

# **Globetrotters AGM 2020 – Minutes**

## **Those present:**

Paul Roberts, Kevin Brackley, Francesca Jaggs, Cath Finnamore, Simon Finnamore, John Pannell, Gavin Fernandes, Doreen Taylor, Mary Fogarty, Robert Parsons, Sandra Reekie, David Reekie, Colin Grant-Wilson, Dan Bachmann, Alan Palmer, Tracey Murray, Jan Parsons, Paul Cotrill, Patricia Wager, John Pilkington, Zara Taylor, Susan Mew, David Shamash, David Brown, Barbara Brooks, Jeanie Copland, Phil Ferguson, Peter Sanderson, Neil Parker, Fiona Churchill, Sarah Chanter, Eric Hayman, Hemant Amin, Shauna Mahoney, David Redford, Svatka Hermanek, Margaret Nilsen-Fehn, Stuart Saul.

## **Apologies**

None received

## **Minutes of the last AGM:**

There was a vote by poll to accept these and they were approved.

## **Chair's Report**

The Chair, Francesca Jaggs, started by pointing out that this was one 'of our best turnouts ever' (perhaps because online?) She then introduced the committee: Francesca Jaggs the Chair; Paul Roberts, who does all the tech and is the webmaster; John Pannell, the treasurer; Cath Finnamore, the membership secretary; Gavin Fernandes, the publications manager, and Doreen Taylor and Mary Fogarty, who just generally back up what everyone else does.

- Francesca first discussed the effects of COVID on our club, the principle effect being that we now hold our monthly London meetings on Zoom, which means that people can join us from anywhere around the world. Paul has set up ticket 'purchasing' through Eventbrite, where people can give a suggested donation of £2 for members, £4 for non members, to cover various costs. In general, Francesca said, we have had a good attendance online (often 80-90 participants) and our membership levels even went up slightly in comparison to this period of time last year.
- The Globe magazine and calendar are going ahead as usual (discussed later in the meeting by Gavin Fernandes).
- She said we had had a great New Year party last January, which was opened by our President, John Pilkington, and we are still hoping to have another one in London in January – though, given the Covid situation, it looks likely that it will have to be postponed slightly.
- Globetrotters had a stand at Adventure Travel Show in January this year: the location was a bit out of the way, on the floor below all the main stands, so that it was rather quiet, but there were 'flurries' of activity when people came for talks in the area next

to us. We have been notified that ATS will not be holding a “live” show in January 2021, but they hope to run something online – although nothing is clear yet.

- Regarding committee members, Francesca announced that Lindy Pyrah (who has been secretary from March 2015) has resigned, so Globetrotters now needs a new secretary. She gave a vote of thanks to Lindy. She also confirmed that Jacqui has now finally left, and Paul is now in charge of organising/commissioning speakers for London meetings and now Zoom, with help from Mary.

## **Membership report:**

Cath Fynamore, the membership secretary, presented the following figures:

She said the membership at 31st August stood at 244, compared to 229 in 2019 and 233 in 2018. ‘So we’ve got more members now than we’ve had for the last two years, but probably because more people can actually access the London meetings online and some of the Chester club people have now joined our club. And even worldwide we have got people, who maybe can’t watch the meeting live, but as a member they can watch the recording later. Interestingly, we have 25 members from the USA and Canada by the end of the year, as opposed to 17 last year’.

- A total of 60 new members joined the club last year, compared to 41, 25, 71, 30, 40 in the previous 5 years.

- Of these new members, 47 are from the UK, 11 from USA/Canada and 2 from other places

- There were 11 new members as a result of Globetrotters’ presence at the Adventure Travel Show

- 21 lapsed members re-joined the club in the last year, compared to 22, 51, 51, 52 in the previous 4 years

- It was also worth mentioning, Cath added, that as well as lapsed members renewing, 51 members have taken up the early bird renewal offer – ‘so that seems to be quite a popular thing’, she commented.

