

THE PUDDENECKS CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1039897

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-08-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE RELIEF OF ELDERLY PERSONS, WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ARE IN NEED.

Activities: Providing help and support including social activities for the elderly.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Barnet
- Hertfordshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £36,275 | £38,244 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £34,206 | £34,204 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £32,169 | £32,119 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £23,182 | £23,048 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £14,666 | £18,092 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| BRYAN HARRISON | Chair | 2013-10-01 |
| DEREK BUTLER | | 2013-10-01 |
| Greg Kraushar | | 2022-04-01 |
| Keith Yearley | | 2024-04-01 |
| Mike Bishop | | 2024-04-01 |
| NEIL TODD | | 2013-10-01 |
| Neil Hill | | 2024-04-01 |
| ROGER IVAN MOORE MBE | | 2013-10-01 |
| Steven Nicholas | | 2024-04-01 |
| Victor Valoti | | 2020-04-01 |

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2024

In accordance with our Constitution, the Trustees Report for 2024 is set out below.

It was another busy year for the club with 14 'Guest' and 2 major fund-raising events but sadly no monthly club suppers other than the AGM and even here we struggled to get a quorum of members. Nevertheless, a growing band of **PUDDENECKS** helpers has enabled our main activity of 'Help for Older People' to thrive.

Income for 2024 amounted to £36,125 (gross) while expenditure totalled £38,243 resulting in a deficit for the year of £2,118. Income benefited from a very successful Golf Day; fund-raising dinner, raffles organised by 'Ye Olde Monk' and at 'Guest' events; subscriptions; Gift Aid; and the '200' Club. In addition, the Club is indebted to Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club (TMCC) for all their support and to four 'gentlemen' who again donated £1,500 from their annual Charity Golf day to help fund our 'Guests' Christmas party. The Club also received numerous donations including from the Westleigh Group (New Southgate Crematorium), and the Seabrook Arms.

The 2023 audited accounts were circulated in March 2024 together with the Trustee, Chairman's and Treasurer's reports. The AGM was held in April 2024 and approved these three documents. A new committee was selected; in accordance with the Constitution any member is entitled to stand for office. **Veronica McGowan** stood down as she was moving back to Ireland and as no new members volunteered their services the existing seven committee members agreed to stay, retaining their respective roles. In July, a former committee member rejoined to ensure we remained a quorate while in September a new, younger, member **Neil Hill** joined, taking the committee to eight in total by the year end.

The committee met six times during the year and had a 70% attendance record. Full notes of the meetings, covering all aspects of the Club's activities were recorded and distributed to committee members with action points clearly labelled. In addition, a summary of these meetings was recorded in the newsletter (four editions and 2 newssheet) which were distributed to members and helpers. The newsletter contains important information about the Club, photos of our activities and relevant dates, so everyone was fully aware of what is happening. **Steph Harrison** (a helper) very kindly continued to update the Club's WEB page. Members were also kept up to date with a year's calendar which clearly marks out the important events of the year for the Club. With our newest committee member, a computer buff, all committee members have been given a puddenecksclub.com email addresses and there is general Puddenecks email address for public contact He also organised for the club to be able to accept electronic payments with a card reader. The Club moves forward into new technology.

To conform with statutory rules which seem to grow regularly, all Club policies were reviewed in February 2024 and changes recommended were presented to members at the 2024 AGM and then added to the Club 'Rules and Operating Instructions booklet'. Of particular note was the change to allow for the Club to appoint Hon Members. In accordance with Charity Commission advice, risk management, continues to be taken very seriously and all necessary forms were completed ahead of all the events organised. All risk

procedures are clearly laid out in the Rules booklet and are managed accordingly by the committee and 'risk management' is a standing item on the Committee agenda. During the year one of our members, with detailed knowledge of Risk Assessments, read our relevant policy and while happy with the bulk of its content suggested a few minor additions, the most important being lanyards be given to all drivers as a way of identifying themselves to 'Guests' and providing Club information should it be required during transportation of 'Guests' to and from events.

The Club met for supper on two occasions, the AGM and a fund-raising supper. In April the AGM passed all relevant items unopposed. While there was again a very disappointing turnout of members, we did have some guests, and the meeting concluded with an interesting talk by **Louise Broadbent** on the role of Citizens Advice, in Barnet. In November the Club organised for **Lucy Lewis**, the UK's first female army bomb disposal officer to come and talk to us about her 'day job' and with 92 present it was a very successful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and raised over £1,100.

At the start of 2024, the Club had 47 paid up and 5 Honorary members. During the year we gained 1 new member but sadly lost a long-standing active supporter/Honorary member, Ged Crotty (39 years membership) while 6 members decided not to renew so we ended the year with 42 paid up members and 4 Honorary members. The average membership age was 73.3 years, ranging from 35 to 105 years. Yes, 105 years is correct. The average length of membership was around 11.6 years with our longest serving member serving over 44 years and shortest at less than 2 months. Excluding Honorary membership, the average age declined to 71.4 years and average membership length reduced to 9.8 years. We had 7 female members, representing around 17% of our membership. The current Trustees (9 members) average age is 72 years with 3 in their eighties and it is the lack of the next generation stepping forward to lead the club which concerns the committee and has dominated current committee meeting thoughts.

