



SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2026 AGM

Well, 2025 was another great year. The absolute highlight was the inaugural victory of long serving treasurer, Nick Archer, winning the Recessionary Rose Bowl at Letchworth in December.

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 16 new members joining. A very warm welcome to Dan Hall, Steve Talbot, James Whitworth, Jamie King, Kyle Clark, Adam Phillips, David Skinner, Yosh Douglas-Street, Guy Shorrocks, Steve Jones, Charles Twynam, Keith Wilson, Jonathan Cross, Ricky Foster, Robin Miller & Steven Finn who all joined EPiC in 2025 & James Steel in 2026. Thanks also to the members who introduced them. We have had several leave including Steve Davies, who having scored 38 points and been a member of the winning team at Ashridge in May, tragically succumbed to asbestosis in the autumn. EPiC was represented at his funeral by Ben Hurworth and Steven Barker. He was always larger than life and will be greatly missed. On a brighter note, we continue to grow with 80 fully paid-up members at the end of 2025 compared with 74 at the same time last year. Please keep trying to encourage new and particularly younger members although we need to decide whether to reset our target at >80

The statistics for 2025 (which all exclude Letchworth) show a very slight downturn on previous years member's attendances with 106 (cf. 2024- 109, 2023 - 122, 2022 - 115, 2021 - 95, 2019 - 97, 2018 - 84, 2017 - 93, 2016 - 94 & 2015 - 96) at the 5 events with 27 members attending more than one event (cf. 2024 - 33, 2023 - 34, 2022 - 34, 2021 - 29, 2019 - 22, 2018 - 23, 2017, 2016 & 2015 - 29).

Many thanks to Matthew Jones for being a great Captain and huge advocate of EPiC.

The 2025 programme is pretty much fixed. This year we will attend Moor Park, Ashridge, Beaconsfield, Westerham, Essendon & Letchworth. Some great courses. We're still finalising the BAGS and FOB matches. All the details are on the website. Captain elect, Chris Sunderland, has organised the tour which this year visits Palma, Mallorca, staying at the Bellver Hotel and playing Son Vida, Son Muntaner and Son Gaul, all magnificent courses!! There are two places available at the time of writing.

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, Oliver Tobin for organising the Knock-Out and for Matt Caldecourt's enthusiasm both during the tour and in organising the Christmas Lunch. Many thanks also to Jason Wood who is standing down from committee at the AGM, your enthusiasm and leadership has been a model for all, particularly in delivering the first victory over the BAGS! John Bush and latterly Steven Batker have been a great help to me in bringing together the "History of EPiC". Thanks to them both. Thanks also to my nephew, Doug Hunt, for all his hard work in setting up the new website and payment platform, which is all working well, I hope & think. I'd welcome any feedback.

Matthew, it's been a pleasure and I look forward to working with Chris Sunderland in 2026!!

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

Neil Meixner - Secretary