Chairmans Report

April 9th 2026

I am pleased to report that we have had a very good year for the Club. We have followed the original proposals that we should have good speakers and provide a social events programme of meals, sport and music.

We have had very good attendance at our regular Thursday meetings and we thank Geoff Bourne for finding some excellent speakers on a wide range of subjects at a reasonable cost. Geoff has been providing speakers for the last 3 years and feels that his term of office is completed. We are fortunate in that we have 2 members who are willing to share the work of providing speakers and ask that you vote them on to the committee later. This will bring the Committee members to 8.

The committee agreed to go paperless.Thanks go to Ian Petrie who has done an exceptional job in creating slides for each meeting and maintaining the Web Pages so professionally.

Neil has managed our Membership and we remain at 80. We know that a few members will have to resign this year and will be asking members to try to encourage new members to join us from the upcoming younger retiriees

Our social programme has seen an increase in support this year at all events.The committee has had great support from members who have organised outings
David Andrew arranged the Beer and Skittles, Alun Walters organised our trip to the Cadogan Hall to hear the RPO's Christmas Cracker concert, we had an extra good turn out for our Ruby Anniversary organised by Mike Newland.

Paul Badman took us to the High Wycombe CC on a very pleasant summers evening for our Summer Supper. David Webster arranged our Gentlemen's lunch at Wexham GC.

We had very good support for our New Years Lunch at the Grovefield Hotel.
We would like to thank Graham Lang who unfortunately after doing all the grafting to organise the group travel to Romania,was not able to join the tour. It was a very highly enjoyable and successful tour and we thank him for his idea and organising the tour.

Every committee member mentioned has agreed to serve for the next year except for, as explained, Geoff.

The current rules were last updated in 2015. Paul has updated these Rules to include a Winding up section with advice from Ken Harvey. We will vote to accept these later.

In a time of rapidly rising costs and prices our events organiser's have bargained expertly to keep our costs down.

I must thank you, our members, for the support you have given to the Meetings and hope that you will encourage more of our Ladies to attend the Ladies Meetings

I would like to thank Colleen and her helpers who provide us with coffee and biscuits. We often turn up around 9.30 to find that she has already put out most of the chairs.

I must not forget John Meins who has done a very diligent Job in minding our Finances. I thank him and Brian Jackson who audits our accounts.I will now ask John to report on our finances.