In June the committee, in conjunction with members of Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club (TMCC) organised a BBQ at the Cricket Club for our newer members and helpers as a 'thank you'. While not too many newer members attended, we had a good number of helpers present with about 40 people in total attending and it was well received.

Our thanks must go to TMCC and their members for all their support given in lending us their pavilion for the 'Guest' summer BBQ's and the Christmas lunch, providing the catering facilities and volunteers to cook the meals. Also, to those who helped serve, entertain and ensured the safe running of the events and we cannot forget the helper drivers as getting 90 'Guests' to an event is not an easy task. In particular this year organising the two Christmas lunches on the same day was a bold decision to undertake and made for a very long day, but it proved a very successful and rewarding event loved by the 'Guests'.

The incident record book was used only once in the year, in April and the 'Guest's' problem which occurred at Old Fold Manor Golf Club was attended to by the St John members present and the lady concerned was able to be taken home. The Club is grateful to St John Ambulance, (Barnet Division) who attend all our 'Guest' events and dealt with any medical concerns that occurred. We still have no-one directly responsible for the Almoner's role, but it was recorded that three members had been in hospital during the year, one now fully recovered, one making good progress and the third sadly still unwell.

Alex Doran, the overall Club manager has continued the excellent relationship The Puddenecks has always had with the Golf Club, and this has filtered down to **Lindsey Paul**, the Clubhouse catering Manager and of course the ever-helpful **Brendan Roche** and his team behind the bar.

A new subcommittee was formed to look at ways of increasing the service we provide to 'Guests' and came up with several suggestions some of which were immediately been put into action while others have required further thoughts, including costing implications and looking for the manpower to organise. In addition, we made 'One off' donations to other local similar type organisations, giving a further £1,000 to Barnet Citizens Advice Bureau, to support their hardship funds which assists 'Older people' in Barnet. We also gave £500 to Wesley Hall to help fund a defibrillator.

Our two major fund-raising events were again successes, the Golf Day, raising over £12,600, while the supper/speaker evening raised over £1,100. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

The Club ran eight evening themed 'Guest' events each for between 65/70 'Guests', held two summer BBQs (just under 100 'Guests' attending), and a Christmas lunch with two sittings, one of 50 and the other 40 'Guests' present. In addition, Grimsdell school came to Old Fold, and we organised a trip to Belmont school for pupil concerts with 'Guests' (see below). The Tuesday Exercise class at Wesley Hall goes from strength to strength but our Thursday, Movement to Music class, which had been under the leadership of **Jack Williams** for many years, suffered when he was taken seriously ill in the summer. While we kept this class operating until the year end, with Jack now unlikely to return and the instructor having to retire to look after her elderly parents this class is likely to fold in early 2025. A similar fate has occurred with our Friday monthly coffee morning at Wesley Hall where due to a lack of volunteer help forced us in the autumn to cease operating. The club thanks our two Welfare committee members for all their hard work in ensuring each event is a success.

In July we gave mini fans to all our 'Guests' attending our USA themed evening and this proved very successful as hot weather soon arrived. We organised for twenty 'Guests' to attend the local pantomime at The Bull theatre while in June we paid for ten 'Guests' to attend 'Jazz on the Green' at Hadley Common. We also took a promotion stall to the Jazz day and while it was a very enjoyable event, and several people wanted to know more about the Club we did not gain any new members which was one of the objectives in attending.

The Club continued to send out birthday and Christmas cards to all 'Guests' and, as mentioned distributed fish and chips to some 'Guests' who cannot now get out of their homes to attend our events. The Club is grateful to all members, helpers and friends who help, organise, and attended these events to make them successful for our 'Guests'. We even delivered a meal on Christmas day to someone who appeared to get left off the local Social Services radar screen. In March we took 'Guests' to Belmont school where in conjunction with Grimsdell school the pupils put on a wide-ranging concert, while in November Grimsdell School came to Old Fold over the lunchtime period and around fifty Year one/two, pupils sang and entertained some thirty 'Guests'. Both events were a great success for the school choirs and orchestra and our 'Guests' thoroughly enjoyed attending.

The Club regalia and clothing stock has now been taken over by **Mark and Cassie Buttle** and if any member requires logo tee shirts or sweaters, they need to contact Mark or Cassie who will be delighted to assist their purchase.

