

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

## **Saturday 8th November 2025**

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### **Welcome to the AGM**

**The AGM must have a quorum of 20.**

The AGM will start at 12:30 if we do not have a quorum of 20, If within half an hour after the advertised time of the Meeting there is not the requisite number, the meeting shall proceed.

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# Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd

## Saturday 8th November 2025

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### Agenda

- Apologies for absence.
  - Minutes of the last AGM.
  - Membership report.
  - Treasurer's report.
  - Publications.
  - Website 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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Zara Taylor, Jo Jaeckel, Alan Palmer, Jay Ginn, Hemant Amin, Judy Patterson.

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# Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd

## Present

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### In The Hall

Fiona Churchill, David Reekie, Sandra Reekie, John Pannell, Simon Finnamore , Catherine Finnamore , Mike Smith, Eric Camplin, Dorian Tayler , Mary Fogerty, Paul Roberts, Kevin Brackley, Penny Mellor, Tracy Murray, Philomena Kelly, John Pryce, Gavin Fernandes, Robert Parsons.

**Arrived late:** Simon Banks

### On Zoom

Paul Woodward, Colin Grant-Wilson, Beryl & John O'Donnell, Francesca Jaggs, Liz Southcombe.

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# Annual General Meeting - Globetrotters Club Ltd

## Minutes of the 2024 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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# AGM Membership Report 2024-2025

## Numbers, Stats & Figures

### 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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- Membership at 31st August stood at 250 compared to 237 in 2024, 238 in 2023, 226 in 2022, 252 in 2021
  - 38 new members joined the club last year compared to 27, 28, 24, 50, 60 in the previous 5 years.
  - Of these new members, all 38 are from the UK, 0 from USA/Canada and 0 other countries.
  - 48 lapsed members re-joined the club in the last year, compared to 39, 53, 58, 42 in the previous 4 years
  - As well as lapsed members renewing, 67 members took up the early bird renewal offer compared to 58 last year. Of these 67 early bird renewals, 47 were online and the remainder in person at the London meetings.
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# Treasurer's report

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Globetrotters Club Ltd

Accounts

1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Accounts are reported as

- Non-Trading (Membership activities)
  - Trading (Calendar sales)
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# Treasurer's report

Summary 1st Sept 2024 - 31st Aug 2025

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## Income/Expenses

- Non-Trading (Membership) activities made a profit £ 151 (Last year loss £ 105)
- Trading (Sales) activities made a profit of £ 296 (Last year profit £ 293)
  - Income from calendar sales
  - HMRC Corporation Tax @19% expected £56

## Balance Sheet

- Cash in hand is £ 24,403 (Last year £ 24,158)

John Pannell, Treasurer, 8th Nov 2025

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# Treasurer's report

## Income and Expenses

### Non-Trading (Membership) Activities

	Sep 2024 Aug 2025	Sep 2023 Aug 2024
<b>NON-TRADING INCOME</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	2,728.79	2,528.51
<b>Total Non-trading Income</b>	<b>£ 2,728.79</b>	<b>£ 2,528.51</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Advertising, Promotional &amp; Sales</b>		
Calendars	519.81	501.37
Exhibitions, Events & Trade Shows	0.00	0.00
Globe Magazine	440.00	0.00
Membership Expenses	349.75	1,020.06
Website & Internet	312.51	299.99
<b>Total Advertising, Promotional &amp; Sales</b>	<b>£ 1,622.07</b>	<b>£ 1,821.42</b>
<b>Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>		
Bank Charges	128.75	120.19
Office Expenses	375.67	312.75
Postage and Delivery	514.50	355.60
Software Licenses	193.82	262.51
<b>Total Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>£ 1,212.74</b>	<b>£ 1,051.05</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£ 2,834.81</b>	<b>£ 2,872.47</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-£ 106.02</b>	<b>-£ 343.96</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank Interest	257.85	238.08
Donations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£ 257.85</b>	<b>£ 238.08</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>£ 257.85</b>	<b>£ 238.08</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£ 151.83</b>	<b>-£ 105.88</b>

# Treasurer's report

## Income and Expenses

### Trading Activities

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	Sep 2024 - Aug 2025	Sep 2023 - Aug 2024
<b>TRADING INCOME</b>		
Trading Income		
Badge Sales	3.00	
Calendar Sales	398.81	402.39
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>£ 401.81</b>	<b>£ 402.39</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Calendar Cost of Sales	105.19	108.63
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£ 105.19</b>	<b>£ 108.63</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>£ 296.62</b>	<b>£ 293.76</b>
<b>TRADING EXPENSES</b>		
Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>£ 296.62</b>	<b>£ 293.76</b>
<b>NET TRADING PROFIT</b>	<b>£ 296.62</b>	<b>£ 293.76</b>