## **Treasurer’s report:**

John Pannell, the Globetrotters Treasurer, presented the Accounts from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

He explained that accounts are reported as:

- a) Non-Trading (membership activities)
- b) Trading (calendar & advertising)

## **Income and expenses for non-trading (membership) activities**

	Sept 2019-Aug 2020	Sept 2018-Aug 2019
<b>NON-TRADING INCOME</b>		
Membership subscriptions	2646.70	2,300.88
<b>Total non-trading income</b>	<b>£2,646.70</b>	<b>£2,300.88</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Advertising, promotional and sales</b>		
Calendars	508.64	502.28
Exhibitions, Events & Trade Shows	47.98	0.00
Globe magazine	660.00	220.00
Membership expenses	320.40	171.00
Website & Internet	192.13	309.87
<b>Total Adv, promotional and sales</b>	<b>£1,729.15</b>	<b>£1,203.15</b>
<b>Office/General Admin expenses</b>		
Bank charges	110.49	92.97
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<b>Total office/general admin expenses</b>	<b>£1,181.40</b>	<b>£ 938.37</b>
HMRC Corporation tax	130.92	152.39
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£3,041.47</b>	<b>£2,293.91</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£ 394.77</b>	<b>£ 6.97</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank interest	28.15	31.30
Donations	0.00	28.50
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>£ 366.62</b>	<b>£ 66.77</b>

### Income and expenses trading activities

	Sept 2019-Aug 2020	Sept 2018-Aug 2019
<b>TRADING INCOME</b>		
Trading Income		
Advertising	660.00	660.00
Calendar Sales	18.44	36.64
Total Trading Income	£ 678.44	£ 696.64
Cost of Sales		
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Total cost of sales	£ 6.36	£ 12.72
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### **Summary 2019 - 2020**

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#### **Income/Expenses**

- Non-Trading (Membership) activities made a loss of £366 (Last year profit £67):
  - £2,647 - Membership Income
  - £3,041 - Expenses
  - £28 - Other Income
- Trading (Sales) activities made a profit of £672 (Last year profit £684)
  - Income from website advertising and calendar sales

#### **Balance Sheet**

- Cash in hand is £ 20,452 (Last year £20,199):
  - of which £ 2,432 held in reserve as membership in advance pre-payments
  - Net Assets £18,022 (Last year £18,280)

## **Auditing of accounts**

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Under the Companies Act 2006 there is no requirement for an audit of the accounts.

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The treasurer will answer questions on the accounts from any member by email via the website or any committee member.

After John had presented all this, members were then asked to vote on the following:  
'Members agree that the Directors be authorised to present the accounts, as presented to the AGM, to Companies House and HMRC without an audit under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.'

Passed by majority poll

Then Kevin had a query: he wanted to know why corporation tax was listed in the first section (first table) of the accounts report when this section is not what is reported to HMRC and that payment was deducted from the income from that section, instead of being placed in the second part (table) of accounts, which deals with money which IS reported to HMRC?

John replied that it was a good question and that he would look into it offline. He thought there could be something that needed to be adjusted.

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## **Publications:**

### **Globe magazine**

Gavin Fernandes, editor of the Globe magazine, presented the following about the publication:

I continue to produce the magazine following its traditional format with stories about recent club activity, news from club members, articles from readers and contributions from speakers. Many members/speakers have sent in articles and donated books to be given away in prize quizzes. Tour operators and travel companies have offered very generous discounts to members.

The 'Where in the World?' picture quiz continues to be well received, especially since it is now being sent to all our e-newsletter subscribers; many are lapsed members and interested travellers who are often interested in joining as full members.

The Lockdown has not impacted the production of Globe - the latest travel stories submitted

were of people's recent trips and future ones will include articles that reminisce about past expeditions and speculate about plans for when restrictions are more relaxed.

## **Globetrotters Calendar**

And then Gavin told us about the Globetrotters Calendar – both the one for 2020 and the one for 2021:

The 2020 calendar went through the final stages of editing through Sept/Oct 2019 and was sent to the printers in Nov 2019. It was printed and ready for mailing before the end of Nov 2019 so it was in time for the Dec meeting in London and ready to be sent to paid-up members in time for Christmas direct from the printers. Extras were sold for cash at the Dec and Jan meetings and via the internet to UK and international customers (posted by GF using Royal Mail). Most orders were made online and paid for by PayPal.

Leftovers were used to decorate our stand at the ATS and given away to speakers as promotional items.

The call for entries for the 2021 calendar was made in the Spring/Summer 2020 edition of Globe despite the Lockdown. It was emphasised that pictures could be from past trips as always and also of one's own country of residence. So, despite travel restrictions, members were invited to go through their archives or submit pictures taken locally (and we had some of each). Furthermore, we also had a 'Lockdown Special' where for a limited time before the (extended) deadline, members could submit 5 pictures instead of 3. Many entrants took advantage of this and once again, there were more than adequate images of a high quality when judging commenced after the end of Aug 2020.

