



Greetings.

This report outlines my third year in the Chair, here are some notes of worth from 2025.

Compared to what we all agree was a slightly challenging 2024, 2025 was an outstanding year where I feel we all flourished as a club, committee, team and community.

We committed to the redecoration of the club, this work was well received, and although there are still areas we need to address, the club certainly has benefitted from a fresh look.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in the process, particularly those on the committee that discussed (in either direction) the usage of accumulated funds to finance the work. It's vital to the ongoing health of the club that we continue to communicate, debate and facilitate ideas and concerns whenever we face large expenditure.

On that note, I'm incredibly happy that the ongoing efforts of the committee have helped result in another strong year financially. I'll not encroach on Kath's report that follows mine, however we're all aware that although the club has spent a considerable amount this year, we've managed to recoup and recover well across 2025.

Although the club's health is due to every single person's contribution - be it on this committee, behind the scenes, behind the bar...or in front of it. I feel we've addressed several issues over the past 3 years of my time in the Chair that have helped keep us in good financial standing. These aren't always complex issues, but they all take work, effort and understanding in order to see them through.

We turn our attention once more to the upcoming season, and with it there will be more requirements for us to put the club's funds to good use. I hope we can all do so with the confidence that we will all continue our fantastic efforts, to ensure that the bank balance remains in good health in the long term.

As with last year, I'd like the records to reflect the absolutely colossal and impressive efforts made by Jeremy, Ade Plowman, Neil Woolmer, Jim Campbell and Bryan Smith. Keeping the pitch in the condition required by the Cricket Board has clearly been a huge undertaking and I'd like to thank them all for it.

2025 brought with it a great number of superb events. Including:

Burns night - Once more Alan Sue and the entire Johnson Clan made huge efforts for this to be a success.

Comedy Night - Thankfully without anyone having to get on stage and perform as an impromptu Pirate this year. Thanks to Pete for organising, and to George King for supporting also.

Bonfire night - Steve as the 'Master Blaster' and everyone else involved made this a really great evening, the presence of the local bobbies also means we're now an 'actual thing'

The Big Switch On - Another great idea from Alan, it was a great turn out and wonderful to see a variety of faces coming to the club to enjoy the occasion.

Christmas Carols/Quiz Night. - A great end to the year's proceedings and a decent amount raised with the raffle - thanks to everyone who helped out, donated and decorated the club.

As I laid out as my intention in my first year, the continued health of the club relies solely on the enjoyment, patronage and involvement of the community. 2025 saw us continue to become closer to the Church Committee as well as a reinvigorated relationship with the Council/Park team. I hope these continue to strengthen across 2026.

Thanks for your votes for our Clubperson of the Year. All members of the Committee are tasked with voting for someone they feel has made an outstanding contribution to the Club as a whole.

I'm incredibly happy to say that this year's award goes to Alan Johnson. Alan (and indeed the whole Johnson Family) has worked incredibly hard not just in 2025, but from what I can gather as long as they've lived here.

On behalf of us all, I'd like to thank Alan for all of his effort, input and graft this year.

In addition, I'd also like to award Club person of the year to Ade Plowman. Ade works incredibly hard in and around the grounds of the club. I would like us to formally acknowledge and appreciate his continuing efforts and say a very large thank you on behalf of the committee.

The wider use of the club has been prolific across 2025, it has been truly great to see so many members of the community hosting events for charitable and other worthwhile causes. Allowing groups to hire the club at no cost has helped them to raise the following monies for charity along with giving the community a chance to meet up in a lovely warm venue:

Air Ambulance Coffee Mornings since October: £883

Macmillan Coffee Morning: £508

East Carlton Church held 2 events and raised £600 for the church with raffles

The Village Knit and Natter group continues to grow, 20+ members, providing them with a great place to meet up, even if they don't knit.

The group continued to knit squares for making blankets for war-torn countries, 22 hats and scarf sets for young care leavers, hats for premature babies at KGH and Leicester GH. Made several items for sale at coffee mornings and Strawberry Tea Breast Cancer. There is also now the Craft Club, spin off from the knitting club. Many crafts are learned there and sold at coffee mornings.

All of the committee members here wish to thank the Parish Council for continuing to support us with a £350 donation.

Good blessings and well wishes.

Joe Aucott
ECCC Chairman