The Club's accounts have again been efficiently managed by the Treasurer and the 2024 accounts received a clean bill of health by the auditors, Brennan Pearson & Co. I have already talked above about income accrued and expenditure incurred. The '200 Club' continues to attract new members and at the year-end 159 tickets had been allocated. Administration and one-off expenses remain low at about 1.5% of total income and of this percentage, Public Liability and Trustee Insurance was 1.2% and maintenance of our Website, 0.3%. The Club's reserves at the year-end amounted to £24,381 (£26,473 in 2023).

This level of reserves exceeds the Club reserves policy of around six months expenditure together with an additional £2,000 as a contingency fund for unforeseen liabilities. However, the committee remains concerned that as over 60% of our net income came from just two events which are attendance/weather dependent this makes the reserve policy seem harsh. By having more flexibility, the Club has been able to continue all its good works throughout 2024 with no cash flow worries, unlike many other Charities. Also, with generous donations still appearing it does mean the Club can continue its commitments of help without financial concerns although fully aware that the current economic climate will impact on our income (negatively) and expenses (increasing) over the coming year. The Trustees continue to monitor the reserves level at committee regularly and will take any appropriate action as thought necessary.

The committee has worked well under an inspired Chairman to ensure the Club's objective of helping 'Older People' in the Barnet area has been maintained. He has been helped by a very active President and a hardworking enthusiastic but sadly aging committee which has ensured both income flowed, and events happened.

2025 will be another challenging year for ***THE PUDDENECKS*** but with 42 members and over 50 helpers the Club can look forward with confidence to another hopefully successful year of helping 'Older People of Barnet'. As always, thanks go to all members (particularly the active brigade), helpers, who we could not survive without, and to all friends who support our events and give us money. The major challenge for the current year is to further strengthen the club with newer, younger members and hopefully this will then filter into new committee members appearing, which is the lifeline to the Club's survival. If we can achieve this aim, and with our ongoing commitments we can ensure the continued success of the Club, as we approach our Seventieth anniversary in three years' time.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee

Roger Moore

Roger Moore MBE. *Hon Secretary*

Date 16th February 2025

PUDDENECKS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024

| | 31st December 2023 | 31st December 2024 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| 200 club | 1,699.00 | 1,941.00 |
| Gifts and Donations | | |
| Donations | 6,461.02 | 5,281.85 |
| Raffle | 2,471.60 | 3,050.17 |
| Sundries | 75.00 | 364.00 |
| Gift Aid | 1,049.48 | 961.57 |
| Gifts & Donations Total | 10,057.10 | 9,657.59 |
| Special Events | | |
| Golf Day | 14,436.60 | 19,644.98 |
| Race Night | 3,272.88 | 0.00 |
| Charity Dinner | 3,266.00 | 3,304.31 |
| Special Events total | 20,975.48 | 22,949.29 |
| Membership - Subs and Dinner | | |
| Subscriptions | 900.00 | 975.00 |
| AGM Dinner | 370.00 | 540.00 |
| Membership Subs and Supper Total | 1,270.00 | 1,515.00 |
| Bank Interest & Dividends | | |
| Interest | 204.40 | 212.37 |
| Interest Total | 204.40 | 212.37 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 34,205.98 | 36,275.25 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Cost of Charitable Activities | | |
| Donations | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Guest Functions - Keep Fit | 2,740.00 | 2,410.00 |
| Guest Function - Bingo | 3,817.64 | 2,582.19 |
| Guest Function - Guest Events | 7,456.17 | 9,602.35 |
| Guest - Movement to music | 966.96 | 1,385.00 |
| Guest - New Year Party | 0.00 | 1,663.32 |
| Guest Function Costs | 4,184.33 | 5,905.06 |
| Charitable Guest Activities Total | 21,665.10 | 26,047.92 |
| Members Functions - Includes Race Night | | |
| Members function costs | 1,235.00 | 0.00 |
| Members Functions Total | 1,235.00 | 0.00 |
| Charity Dinner | 2,719.00 | 2,238.00 |
| AGM Dinner | 391.00 | 475.00 |
| Monthly Dinner Total | 3,100.00 | 2,713.00 |
| Special Events | | |
| Golf Day Expenses | 5,423.70 | 7,039.29 |
| Raffle expenses | | |
| Prizes etc | 0.00 | 64.98 |
| Prizes 200 Club | | |
| Prize money paid | 970.00 | 1,040.00 |
| Events Total | 6,393.70 | 8,144.27 |
| Total Cost of Charitable Activities | 6,393.70 | 8,144.27 |
| Cost of Generating Income | | |
| Exps - Secretary & Treasurer | 111.84 | 63.47 |
| Exps - Sundries/ Flowers | 1,219.75 | 783.44 |
| Insurance | 469.02 | 485.84 |
| Post & Package | 0.00 | 6.00 |
| General Expenses Total | 1,800.61 | 1,338.75 |
| Total cost of generating Income | 1,800.61 | 1,338.75 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 34,204.41 | 38,243.94 |
| Surplus/ Deficit for the Year | 1.57 | 1,968.69 |
| Increase in value of COIF | 601.43 | 191.12 |
| Total Surplus/ Deficit for year | 603.00 | 1,777.57 |

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE PUDDENECKS CLUB ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Number 1039897

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

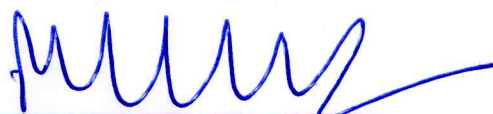
Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

We have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



BRENNAN PEARSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

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26 March 2025

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The 2023 Trustees Report

In accordance with our Constitution, the Trustees Report for 2023 is set out below.

