Stourbridge Old Edwardian Club

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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1 Executive Summary

Mixing extracts from a number of quotations results in the conclusion that one should watch one's backside when all seems to be going well.

I was reminded of this upon hearing from David Burrows on 6 September that there had been an overnight fire at our Club premises, resulting in inevitable disruption albeit timely intervention had prevented it from being worse.

With my two-year term as your President nearing its conclusion, I had been basking in what I believed to have been an enjoyably rewarding time for us all slipping seamlessly into the new Presidential year.

I should have had more sense, even so there is much for which to be thankful; our events having been fulfilling within a sense of gratitude for the privilege we enjoy and Stourbridge Golf Club coming to our aid enabling the Annual Dinner to proceed.

I am sure that I embrace the entirety of our membership in expressing the thanks of us all to those who have served us so well over the past year – Tracey and Tim as our Stewards; Office holders; Committee members and whosoever doing whatsoever in all capacities.

For myself, I shall miss being your President; to quote from poetry by Jenna Plewes, "Standing in the falling tide, a skin of water healing the troubled sand, I shall think of you and wish you well.

Arnold Homer

10/2026.

2 Membership

Since the last AGM sadly we report the passing of the following members:

- Andrew Lynch, full Old Edwardian
- T G Witts-Hewinson, Old Edwardian Life Member
- Paul Hingley, full Old Edwardian
- Harvey Owen, full Old Edwardian
- J L Ryder, Old Edwardian Life Member
- Adrian Clarke, full Old Edwardian (Country)
- David Giddings, full Associate Member

Resignations

Between 1st October 2025 and 30th September 2026, four resignations were received.

New Members

For the same period, we enrolled seven new members.

Total Membership

As at the end of the club year, 30th September 2026 membership stood at 204.

Andrew Taplin (Hon. Membership Secretary)

3 Secretary

Whilst informing our members of the activities and Membership issues pertaining to the Club, little is often communicated about the magnitude of the contributions made by individual members on the Committee. Within the Treasurer's Report (Section 7 below) our Hon. Treasurer, David Burrows, makes mention of the significant contributions made by individuals. It goes without saying that, in my role as Hon. Secretary, without the most favourable outcomes delivered by them, my reports to members might have carried very different messages.

Of note is the sterling work undertaken by David Burrows himself in managing our finances and the management issues of the Club diligently and effectively. A few weeks ago, the Club was ravaged by fire, and it was only a series of lucky events and prompt action that prevented our Club from being (potentially) destroyed. David's professional management of our financial reserves enabled us to fund reparations in a timely fashion in advance of the insurance claim outcomes. He has also been instrumental in the action plan to make it all happen, together with the joint prompt ensuing actions from David Trewin and Andrew Taplin. It has been a major achievement to enable the Club to reopen so quickly.

Some 90% of our members have given us their email addresses. This enables us to issue our regular email alerts on events, required actions, membership renewals and all kinds of news electronically. The only correspondences issued by post are the annual membership renewals and AGM material (including annual report) to those who have not opted to receive them by email only. This saves the Club considerable monies in printing and distribution costs and enables members to receive these communications immediately from anywhere globally without delay. To enable us to continue this service to you please do not forget to alert us to any change in your email addresses.

We use modern online email, web and "cloud storage" best of breed tools to access globally , secure and distribute (where appropriate) our vital information. Our membership database is securely held in "the cloud" and accessible by those who are authorised to do so from any computer. This avoids any potential mishaps to individual computers or physical storage at the Club – of immense benefit in times of potential fire, theft or accidents. In short, I believe we are now out of the "quill pen" era with the means of providing the Club, its members and interested parties an optimal and secure way of finding out about and interacting with us.

Our interactive website is there for all to use. Its address is www.oldedclub.org.uk and it contains all relevant information about the Club, its history, facilities, rules, events, how to join, download forms and contact us for various reasons. We commend it and recommend that members "have a go" and enjoy!