The committee all helped with the judging, selecting the final 13 shots, and the 2021 calendar is currently at the printers, hopefully ready to be sent to paid-up members in time for Christmas direct from the printers.

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## **Website Report**

And Paul Roberts reported on the website: 'We had 26,381 page views of the website, which is up on last year, and visitors are also up on last year. We had 241 membership inquiries there, which is up from 192 last year. Of these 64 selected to join, up from 37 last year; 91 people wanted to renew up from 73 last year, and 75 downloaded a sample of Globe, up from 67 last year. We had 182 people from the UK which is up on last year and 27 from America, USA. That is also up on last year.

For the mailing lists, we have 8,705. That's people on average over the year. And that's a bit down on last year because people unsubscribe and we've been on lockdown. There are 20,519 enewsletter subscribers, which is up on last year, but that includes people whose email systems don't confirm receipt or their emails bounce, but they eventually they get cleared out. So, we had 506 new subscribers this year, which was up, and 194 of them confirmed. It's a double opt in, you sign up, and then it sends you an email and you have to click a link to confirm that you want to subscribe. So that's up on last year, as well. And 198 of those were from the UK, which is up by 75, and 27 were from the USA, up from last year when it was first seen. And so everything's up and rosy on the Internet, despite lockdown.'

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## **Publicity**

Francesca reported that 'we have had a few new discounts, such as motorcycling in Africa, and the offer of an adventure weekend in Devon from a company run by one of the speakers earlier in the year (Will Batho and Jon Lord of Latitude Adventures).

We now have a banner for travel shows, although we haven't used it since the Adventure Travel Show in January for obvious reasons.

'We also have a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – so if a member has something interesting which they think is relevant to Globetrotters, they can send a post to any of the committee members and it will be put up on Facebook, where obviously members can also make comments.

'And now that people have been accessing Globetrotters meetings through Zoom, we can reach anywhere in the world. Before we were just at the Church of Scotland hall.'

She urged members to spread the word and also reiterated that the Adventure Travel Show is/was a good recruiting opportunity for new members.

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## **Election of committee members: members as presented:**

The following members voted in favour of retaining the current committee members:

Susan Mew, Alan Palmer, Philip Ferguson, Dan Bachmann, Stuart Saul, David Redford, Shauna Mahoney, Neil Parker, Sarah Chanter, Patricia Wager, Robert Parsons, Jan Parsons, Sandra and David Reekie, Colin Grant-Wilson, Paul Cottrill, Hem Amin, Zara Taylor, Trace Murray, Barbara Brooks, Fiona Churchill, John Pilkington, David Shamash, Svatka Hermanek.

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## **Local Group meetings**

**London Meetings:** Paul Roberts explained that he has set up a separate account for the Zoom meetings and he explained the takings:

So we took in £1785.75, we got bank interest of £1.23. Total expenses were £2,298.06, which includes the key that got lost which cost us nearly £500. And we've had to replace some of the radio mics which cost £213 making £673.67 extra expenses than usual. So we made a loss of £1184.78, but we've still got £1646 in the bank and petty cash flow of £20 in the cash box in C of S cupboard. So a loss, but it's due to lockdown and equipment upgrade and the fact that someone walked off with the key basically.

Then the online Zoom stuff. In May we didn't charge anything so we lost around £151 due to fees and other stuff. In June we took £137 in donations and £77.75 in expenses. So we came out £59 up. In July we had £197 in donations and £109.20 in expenses which made us £8.30 up. In August we had £116.50 in donations and £77.24 expenses giving £39.26. So, in total, we're about £35 up.

In May, our first online meeting, we didn't use Eventbrite and Zoom charging extra for more than 100 participants, which contributed to the expense of £151.39. We had 54 non-members and 134 members this is 187 tickets, not people. In fact about 120 actual people showed up. In June we started doing the donations using Eventbrite. Eventbrite charges if you do set price tickets ie about £1 commission. However, if you do donation, they just take 2%, which is about the same as it would be with PayPal or maybe a bit less. Also, we don't have to build an event booking platform. So overall it's easier to use Eventbrite. In June we had 90 people, 9 non-members and 81 members, 42 who donated 39 didn't. July, we had 19 non members, 70 members, so a total of 89 people. 50/50 on donations. In August we had 13 non-members, and 65 members giving a total of 78, of which 26 donated and 39 who didn't.