It was another busy year for the club as 'Guest' events returned to normal although our membership still seem reluctant to fully participate in club events and several meetings had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, with a growing band of 'helpers', **The Puddenecks** remain healthy and active.

Income for 2023 amounted to £34,205 (gross) while expenditure totalled £34,204 resulting in a surplus of just £1.57. Income benefited from a successful Golf Day; Race Night; raffles organised by 'Ye Olde Monk'; Subscriptions; Gift Aid; and the '200' Club. In addition, the Club is indebted to Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club (TMCC) for all their support and to **four 'gentlemen'** who, once again donated £1,500 from their annual Charity Golf day to fund our 'Guests' Christmas party. The Club received numerous donations some large, including £1,881 from the former ladies Captain at Hadley Wood Golf Club, £665 from a TMCC member for a cycle ride across the Alps, £560 from Barnet Lawn Tennis Club and £500 from a local Masonic lodge, but we also received many smaller amounts, and all donations are very gratefully received.

The 2022 audited accounts were circulated in March 2023 together with the Committee report and the Chairman's statement. The AGM was held in April and approved these three documents. Also, at the AGM a new committee was selected and in accordance with the Constitution any member is entitled to stand for office. While **Chris Marshall** stood down, the existing seven committee members agreed to stay, retaining their respective roles. Two new members had volunteered to join but at the last moment both declined leaving the committee one member short to make it compliant with our Constitutional rules. We were therefore delighted when, one of our newest members, **Veronica McGowan**, volunteered to come onto the committee and this has proved a very positive move.

The committee met six times during the year and had an 76% attendance record and this would have been higher if Covid had not again come into our lives. Full notes of the meetings, covering all aspects of the Club's activities were recorded and distributed to committee members with action points clearly labelled. In addition, a summary of these meetings was recorded in the newsletter (five editions and one newsheet) which were distributed to all members and helpers. The newsletter contains important information about the Club, photos of our activities and relevant dates of events, so everyone was fully aware of events. **Steph Harrison** (a helper) very kindly updates the Club's WEB page. We also now produce a year's calendar so clearly marking out the important times of the year for the Club.

To conform with all the statutory rules which seem to grow daily, all Club policies were reviewed in February 2023 and any changes made to the Club Rules and Operating Instructions booklet were announced to members at the AGM in April 2023. In accordance with Charity Commission advice, risk management, continues to be taken very seriously and all necessary forms were completed ahead of all

the events organised. All risk procedures are clearly laid out in the Rules booklet and are managed accordingly by the committee and 'risk management' is a standing item on the Committee agenda.

The Club met for supper on three occasions, February was a fund-raising supper meeting and we had **Neil Fox** talking about 'The History of the London Palladium' which proved successful. April was our AGM and while all the business of the AGM was conducted there was a very disappointing turnout of members while our June meeting had to be cancelled as member's support was too low to justify the evening. In October **Neil Todd** talked to us on 'Some mysteries surrounding murder investigations' and yet again excellent evening but there was a disappointing turnout.

At the start of 2023, the Club had 51 paid up and 4 Honorary members. During the year we added 5 new members but lost a long-standing member (Roy Nash a member for 37 years) while 8 members decided not to renew so we ended the year with 47 paid up members. We also gained another Honorary member (taking this total to 5) with the committee honouring **Andy Heath**, in recognition of his 34 years membership and for all the many roles he has undertaken within the Club. The average membership age was 72.0 years, ranging from 30 to 104 years and the average length of membership was about 12 years with our longest serving member at over 44 years and shortest (2 members) at less than 1 month. Excluding our Honorary membership, the average age declined to 70.1 years and average membership length fell to 9 years. We have 11 female members, representing over 23% of our membership. For 2024 we have lost another two members in January 2024 but that will be recorded in the 2024 Trustee report.

The incident record book was used only once in the year and we are grateful to St John Ambulance, (Barnet Division) who attend all our 'Guest' events. Following the incident in the Autumn, the committee had a long discussion about St John in attendance, as it costs the Club £120 per event, and many of the Golf Club staff are First Aid trained, but it was unanimously decided that the comfort St John's presence brought to members if action was required and that our 'Guests' would receive 'expert' help made us conclude this was money well spent. We still have no-one directly responsible for the Almoner's role, but it was recorded that three members had been in hospital during the year, with one now fully recovered while the other two are making a good recovery and hopefully all will soon be fully fit again.