Alan Roden (Hon. Secretary)

4 Events

Our traditional events were enjoyed by all who attended. These included the popular St. David's Day dinner and entertainment with Mike Lewis; the Charter Day lunch; the President's Evening (formerly the Ladies' Evening) with a "Desert Island Discs" session from the President; the Annual Dinner with VIP guests from KEVI College, Old Foleyans Association and after dinner speaker Dr. Michael Hall – Chairman of the Francis Brett Young Society; and the Boar's Head supper which was held just before Christmas 2025 - we are still one of the few establishments to celebrate this ancient tradition.

Additionally, our "lunchtime talks with buffet" took place every few weeks and attracted huge audiences. Our Chair of Social Committee , Roger Stephenson, has already booked speakers well into 2027.

We continued to attract many external bookings to hire the facilities and catering – in the main, thanks to the considerable efforts of our stewards Tim and Tracey. We are also indebted to our regular "venue hirers" for staying with us especially during the period of the fire during which we could not accommodate them.

Many of these events would not have been possible had the Committee not historically taken the decision to remove two of the 5 lesser-used snooker tables to expand the banqueting area.

5 Sporting Interests

We have one Snooker team in the Stourbridge and District League, and our three quality snooker tables are available for the enjoyment of members.

There are an active Golf Society and a Rifle Club.

More details and the appropriate contacts are available on the website.

6 50-Club Lottery

Past President Clive Bowen-Davies has continued to manage this. Three numbers are drawn every month with one prize of £100 and two of £50 each. Full details are available on the website, including historic winners.

With less than 100 contributors, the chances of winning are high and interested parties may contact Clive via the website.

7 Treasurer's Report

STOURBRIDGE OLD EDWARDIAN CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 07 DECEMBER 2026

The committee report an operating deficit of £1,820 (2025 - £3,424) for the year. The overall surplus for the year is £355 (2025 - £5,135), after accounting for net bank interest of £2,175 (2025 - £1,711).

The results have been affected by a fire at the club in early September 2026. Although the club is insured against this occurrence, it is early days in the process, therefore due provision has been made for any insured costs (yet to be fully assessed). Income is in line with budget, as is most of the main expenditure items. Repair costs continue to rise, this being a reflection of the age of the property and also our desire to maintain our main asset in good order.

As I write this update, it is pleasing to report that the club has re-opened for business, with a planned re-opening of the kitchen due to take place on 9th November 2026. Grateful thanks must go to Tim and Tracey for ensuring that the club is ready for business, they contnue to be such an important part of the functioning of the club.

Thanks must also go to the following members, without which the club would not be able to continue:

- Alan Roden as club secretary keeps us on our toes and is responsible for maintenance of the club website. We are indebted to Alan for ensuring that members are kept up to date with all important matters and, increasingly, this is becoming more and more dependent upon the use of our website, although we do try and keep all members up to speed for those not embracing the digital age. Alan also does a great job in ensuring that the club newsletter is sent out on a regular basis. Finally, Alan acts as our photographer at club functions and is brilliant at sending out, sometimes in the early hours after the event, a write up for each function. Not sure if he ever sleeps.
- Clive Bowen-Davies, now in his 100th year!, continues to manage the Fifty club. It is astonishing that can still undertake this task, and still manages to let the club benefit from a contribution of £3,000 per annum. He remains an inspiration to us all.
- David Trewin for managing the maintenance of the club. In September 2026, we had a fire which meant that the club had to be temporarily closed. The fact that we were able to re-open in the middle of October is testament to the efforts put in by David in arranging quotes from builders, electricians, plumbers, decorators, fire damage cleaners, etc. and then managing the project. Without this concentrated effort we would not have re-opened so soon after the fire.
- Jem Norris, although not now on the committee, continues to assist behind the scenes, in his role as chairman of the bar committee and also liaising on many aspects of the club functions. His recent illness would have stopped many people from performing this role, but he has shown great resiliance and determination to carry on, long may this continue.
- Andrew Taplin has continued his role as both membership secretary and managing the letting of car park spaces to commercial tenants. Additionally, he has taken an active role in dealing with the aftermath of the fire.
- Kenneth Wright, our club archivist, for ensuring that the history of the club is preserved for future generations.
- Roger Stephenson, as chairman of the social sub committee and also for managing the successful lunchtime talks. The quality of the speakers and Tim's high standard of buffet continue to make these events very popular.
- Mike Aston for continuing to act as chairman of the newsletter.