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Then Sandra Reekie wanted to know if we had been paying the church all this lockdown time:

And Paul Roberts answered: 'We're not paying rent now. We've paid £300 so far for when we haven't used it, but I haven't discussed it with them. But we do have a storeroom there that is still full of stuff. I'd rather keep them happy, but I'll see what they say when they next send us an appeal for a donation or when they open the church again. We can't get in until the theatre box office is open because we get the key from there.

Paul said that for the moment, with social distancing rules, meetings would be difficult there: 'we'd only be able to have 30 people, and with the speakers, me, person on the door, etc, we'd only be able to let 20 people come in probably.'

Then Margaret Nilsen-Fehn wanted to know how much the donation to the church was per month. Paul told her it was £600 per half year, which is quite reasonable for Covent Garden. It's a donation, because the church is a charity.

David Shamash asked about the future of the club regarding meetings and said that he found it tiresome to pay such a small amount of £2 for every meeting by card. Francesca said she had been assured by Paul Roberts it was of no nuisance administratively for us. David wanted to know if he could pay more in one go, rather than pay £2 every month. Paul said that he could pay for six months' meetings at one go if he wanted.

But Paul then revealed that less than 50% of ticket applicants were actually making any donation at all. Mary Fogarty thought that this was really rather a poor show, but Barbara Brooks said that Mary couldn't know people's situations. Mary said that if they could pay £3 at the door, they ought to be able to pay £2 for the online meeting. However, there may be a good reason: Margaret Nilsen-Fehn pointed out that it was difficult to make donations on the Eventbrite site. She said she 'somehow' got a free ticket, whereas she was happy to make a donation. Mary said she had found the same problem – that the 'Donate' link was often inactive, but that she usually persisted and finally it worked. Doreen Taylor also agreed that it was difficult. The problem might be that if people try to pay for a ticket and find that does not work the first time, then they are probably not going to bother to try again ...

Barbara Brooks also raised a problem with Eventbrite cookies. Paul suggested that we all complain to Eventbrite instead of to him ...

## **Chester meetings:**

The Chester club sent a slide, which said the following:

We closed our last meeting November 2019 with a small celebration of having been active since November 2009 when our first meeting took place. As we meet every 2 months our first meeting in January 2020 was quite a success, we had a fairly full lecture theatre and 2 great talks on that day with the whole of 2020 fully booked for speakers.

Our next meeting was meant to be in March and that is when the Covid 19 set in so we decided to not have our meeting at the time which was subsequently confirmed by Grosvenor Museum here in Chester where we hold our meetings. And as we all know, meetings have not taken place since that time as the museum can not have any groups meeting at the moment.

So instead we have stayed in touch with all our regulars via email and have encouraged people to join the Globetrotters London so they can enjoy the Zoom sessions that are put on. I hear that several people have joined which is great and it will keep people in touch and enjoy a speaker session.

We hope that next year will be a better one, financially we are in the same position as we were last year as the museum have not asked us for any rent for this year. With a bit of luck we will be able to tell a more optimistic story next year!

## **Toronto meetings:**

Although a report is not required from the Toronto club, as they have less than 20 members attending, Svatka Hermanek was present at the AGM so gave one: They have 4-5 meetings a year with talks, organized by Bruce Webber, and all is going well.

However, there was sad news that the founder of Toronto Globetrotters Club, Vera Blowers, died on 2nd November at age 90. She presented a moving photo collage of this lady to the meeting. Svatka and Bruce have written on behalf of the club, to her daughter Claire and the family.

Gavin will put an article in Globe magazine about Vera.

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## **Any other business**

A suggestion was made by Robert Parsons that we change the time of the online meetings as it is super early for people on the west coast of USA. Francesca pointed out that we also have some who have attended from where it is super late, so we are sort of in the middle. Paul Roberts reminded us that recordings are available to all members and also all those who signed up for a ticket with Eventbrite.

David Shamash proposed and Zara seconded (Francesca and others agreed) that online has been so successful that maybe we can continue this as well as have in person meetings. We agreed that the committee will discuss this further.

There were no more comments, so thanks was given to all who attended and the meeting here ended.



# Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd

## Saturday November 7th 2020

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### Agenda

- Apologies for absence.
  - Minutes of the last AGM.
  - Chair's Report.
  - Membership report.
  - Treasurer's report.
  - Publications.
  - Publicity report.
  - Election of Committee Members.
  - Local Group meetings
    - London Meetings.
    - Chester meetings.
    - Toronto GTs meetings.
  - Any other business
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# Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd

## Apologies for absence

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# **Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd**

## **Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

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### **Acceptance of Minutes of last AGM**

Are the minutes a true and correct record of the previous AGM.

