LEGS Secretary's Report 2024

Firstly, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being Secretary of LEGS this year.....

Actually, it's been quite good fun. I have particularly enjoyed getting to know our Members better, especially some of the non-playing, dare I say, older Members.

I suppose a positive, so far, is that I have somehow avoided any major organisational cock ups – such as sending you to the wrong venue, getting the addresses mixed up etc. and, hopefully, maintained a light-hearted approach to my communications?

The role has been made quite easy as a result of a lot of help from a lot of people including;

- The Committee, comprising Pete, Andrew and Jeff whose communication, responsiveness, positive & supportive attitude, and sense of humour has been much appreciated
- Our Post holders including Bob, the Keeper of the Ties, Richard, the Trophy Secretary, Paul, the Purveyor of the Shirts and last, but not least, Andy Pohler our unsung website supremo. Thank you all!
- All of the people I have asked to either be Fines Master or to say Grace before dinner on the day. Not one has turned me down and all have done it in their own distinctive style which we have all enjoyed.
- Finally, the Membership as a whole. Whether it's been promptly paying your membership fees or just in your timely responses, it certainly makes the Secretary's life easier. I am sure you will give the same support to next year's Secretary-elect, Colin Oates.

With regards to golf, I believe we have got it about right in terms of courses, budget, food etc but am always happy to get constructive feedback to see things constantly evolve and improve and be the Society you all want. The LEGS ethos of Fellowship, Fun and Golf whilst also raising some money for Charity is one I very much believe in, in that order, and I hope to see that continue to be the case into the future. So far this year we have had 26 people play golf out of a membership of 36, with an average (excluding Kettering) of just short of 15 people per event.

14 of us have played 5 or more times with one member making every match. Well done Bernard! 7 members have played two times or less and we have had 6 guests (Andy Wright joining us twice). Perhaps we ought to give some time under AOB to discuss whether we need to increase the membership numbers with an eye to the future, given that some of us are ageing – rapidly I hear you say!

In closing I would like to thank Colin for agreeing to be Secretary next year – I'm positive he will prove to be a big improvement on the incumbent, and I look forward, as Captain in 2025, to working with him and with you all.

Many thanks

Graham Shennan