

Treasurer's Report for 2023

Due to his increased work demands, Josh handed over the Treasurer role to me in September and I'd like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication in the years he undertook the role.

This year we had a total of 54 registered members, 3 of which are honorary. We had 1256 counted attendances; not including the 2 parties, the AGM, or the evening at Oxton, leading to an average of 28 weekly attendees. Although we have not changed our weekly subs for 20 years or so, we continue to break even on club nights. However, we have just been informed that there will be a £5 weekly increase in hall hire from April 2024, so it may be necessary to raise subs to cover this increase.

The hire of Lambley Hall was £30 a week and we hired it for 48 weeks in 2023. This included four 'special' evenings in July and August which were very successful and well attended. We paid for 47 evenings as we were owed £30 from July 22. We had one night at Oxton when our guest caller was Cis Hinkle. Because of the higher hall cost of £60, we increased membership attendance on the night to £2.50 with £5 for non-members. We also paid a total of £200 to the band and caller on the evening. Unfortunately, we made a loss of £139.35 on the evening.

We held 4 public dances during the year including the Playford Ball. We aim to break even on these events if possible. However, the February and September dances made losses of £106.43 and £116.30 respectively. The Ball made a small profit of £26.33 and the November event made £99.65.

The costs of running the club includes EFDSS membership of £86 for insurance purposes and website and membership software costs of £48.39. We incurred some minor equipment costs for batteries and a new plug totalling £53.50. We spent £35.69 on a CD and book for the core dance and a new supply of Blue books. Payments were also made to guest callers and bands at Lambley and this came to £295.

Comparing January to December we have a surplus of £229.76. This does however include £340 advance Ball and Membership payments relating to 2024. We transferred £3000 in March to a higher rate savings account with The Skipton Building Society. We will receive our first interest payment in 2024 and we're estimating that it should be in the region of £100.

Thanks to Janice Holland for auditing the accounts.