

Secretary's Report

Before I report on the membership, I would like to give thanks to Kate Castree. As most of you will know, Kate carried out the role of club secretary for many years during which time she created various documents to assist in the job and set up the admission procedures. Shortly before leaving her role, Kate set up all the club's data on Pianola, the database we use to keep our records. All this hard work and the use of Pianola has meant my job is somewhat more straightforward than previously. Thank you, Kate, for your hardwork and for handing over the club records in excellent order.

We were very sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Judy Horton who played at the club regularly before moving to be nearer her family earlier in the year.

We received the resignation of 14 members for various reasons during the year and we wish them well. We had to assume the resignation of 1 member when membership was not renewed.

I am very happy to report since the last AGM that we have accepted 22 new members bringing our membership to its current maximum. We have 4 approved applicants on our waiting list, one of whom is a previous member who wishes to rejoin the club. We are fortunate to have such a thriving club, particularly at a time when other clubs are struggling. The committee is keen to maintain numbers and for this reason recommend we increase the maximum membership to 220 - item 9 on the Agenda.

On administrative matters, there are two points I would like to make:

- 1) Part of my role is to keep contact details up to date, so please let me know of any changes. Alternatively, you may wish to edit your own details on Pianola. To do so you will need to set up log in details (if you have not already done so), which will enable you to access your account.
- 2) I would like to thank Jill Pattison for assuming responsibility for the Harrison Room and Spare Partner lists. Jill is the first point of contact for these, but if she is not available, please contact me.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and the membership for their help and encouragement throughout the year.