In September we had to say goodbye to **Nathan Gilpin**, the Old Fold Manor Golf Club manager who, for personal reasons, decided to move back to Cornwall to carry on his managerial role. We will miss him as he was always so helpful on Puddenecks affairs, but we welcome **Alex Doran** as the new Club manager and already we have started to build up a good relationship.

The subcommittee continued to look at making 'One off' donations and during the year we gave £2,500 to Barnet Citizens Advice Bureau, to support their hardship funds to assist 'Older people' in Barnet in need. As a result, we now get regular reports from the CAB on how our money has been spent and the benefits it provides to 'Older People'. The committee continued its campaign to help 'Older People' against a rising level of crime in Barnet and several meetings occurred between the local Police and councillors. As part of this campaign, we had a local Community Police officer attend one of our Monthly coffee morning to give advice.

Our two major fund-raising events were again successes, the Golf Day, raising over £9,000, while Race Night made over £2,000. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

The Club ran seven evening themed events, two BBQs, and a Christmas lunch, together with two visits from Grimsdell school, mentioned below, for our 'Guests'. In addition, we run two weekly (term time) Movement to Music classes and a monthly coffee morning at Wesley Hall. The Club also sent out birthday and Christmas cards to all 'Guests'. The Club is grateful to all members, helpers and friends who help,

organise, and attended these events to make them successful for our 'Guests'. In May, we invited Grimsdell School to Old Fold (the previous December's event being cancelled) and over the lunchtime period around forty, Year two, pupils sang and entertained some thirty 'Guests', a great success for the school choir and our 'Guests'. This was then repeated in November and again was hugely successful. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our April 'Guest' event evening due to a lack of drivers which was disappointing as 'Guests' so much look forward to being taken out, made a fuss of, and then escorted back home having had a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Club has traditionally offered a gift to members on joining and for many years this was a tie for gentlemen and a scarf for ladies. In 2022 the committee decided to replace these gifts with Polo shirts with the Club's logo on to all new members and after much sourcing the Club bought 25 Polos shirts of various sizes. Wearing these will enable anyone on Puddenecks business to be easily recognisable. We planned to give these Polo shirts to all new members joining from 2023 (although they were not actually available till late June) but, as you will have read above, a lack of meetings and interest in attending means most new members are still awaiting their present. Plans are though in hand to rectify this in 2024.

The Club's accounts have again been efficiently managed by the Treasurer and the 2023 accounts have been given a clean bill of health by the auditor, Brennan Pearson & Co. I have already talked above about income accrued and expenditure incurred. The '200 Club' continues to attract new members and at the year-end we had 155 tickets allocated. Administration and one-off expenses remain low at about 1.9% of total income and of this percentage, Public Liability and Trustee Insurance was 1.4% and maintenance of our Website, 0.3%. The net impact of the small surplus was that Reserves at the year-end (after allowing for a very small decline in the value in the COIF shares) amounted to £26,249 (£26,473 in 2022).

While this level of reserves exceeds the Club Reserves policy of around six months expenditure together with an additional £2,000 as a contingency fund for unforeseen liabilities, the pandemic over the past three years have made this policy seem very harsh and, by having more flexibility the Club has been able to continue all its good works throughout 2023 with no cash flow worries, unlike many other Charities. Also, with generous, and numerous donations still appearing it does mean the Club can continue its commitments of help without financial concerns although fully aware that the current economic climate will impact on our income (negatively) and expenses (increasing) over the coming year. We continue to monitor the Reserves level at committee and will take any appropriate action as thought necessary.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustee

Roger Moore MBE Hon Secretary

Date 28th February 2024

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PUDDENECKS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023

INCOME

Notes

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| <u>200 Club</u> | | <u>1,699.00</u> | |
| <u>Gifts and Donations</u> | | | |
| | Donations | 6,461.02 | |
| | Waitrose bins | 0.00 | 1 |
| | Raffles | 2,471.60 | |
| | Spires collection | 0.00 | 2 |
| | Sundries | 75.00 | |
| | Gift Aid | <u>1,049.48</u> | |
| | <u>Gifts and Donations Total</u> | <u>11,756.10</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Special Events</u> | | | |
| | Golf Day + Race Night | 17,709.48 | |
| | Charity Supper | <u>3,266.00</u> | |
| | <u>Special Events Total</u> | <u>20,975.48</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Membership Subs and Supper</u> | | | |
| | Subscriptions | 900.00 | |
| | Monthly Supper Club | <u>370.00</u> | |
| | <u>Membership Subs & Supper Total</u> | <u>1,270.00</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Bank Interest</u> | | | |
| | Interest | <u>204.40</u> | |
| | <u>Bank Interest Total</u> | <u>204.40</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | | <u>34,205.98</u> | |