Please vote on the above.

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# Chair's Report.

## Introductions and welcome to our 2019 AGM

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- Effects of COVID on our club. Main being monthly Zoom meetings every month, allowing people to join us from anywhere. Paul set it up for people to have tickets via Eventbrite by donation to cover various costs.
  - Globe and calendar going ahead as usual.
  - New Year party in London.
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  - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
  - Lindy (secretary from March 2015) and Jacqui left committee. Need a new secretary. Mary and Paul have taken over Jacqui's role. Votes of thanks.
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# Membership Report

September 1st, 2019 – August 31st 2020

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# Treasurer's report

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Globetrotters Club Ltd

Accounts

1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020

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# Treasurer's report

## Income and Expenses

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# Treasurer's report

## Statement of Financial Condition (Balance Sheet)

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	Sep 2019 - Aug 2020	Sep 2018 - Aug 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Current Account - Barclays	£ 1,655.27	£ 3,057.43
Current Account - PayPal	£ 2,626.25	£ 1,140.83
Current Account - iZettle	£ 14.11	£ 0.00
Petty Cash - Membership Secretary	£ 20.00	£ 20.00
Reserve Account - Barclays	£ 16,283.40	£ 15,980.25
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£ 20,599.03</b>	<b>£ 20,198.51</b>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Accounts Receivable	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£ 20,599.03</b>	<b>£ 20,198.51</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accounts Payable	£ 144.23	£ 0.00
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>£ 144.23</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>£ 20,454.80</b>	<b>£ 20,198.51</b>
Accruals and deferred income	£ 2,432.39	£ 1,930.35
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>£ 18,022.41</b>	<b>£ 18,280.16</b>

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## Globe magazine

I continue to produce the magazine following its traditional format with stories about recent club activity, news from club members, articles from readers and contributions from speakers. Many members/speakers have sent in articles and donated books to be given away in prize quizzes. Tour operators and travel companies have offered very generous discounts to members.

The 'Where in the World?' picture quiz continues to be well received, especially since it is now being sent to all our e-newsletter subscribers; many are lapsed members and interested travellers who are often interested in joining as full members.

The Lockdown has not impacted the production of Globe - the latest travel stories submitted were of people's recent trips and future ones will include articles that reminisce about past expeditions and speculate about plans for when restrictions are more relaxed.

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# Globetrotters Club Publications

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## The Globetrotters Club calendar

The 2020 calendar went through the final stages of editing through Sept/Oct 2019 and was sent to the printers in Nov 2019. It was printed and ready for mailing before the end of Nov 2019 so it was in time for the Dec meeting in London and ready to be sent to paid-up members in time for Christmas direct from the printers. Extras were sold for cash at the Dec and Jan meetings and via the internet to UK and international customers (posted by GF using Royal Mail). Most orders were made online and paid for by PayPal.

Leftovers were used to decorate our stand at the ATS and given away to speakers as promotional items.

The call for entries for the 2021 calendar was made in the Spring/Summer 2020 edition of Globe despite the Lockdown. It was emphasised that pictures could be from past trips as always and also of one's own country of residence. So, despite travel restrictions, members were invited to go through their archives or submit pictures taken locally (and we had some of each). Furthermore, we also had a 'Lockdown Special' where for a limited time before the (extended) deadline, members could submit 5 pictures instead of 3. Many entrants took advantage of this and once again, there were more than adequate images of a high quality when judging commenced after the end of Aug 2020.

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# Globetrotters Club Publications

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## **Website: September 1st, 2019 and August 31st 2020**

We have had 26,381 (25,892) page views, 9,113 (8225) visitors during the year.

**Membership enquiries:** We had 241 (192) membership enquiries of these 64 (37) selected to join, 91 (73) selected for renewal and 75 (67) downloaded a sample of Globe. Of these 182 (144) enquiries were from the UK and 27 (17) from the USA.

**Enewsletter:** (needs an editor) has 8705 (9,522) active subscribers and a total of 20519 (20,202) subscribers. 506 (116) subscribers joined this year, with 194 (91) confirming their subscription, of these: 198 (75) were from UK, and 27 (13) were from USA.