Without the efforts of a relatively small group of people, the club would not function.

There are also many others who, in a smaller but important way, contribute to club life. A very sincere thank you.

We must also record our thanks to Arnold Homer, our club President, who has taken on a second year in this role. Very much like Clive Bowen-Davies, but much younger at 91, he shows the way to other members much younger. A very big thank you to Arnold for what he has done.

In summary, the club remains in a solid financial position, which will enable us to deal with the headwinds and difficulties that are no doubt just around the corner.

David Burrows
Honorary Treasurer

28 October 2026

APPENDIX - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STOURBRIDGE OLD EDWARDIAN CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Year ended 30/09/26		Year ended 30/09/25	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions		16,950		16,835
Bar takings	40,863		42,853	
Purchases	19,657		21,129	
Gross profit on bar		21,206		21,724
Snooker table receipts		1,260		2,219
Barrier card keys		12,194		12,228
Room hire		7,754		8,170
Letting of car park spaces		2,700		3,598
Fifty Club		3,000		3,000
Sundry receipts		1,118		1,997
		66,182		69,771
Less overheads				
Stewards remuneration and relief staff	27,217		26,530	
Rates, water and insurances	6,675		7,331	
Heating and lighting	13,162		13,381	
Telephone charges	673		822	
Postage, stationery and printing	843		1,187	
Cleaning expenses	465		558	
Sundry expenses	1,511		1,909	
Repairs and property maintenance	16,318		13,522	
Bank charges	508		477	
Honoraria	180		180	
Stocktaking fees	450		450	
		68,002		66,347
Operating surplus for the year		-1,820		3,424
Bank interest received (net of tax)		2,175		1,711
Surplus for the year transferred to surplus account		355		5,135

STOURBRIDGE OLD EDWARDIAN CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

	30/09/26		30/09/25	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets (Notes 1 and 2)				
Freehold premises, Drury Lane, at cost		127,622		127,622
Fixtures and fittings, at written down value		0		0
		127,622		127,622
Current assets				
Bar stocks	10,974		10,643	
Debtors and prepayments	7,438		189	
Cash at bank and in hand	101,624		106,302	
Steward's bond bank account	1,072		1,058	
	121,108		118,192	
Current liabilities				
Creditors and accruals	11,567		6,661	
Subscriptions received in advance	12,319		14,678	
	23,886		21,339	
Net current assets		97,222		96,853
Net assets		224,844		224,475
Represented by:				
Surplus account				
Balance brought forward	223,417		218,282	
Surplus for the year	355		5,135	
		223,772		223,417
Steward's bond		1,072		1,058
		224,844		224,475

Approved by the Club Committee on 28 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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ARNOLD HOMER
President

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DAVID BURROWS
Honorary Treasurer

STOURBRIDGE OLD EDWARDIAN CLUB

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

1 Freehold property

In the opinion of the committee no depreciation of freehold property is considered necessary. Also, the committee consider that the current value of our freehold property is in excess of cost but, in the absence of a current market valuation, is included in the balance sheet at cost.

2 Fixtures and fittings

The net book value of fixtures and fittings at 30 September 2026 comprised:

	£
Cost	
At 01 October 2025 and 30 September 2026	26,512
Depreciation	
At 01 October 2025 and 30 September 2026	26,512
Net book value	
At 30 September 2025 and 30 September 2026	0

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I have examined the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2026. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club at 30 September 2026 and of the surplus for the year then ended.

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28 October 2026