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| <u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u> | | | |
| | Donations | 2,500.00 | |
| | Guest functions - Day Trip | 0.00 | |
| | Guest functions - Keep Fit | 2,740.00 | |
| | Guest Function - Bingo | 3,817.64 | |
| | Guest Function - Fish & Chips | 7,456.17 | |
| | Guest Function - Mov to Music | 966.96 | |
| | Guest Function NY Party | 0.00 | |
| | Guest Function - Costs | <u>4,184.33</u> | |
| | <u>Charitable Guest Activities Total</u> | <u>21,665.10</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Members Functions</u> | | | |
| | Charity Suppers | 2,719.00 | |
| | Monthly Supper Club | <u>391.00</u> | |
| | <u>Suppers Total</u> | <u>3,110.00</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Special Events</u> | | | |
| | Golf Day + Race Night | 6,658.70 | |
| | 200 Club Prizes | <u>970.00</u> | |
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>7,628.70</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Total Cost of Charitable Activity</u> | | <u>32,403.80</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Cost of Generating Income</u> | | | |
| | Exps. Secretary/Treasurer | 111.84 | |
| | Exps. Sundries/Flowers | 1,219.75 | |
| | Insurance | 469.02 | |
| | Post & Package | 0.00 | |
| | <u>General Expenses Total</u> | <u>1,800.61</u> | |
| | | | |
| | <u>Total Cost of Generating Income</u> | <u>1,800.61</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Total Expenditure</u> | | <u>34,204.41</u> | |
| | | | |
| <u>Surplus for the Year</u> | | <u>1.57</u> | |

Notes

1 Possible loss of this income

2 No longer an earner - cashless

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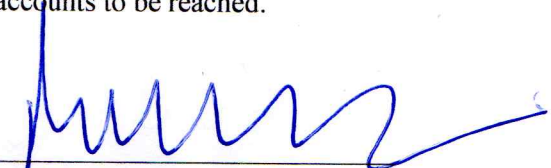
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20 February 2024

THE PUDDENECKS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1039897

Accounts



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The 2022 Trustees Report

In accordance with our Constitution, please find the Trustees Report for 2022. We started the year yet again with limitations on gatherings and our New Year day party for 'Guests' had to be deferred by a month and even then, we reduced our numbers attending. However, thereafter we returned to running a full list of events although 'Guests' and attendees were sometimes reluctant to always turn out while towards the year end, we started suffering from all the economic and financial problems from high energy prices, increased inflation, and additional taxation. However, the good news was that **The Puddenecks** remain healthy and growing in numbers.

Income for 2022 amounted to £32,147 (gross) while expenditure totalled £32,119 resulting in a surplus of just £28. Income benefited from a successful Golf Day and Race Night; while subscriptions, Gift Aid, a '200' Club, and many generous donations from various sources. These donations came from the Bank of England, courtesy of a member, local Waitrose stores, a Christmas collection organised by 'Ye Olde Monk' in Barnet, three members of Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club (TMCC) whose donation funded the 2022 Christmas party and many smaller, but very gratefully received, amounts from individuals.

The 2021 audited accounts were circulated in March 2022 together with the Committee report and the Chairman's statement. The AGM was held in April and gave approval to these three documents. Also, at the AGM a new committee was selected and in accordance with the Constitution any member was entitled to stand for office. We had two retirements, **Robin Loader**, and **Keith Embleton**, and both were thanked for all their contributions. The existing seven committee members agreed to stay on retaining their respective roles while **Greg Kraushar** was elected to the committee. Sadly, in July 2022 **Paul Kidd** resigned, having moved away to West Sussex, and his role as Welfare co-ordinator was taken over by **Bernard Woolf and Vic Valoti**. Paul was warmly thanked for all his contributions over the past 7 years and particularly his enterprising efforts during the Covid pandemic. The only other committee change was that Greg took on the role of dinner secretary from Bernard. Both **Rob Loader and John Connell** indicated that they were retiring from running the annual Golf day and both were thanked for their past contributions, but the committee was delighted that **Greg Kraushar** volunteered to take on this role but with help.

The committee met, in person, six times during the year although a zoom facility was offered for three of these meetings and had an 82% attendance record. Full notes of the meetings, covering all aspects of the Club's activities were recorded and distributed to committee members with action points clearly labelled. In addition, a summary of these meetings was recorded in the newsletter (six editions plus two news sheets) which were distributed to all members and helpers. The newsletter contains important information about the Club, its membership, and relevant dates, so everyone was fully aware of events. **Steph Harrison** (a helper) very kindly updates the Club's WEB page. The Secretary started sending out new sheets (2 editions) when editorial items were low and to ease his role from lengthy monthly new letters.

To conform with all the statutory rules which seem to grow daily, the booklet setting out all the Club Rules and Operating instructions was updated and re-circulated to members in April 2022 following a

review of all policies. In accordance with Charity Commission advice, risk management, continues to be taken very seriously and all necessary forms were completed ahead of all the events organised. All risk procedures are clearly laid out in the Rules booklet and are managed accordingly by the committee. In order to ensure this is given a clear focus, 'Risk management' is a standing item on the Committee agenda. The Club is very grateful that one of our long-standing members generously paid for printing of our Rule and Operating booklet.