**Page views & visitors Membership enquiries & Enewsletter numbers up on last year.**

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# Publicity report

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- Have been offered new discounts. Motorcycling in South Africa, offer of an Adventure Experience on Dartmoor for a group of Globetrotters.
  - Banner for shows.
  - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
  - Access to the social aspect of our club via Zoom from anywhere in world once a month. Would members spread the word, please.
  - We were at the Adventure Travel Show in January and had the same number of new members as a result as we had in previous year. (Upon application to be a member there is a question of how heard of Globetrotters)
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# Election of Committee Members

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The Following members are standing for re-election to the committee:

- **Committee as at the end October 2019:**

Cath Finamore, Kevin Brackley, Paul Roberts, Francesca Jaggs, John Pannell, Gavin Fernandes, Ewa Les, Mary Fogarty, Doreen Tayler

- **Membership Secretary:** Cath Finamore

- **Editor of Globe newsletter:** Gavin Fernandes

If any members would like to join the committee please volunteer.

**Please vote on the above.**

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# Local Group meetings

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Local groups which consist of more than 20 members shall form a sub-committee to organise and run the local meetings. These Committees shall be responsible to the main Committee and be requested to produce a report and accounts prior to the AGM.

We have Local groups that run meetings independently from the main club in London, Chester and Toronto.

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# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

2019/2020	Income	Expenditure	
	Door Money	(Food, Technical & Speakers expenses, Hall Donation, etc.)	TOTAL
September	£ 216.20	£166.72	£49.48
October	£ 281.00	£285.53	-£4.53
November	£ 187.95	£210.12	-£22.17
December	£ 254.10	£412.86	-£158.76
January	£ 339.05	£315.03	£24.02
February	£ 250.00	£271.29	-£21.29
March	£ 257.45	£309.23	-£51.78
April	£ -	£109.09	-£109.09
May	£ -	£109.09	-£109.09
June	£ -	£109.09	-£109.09
July	£ -	£0.00	£0.00
August	£ -		
Totals	£1,785.75	£2,298.06	-£512.31

# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

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Income from door	£1,785.75
Bank Interest	£1.23
<b>Expenses from Meetings</b>	<b>-£2,298.06</b>
Other expenses (keys £460.40, radio mic replacement £213.27 )	<b>-£673.67</b>
Meetings Profit/Loss	<b>-£1184.78</b>

<b>Cash at bank and at hand.</b>	
Cash at bank:	£1,626.45
Petty cash (float)	£20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1646.45</b>

Loss of income due to lockdown around £500-600 plus key and equipment update, and with rent donation paid to June.

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# Online Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

2019/2020	Income	Expenditure	
	Donation Money	(Food, Technical & Speakers expenses, Hall Donation, etc.)	TOTAL
May	£ 0	£ 152.39	- £ 151.39
June	£ 137.00	£ 77.75	£ 59.25
July	£ 197.5	£ 109.20	£ 8.30
August	£ 116.50	£ 77.24	£ 39.26
Totals	£ 452.00	£ 416.58	£ 35.42

	Non-members	Members (D, F)	Total
May	54	133	187 *
June	9	81 (42, 39)	90
July	19	70 (35, 35)	89
August	13	65 (26, 39)	78

# Chester Meetings

## Summary report for the AGM

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We closed our last meeting November 2019 with a small celebration of having been active since November 2009 when our first meeting took place. As we meet every 2 months our first meeting in January 2020 was quite a success, we had a fairly full lecture theatre and 2 great talks on that day with the whole of 2020 fully booked for speakers.

Our next meeting was meant to be in March and that is when the Covid 19 set in so we decided to not have our meeting at the time which was subsequently confirmed by Grosvenor Museum here in Chester where we hold our meetings. And as we all know, meetings have not taken place since that time as the museum can not have any groups meeting at the moment.

So instead we have stayed in touch with all our regulars via email and have encouraged people to join the Globetrotters London so they can enjoy the Zoom sessions that are put on. I hear that several people have joined which is great and it will keep people in touch and enjoy a speaker session.

We hope that next year will be a better one, financially we are in the same position as we were last year as the museum have not asked us for any rent for this year. With a bit of luck we will be able to tell a more optimistic story next year!

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# Toronto GTs Meetings

## Summary report for the AGM

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- A report is not required as they have less than 20 members attending
  - 4-5 meetings a year with talks, organized by Bruce Webber. All going well
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# **Any other business**

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## End of meeting

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Thank you for attending  
because it's the members who  
make the club what it is.

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