at the same time last year.

Please keep trying to encourage new and particularly younger members as we aspire to grow to at least 80.

The statistics for 2024 (which all exclude Letchworth) show a slight downturn on previous years member's attendances with 109 (cf. 2023 - 122 2022 - 115, 2021 - 95, 2019 - 97, 2018 - 84, 2017 - 93, 2016 - 94 & 2015 - 96) at the 5 events with a very similar 33 (cf. 2023 - 34, 2022 - 34, 2021 - 29, 2019 - 22, 2018 - 23, 2017, 2016 & 2015 - 29) members attending more than one event.

Many thanks to Fiona Watson, our first lady Captain, for being incredibly supportive to me and being an inspirational Captain.

The 2024 programme is fixed. This year we will attend Moor Park, Ashridge, Beaconsfield, Harleyford, Sandy Lodge & Letchworth. Some great courses. All the details are on the website. Captain elect, Matthew Jones, has already organised the tour which this year stays in the UK visiting Kent staying at the Bell Hotel and playing the magnificent courses of North Forland, Princes & Walmer and Kingsdown!!

[The message this year is as always get the events in the diary and please try to attend as many events as possible and bring guests.](#)

**We need younger members to ensure the future of EPiC so let's get some younger and lady guests along who might join our fraternity!!**

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.

John Bush has been assisting me in bringing together the "History of EPiC". Thanks John.

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

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

Neil Meixner - Secretary