Year End	Corporation Tax
31 August 2024	£ 55.86
31 August 2023	£ 40.66
31 August 2022	£ 163.97
31 August 2021	£ 157.89
31 August 2020	£ 127.68

# Treasurer's report

## Statement of Financial Condition

### (Balance Sheet)

	Sep 2024 - Aug 2025	Sep 2023 - Aug 2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Current Account - Barclays	£ 1,149.83	£ 1,497.80
Current Account - PayPal	£ 4,886.59	£ 4,851.66
Reserve Account - Barclays	£ 18,366.59	£ 17,808.74
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£ 24,403.01</b>	<b>£ 24,158.20</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>£ 24,403.01</b>	<b>£ 24,158.20</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accounts Payable	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>£ 24,403.01</b>	<b>£ 24,158.20</b>

# Treasurer's report

## Auditing of accounts

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Accounts are monitored on a regular basis by the management committee.

Payments made on behalf of the club are approved by the committee and must be authorised by 2 signatories.

- All committee posts are carried out on a voluntary basis.
- The Directors do not receive a salary.

Accounts are produced using recognised accounting software.

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

The committee have agreed that the accounts be presented without a formal audit. This represents a saving on professional fees.

The committee may, however, request an audit of the accounts at any time for any reason.

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

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# Treasurer's report

## Auditing of accounts

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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.

Please vote on the above.

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# Globetrotters Club Publications

## The Globetrotters Club 2025 & 2026 Calendars

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- **Sept 2024**

Closing date of 25th September for submissions for the 2025 calendar

Got around 100 images from around 25 people - usual - thanks to "early bird" encouragement and a short, later extension.

Immediately culled to 79 - low resolution, wrong format etc.

- **Oct 2024**

Edit with committee judges - cut down to 38, then 23, then 17... To the final 13.

- **Nov 2024**

Verified membership, checked captions, curated sequence, informed winners, sent to press.

- **Dec 2024**

Ongoing sales promotion - members free, winners extra, non-member sales, extras to chosen addresses as gifts etc - discount prices - Black Friday, Thanksgiving, Cyber Monday etc...

Mailing list finalised. Great for logistics.

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# Globetrotters Club Publications

## The Globetrotters Club 2025 & 2026 Calendars

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- **Jan / Feb 2025**

Additional sales still ongoing - biggest one of 20 from 1 member - JT, Australia - 16 uk + 4 int.  
Leftovers given as promotional literature to speakers etc.

- **Jul 2025**

Launched 2026 Calendar with "Early Bird" again...

- **Aug 2025**

Early Bird closed on the 31st.

GT CAL 2026 story - to be continued...

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# Globetrotters Club Publications

## Globe magazine

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### List of articles for Globe Winter issue

- 1) Interview with Francesca about working in Sarajevo after independence war – start of a new series
- 2) Singapore celebrates independence – William Arthur
- 3) Memorable border crossings – Sandra Reekie
- 4) Something from Rosemary – maybe the Everest solo woman project
- 5) Wim Hof outdoor therapy trips in Sweden
- 6) Mangos and machetes in Cuba – Jay Ginn
- 7) Road from Bar Hangover/ Perahera festival in Sri Lanka – Mary Fogarty

### PLUS

- 8) BOOK REVIEW from Simon Finnamore
  - 9) Update on calendar – with winning photos???
  - 10) Thai recipe from the Finnamores
  - 11) Discounts for Globies etc
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# Globetrotters Club Website Report

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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## Website Engagement Trends

Page Views	22380
Users	12791
UK Users	3454

- Page Views peaked in February (3,808) and June (3,668), following the Adventure Travel Show and social media activity by London meetings speakers
- Lowest engagement occurred in March (981), which is a sharp drop after February's peak.

## User Growth

- Total Users: 12,791 across the year.
- Highest user activity: February (3,109 users), followed by June (3,154 users).
- UK Users: 3,454 total, with January (466) being the peak month.

UK users represent about 27% of total users, showing a significant regional audience.

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# Globetrotters Club Website Report

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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## Membership Conversions

- Joined: 34 new members in total, with January (9) being the strongest month.
- Renewals: 100 renewals overall, with January (20) and February (16) leading.
- Drop-offs: 28 cases of incomplete payments, mostly in January (15).

January is a critical month for both new joins and renewals—but also for payment failures. Improving payment processes in January could boost conversions.

## Membership Enquiries

- **Total enquiries:** 201, with January (59) being the peak.
- UK dominates enquiries (157), followed by US (18).

**Insight:** January again stands out—likely due to renewal season or marketing pushes.

- Many users **downloaded samples (38)** with around 10% joining.
- **Printed forms:** negligible (3), digital processes and in person at meetings dominate.