The Club met for supper on four occasions, February was a fund-raising supper meeting and we had **Natalie Cumming** talking about 'The Fiddle' a very moving and brilliantly told story about her family's violin and its travels. Although due to Covid problems, the violin could not be present on the evening, there was hardly a dry face in the audience. In June we had our very own member, **Paul Griffin**, talking about fast and classic cars, another great and interesting talk. These two charity suppers each raised The Club over £900. In April we had our AGM while in October we had a 'welcome to our new members evening' and although disappointing in that only three new members were able to be present it was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending.

At the start of 2022, the Club had 43 paid up and 3 Honorary members. During the year we added 13 new members, but sadly lost 2 long standing members (**George Grimes**, member 46 years and **Derek Purton**, member 32 years) while 2 older members decided not to renew: we ended the year with 51 paid up members and 4 Honorary members (the committee gave **Roy Purton**, Honorary membership in recognition of his 42 years membership). The average membership age was 72.1 years ranging from 28 to 103 years and the average length of membership was about 12 years with our longest serving member at over 46 years and shortest at less than 2 months. We now have 11 female members, representing over 20% of our membership.

The incident record book was not used in 2022 and we are grateful to St John Ambulance, Barnet Division) who attend all our 'Guest' events. Sadly, **Roger Hedgecoe**, a stalwart of St John, Barnet and great supporter and attender of Puddenecks events stood down from St John in the autumn and we will miss his valuable support for the Club. We still have no-one directly responsible for the Almoner's role, but it was recorded that three members had been in hospital, but thankfully one is now fully recovered while the other two are recovering and hopefully soon will be fully fit again.

The subcommittee continued to look at 'One off' donations and during the year we gave £1,000 to Barnet Citizens Advice Bureau to support their hardship funds to assist 'Older people' in Barnet in need. The committee also led a campaign to help 'Older People' against a rising level of crime in Barnet and a number of letters were sent to various parties and several meeting occurred between the local Police and councillors, our member of Parliament, and the Spires Shopping Centre management. As part of this campaign, we had a local Community Police officer attend a Monthly coffee morning to give advice. In June, we teamed up with **Grimsdell School** and took 35 'Guests' to a Jubilee tea party at the school, a huge success for all with the school choir/orchestra enchanting 'Guests'. This was due to have been repeated in December at Old Fold Manor Golf Club but sadly the weather intervened (snow) and the event was cancelled. We did though arrange for 25 'Guests' to go to the pantomime at the Bull Theatre in December even though again the weather was not kind (rain and very cold).

The Club ran 7 evening events including one meal themed, 2 BBQ's, a Christmas lunch, a tea party, and a trip to the pantomime, all for 'Guests' as well as a Golf Day and Race night for fund raising purposes. In addition, the Club ran two weekly (term time) Movement to Music classes and a monthly coffee morning. The Club also sent out birthday and Christmas cards to all 'Guests' as well as delivering birthday flowers. The Club is grateful to all members, helpers and friends who helped, organised, and

attended these events to make each one a success. The evidence of our success is clearly seen in the number of thank you cards, smiley faces at doors, welcoming phone calls together with significant positive responses when we have invited 'Guest' to events while the financial report clearly shows how successful the fund-raising events have been.

The Club looked at various items of apparel it could present as a gift for joining to our new members (traditionally it was a tie and scarf) and while we decided to keep with the tie for Gentlemen while stocks last (then they will receive smart 'T' shirts), ladies are immediately being offered smart 'T' shirts.

The Club's accounts have again been efficiently managed by the Treasurer and the 2022 accounts have another a clean bill of health by the auditor, Brennan Pearson & Co. I have already talked above about income accrued and expenditure incurred. Our '200 Club' continues to attract new members and at the year-end we had 150 tickets allocated. Administration and one-off expenses remain low at about 2.6% of total income. Of this percentage, Public Liability and Trustee Insurance was 1.4 % and maintenance of our Website, 0.3%. The net impact of the small surplus was that Reserves at the year-end (before allowing for a decline in the COIF shares due to market volatility) amounted to £26,473 (£26,453).

While this level exceeds the Club Reserves policy of around six months expenditure together with an additional £2,000 as a contingency fund for unforeseen liabilities, recent events have made this policy seem very harsh and, by having more flexibility we have been able to continue all our good works throughout 2022 with no cash flow worries, unlike many other Charities. Also, with generous, and numerous donations still appearing it does mean the Club can continue its commitments of help without financial concerns although fully aware that the current economic recession and high level of inflation will impact on our income (negatively) and expenses (increasing) over the coming year. We do though continue to monitor the Reserves level at committee and will take any appropriate action.

