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Chair's report to Annual General Meeting 2 December 2026

While last year was a year of transition for the committee, I am pleased to report that this year has been a period of stability. All the committee roles remain filled. Veronica advised that she would be standing down as Speakers Secretary at the AGM, and I thank her for all her hard work and for finding some very entertaining speakers. I am pleased to advise that Carolyn Morgan and Linda Hamilton have kindly agreed to take on the role.

I am pleased to note that our membership continues to grow. At the beginning of the 2025-26 membership year the membership stood at 248, and as of 26 October the number was 265. A new interest group has just been started – the IT Support Group - and its first meeting will be held in early November. Other new groups have been discussed including craft and textile groups.

Our organisation would not be so successful without the assistance of the unsung heroes who work so tirelessly and efficiently behind the scenes. In addition to your committee, there are the interest group co-ordinators, who are the core of the organisation, and who arrange the activities of the numerous groups which are as diverse as Dance and Fermentation. There are the members who help organise trips, who assist in maintaining and updating the website, and who count members and organise the refreshments at the general meetings. In no particular order, I would like to mention and thank Chris Bluck, Eileen Waddington, Vicky West, Wendy Critchlow and Sue Lawlor.

Ian Trotter
Chair
27 October 2026