**We now have to pass pci scans every 90 days, this necessitated updating the server as the old version was no longer supported.**

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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 2025:**

Cath Finamore, Kevin Brackley, Paul Roberts, John Pannell, Gavin Fernandes, Mary Fogarty, Doreen Tayler, Eloise Burnett

- **Membership Secretary:** Cath Finamore

- **Editor of Globe newsletter:** Mary Fogarty

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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# CHESTER GLOBETROTTERS 2025 AGM REPORT

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Hello from Chester Globetrotters.

We have had a very successful twelve months since our last report, - interesting talks from some of our members and other invited speakers. Unlike the London meetings, as you may be aware, we only hold our meetings every other month and as our statistics show our January meetings always seem to be the best attended. On average we have between 40/50 attendees at most meetings.

Financially we are holding our own at the moment but our fees are currently under review.

Our next meeting in November will take the form of several 10 minute talks followed by a travel quiz. We have never tried this previously although I understand you have done so in the London group. It will be interesting to see how our northern audience react to this venture.

Our 2026 programme is filled for the meetings to July but needless to say we are always on the lookout for speakers and new destination topics.

From our Committee in Chester we send our regards and should any of you venture “up north” at the time our meetings we will make you very welcome.

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# Toronto GTs Meetings

## Summary report for the AGM

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The Toronto GTs maintained a steady rhythm of bi-monthly meetings, with presentations spanning Asia, Africa, and Europe.

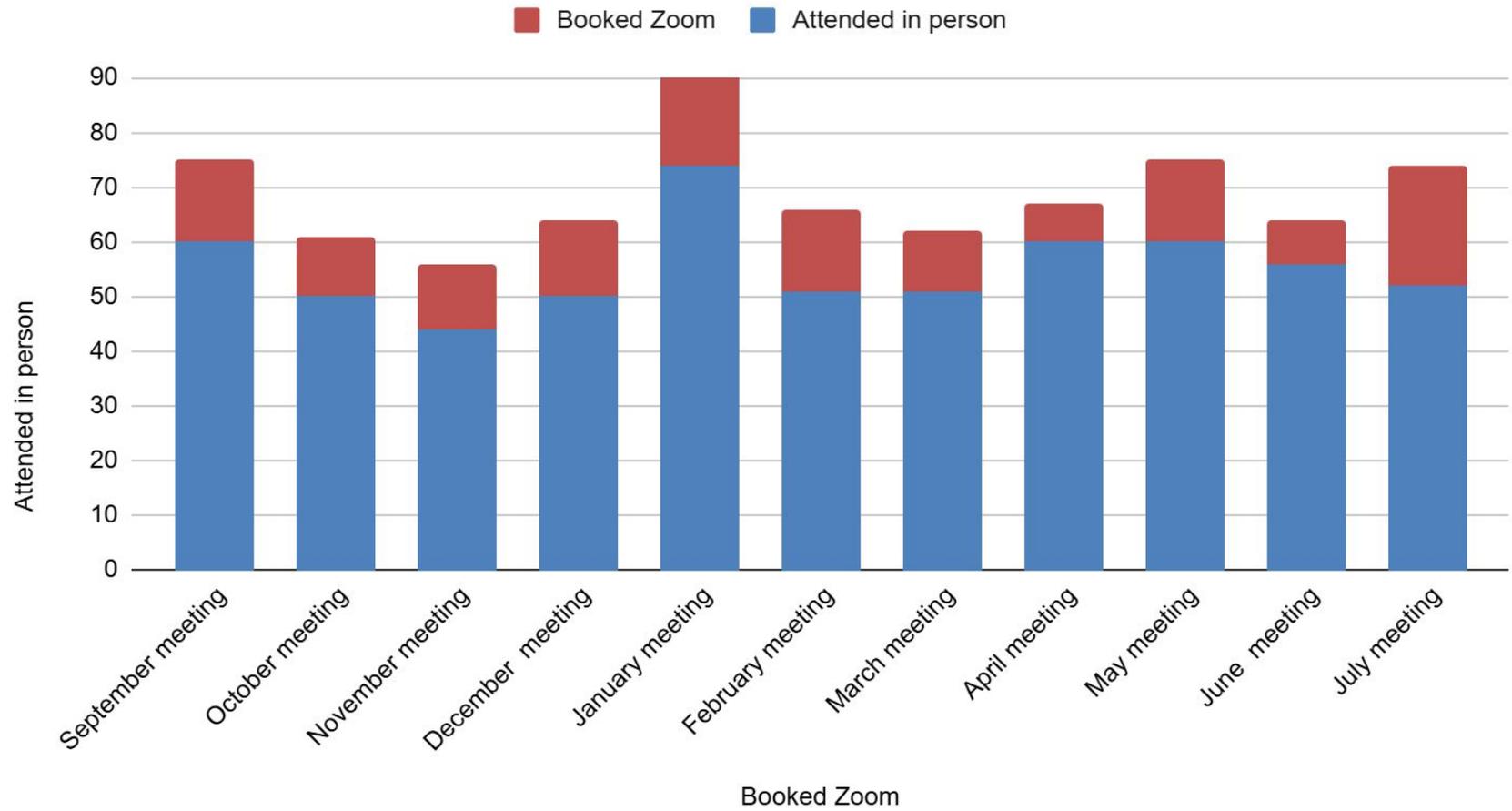
- **Nov 15, 2024 – A Walk on the Camino Portuguese**  
Presented by Deanna Groetzinger, Cathy Paul, Sue Vanderkwaak, Gloria Tuck
  - **Jan 17, 2025 – Chinese Garden in Suzhou**  
Presented by Bang Wang
  - **Mar 21, 2025 – 2006 Trip to Senegal**  
Presented by Alex Rice
  - **May 23, 2025 – Nepal & Bhutan**  
Presented by Ernest Fechner and Bruce Weber
  - **Aug 10, 2025 – Annual Picnic on Algonquin Island**  
Informal gathering with potluck and socializing
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# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Attended in person vs Booked Zoom



# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Date	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Booked Zoom	14	22	7
Attended Zoom	11	16	5
Booked In Person	22	37	11
Attended in person	55	74	44
Total attendees	66	90	53
Hall + Zoom	69	94	56

# London Meetings

## Speakers

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

- **Saturday, September 7, 2024**

1st: Chris Grant – Ethiopia – a land of extraordinary variety.  
2nd: Jessica Fynamore – 10 weeks solo backpacking  
Central America

- **Saturday, October 5, 2024**

1st: Gerry Mulligan – Adventures around the world in Nelson  
a converted Land Rover Defender.  
2nd: Eloise Burnett – Overland across China to Tajikistan  
and Uzbekistan

- **Saturday, November 2, 2024**

1st: Sheila Robinson – Uzbekistan  
2nd: Jim Holmes – English Breakfast and the story of Ceylon  
tea

- **Saturday, December 7, 2024**

1st: Brian Anderson – The High Life – the altiplano of Peru,  
Bolivia and Chile.  
2nd: Neil Pitts – What Could Possibly Go Wrong? My  
journey from Long Covid to the northernmost point of Europe.

- **Saturday, January 4, 2025**

Around the world in eighty minutes. 10 presentations of 10  
slides

- **Saturday, February 1, 2025**

1st: Elizabeth Mioduchowski – Travelling in Russia  
2nd: Sarah Cook – Cycling Journey in Chile

- **Saturday, March 1, 2025**

1st: Anthony Britton: A summer 2024 road trip to the Aegean,  
via the Carpathians and the Black Sea.  
2nd: Simon Johnson – Cycling a Camino Route by Accident

- **Saturday, April 5, 2025**

1st: Christopher Forse – Fifty years of Travel in South East  
Asia  
2nd: Jacqui Trotter – Homegoing: Part 4

- **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**

1st: Jo Bradshaw – Mountains of patience – climbing  
Everest and the 7 summits.  
2nd: Maria Hickey – Japan Unfolded: A Cultural Journey with  
Maria Hickey

- **Saturday, June 7, 2025**

1st: Ash Bhardwaj – Why We Travel  
2nd: Mary Fogarty – Sri Lankan voyages round my father.

- **Saturday, July 5, 2025**

1st: Stuart Bradford – Across Russia from Moscow to  
Kamchatka  
2nd: Sophy Roberts – A Training School for Elephants

# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

<b>Money In</b>	
On Door Cash	£1,839.00
On Door Card	£1,811.00
Eventbrite (Zoom)	£974.00
Extras	£12.00
Bank Interest	£0.00
Reserve Account Interest	£18.13
<b>Money In Total</b>	<b>£4,654.13</b>

<b>Money Out</b>	
Eventbrite Fees	£22.24
Zoom Fees	£124.70
Zettle fees	£31.63
Bank Fees	£21.25
Speakers	£721.83
Food	£162.46
Technical	£12.00
Sundries	£166.53
Advertising	£0.00
Venue (CoS)	£1,207.50
<b>Money Out Total</b>	<b>£2,470.14</b>

# London Meetings

## Accounts

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

<b>Reserves (savings account)</b>	
Money in (from Bank Current Account)	£4,700.00
Money out (to Bank Current Account)	£0.00
Bank Interest	£18.13
<b>Reserves Total</b>	<b>£4,718.13</b>
Current Account Balance	£329.68
Float	£20.00
<b>Money we have now</b>	<b>£5,067.81</b>

# **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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