The committee has worked well under an inspired Chairman to ensure the Club's objective of helping 'Older People' in the Barnet area has been maintained. He has been helped by a very active President and enthusiastic committee. Although the incumbent Welfare Officer retired in July, the committee are very fortunate that two other members of the committee have taken over very successfully. Also, this year's major fund-raising golf day will be in new, but safe, hands.

2023 will be another challenging year for **THE PUDDENECKS** but with 13 new members it can look forward with confidence to another hopefully successful year of helping 'Older People of Barnet'. As always, our thanks go to all members (particularly the active brigade), helpers, who we could not survive without, and to all friends who support our events.

Hopefully a new enlarged committee will be elected in April incorporating some new, female members, but we will have to wait for the Secretary's 2023 report to see if these thoughts bear fruition.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Roger Moore MBE Hon Secretary

Date 1st February 2023

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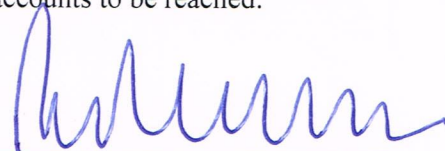
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PUDDENECKS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022

INCOME

Notes

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| | 200 Club | 1,482.00 | |
| <u>Gifts and Donations</u> | | | |
| | Donations | 5,101.99 | |
| | Waitrose bins | 1,000.00 | 1 |
| | Raffles | 2,315.00 | |
| | Spires collection | 0.00 | 2 |
| | Sundries | 0.00 | |
| | Gift Aid | 1,250.34 | |
| | <u>Gifts and Donations Total</u> | <u>11,149.33</u> | |
| <u>Special Events</u> | | | |
| | Golf Day + Race Night | 13,504.30 | |
| | Charity Supper | 5,140.00 | 3 |
| | <u>Special Events Total</u> | <u>18,644.30</u> | |
| <u>Membership Subs and Supper</u> | | | |
| | Subscriptions | 1,225.00 | |
| | Monthly Supper Club | 937.00 | |
| | <u>Membership Subs & Supper Total</u> | <u>2,162.00</u> | |
| <u>Bank Interest</u> | | | |
| | Interest | 212.88 | |
| | <u>Bank Interest Total</u> | <u>212.88</u> | |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | | <u>32,168.51</u> | |

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|---|
| <u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u> | Donations | 1,050.00 | |
| | Guest functions - Day Trip | 0.00 | |
| | Guest functions - Keep Fit | 2,340.00 | |
| | Guest Function - Bingo | 3,365.92 | |
| | Guest Function - Fish & Chips | 4,903.01 | |
| | Guest Function - Mov to Music | 725.57 | |
| | Guest Function NY Party | 0.00 | |
| | Guest Function - Costs | 6,662.81 | |
| | <u>Charitable Guest Activities Total</u> | <u>19,047.31</u> | |
| <u>Members Functions</u> | | | |
| | Charity Suppers | 3,244.00 | |
| | Monthly Supper Club | 891.50 | |
| | <u>Suppers Total</u> | <u>4,135.50</u> | |
| <u>Special Events</u> | | | |
| | Golf Day + Race Night | 5,874.00 | |
| | 200 Club Prizes | 1,080.00 | 4 |
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>6,954.00</u> | |
| <u>Total Cost of Charitable Activity</u> | | <u>30,136.81</u> | |
| <u>Cost of Generating Income</u> | | | |
| | Exps. Secretary/Treasurer | 67.04 | |
| | Exps. Sundries/Flowers | 1,240.03 | |
| | Insurance | 464.02 | |
| | Post & Package | 210.80 | |
| | <u>General Expenses Total</u> | <u>1,981.89</u> | |
| | <u>Total Cost of Generating Income</u> | <u>1,981.89</u> | |
| <u>Total Expenditure</u> | | <u>32,118.70</u> | |
| <u>Surplus for the Year</u> | | <u>49.81</u> | |

Notes

- 1 Possible loss of this income
- 2 No longer an earner - cashless
- 3 very popular - need Speakers
- 4 Increased payout

The Puddenecks Balance Sheet 2022

Assets

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Value of COIF shares | 7,168.46 | Note 1 |
| Total Investments | <u>7,168.46</u> | |

Bank Accounts

Cash at Bank and in hand

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| NatWest | 18,477.32 |
| Less unrepresented cheques | <u>90.00</u> |
| Total Cash at bank and in hand | <u>18,387.32</u> |

Total Assets **25,555.78**


Reserves

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Unrestricted Reserves b/fwd | 26,453.22 |
| Deficit for the year | 49.81 |

Total Assets **25,555.78**

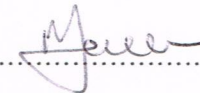
Note 1 Value of shares decreased by £967.25

These accounts approved and signed off by the Committee on

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Rab Butler

Treasurer

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Bryan J Harrison

Chairman

Date.....27 March 2023