

# **RAL RECREATIONAL SOCIETY**

## **TREASURERS REPORT FOR AGM 18 APRIL 2023**

The accounts for the year 2022 are now in the process of being finalised for auditing.

On the 31st December 2022 the RecSoc Treasurer's Account had a final balance of £26,257.73.

### **Income**

During the year the RecSoc has received income as follows:-

£15065 from UKRI STFC  
£9000 from Diamond Light Source  
£443.62 from Associate Membership fees  
£862.87 from sports field/football pitch hire

**Total Income = £25,171.85**

### **Expenditure**

A summary of the expenditure is shown overleaf. Some of the major expenditure from the year was:-

- 1) R58 Refurbishments after Covid shutdowns & Estates building works £15,832.68
- 2) RecSoc Insurance & Licenses £2,331.02
- 3) BBQ & Gas bottle holder £1,878.98
- 4) Website domains, server & subscriptions £514.35
- 5) Christmas raffle prizes £531.28
- 6) Lunchtime & Christmas quizzes £244.00
- 7) Table Tennis Club grant £210.55
- 8) Tennis Club grant £211.15
- 9) Yoga & Pilates taster sessions £158.50
- 10) Lounge Assistant salary including bonus £8,819.25

**Total Expenditure = £33,670.10**

During the coming year the RecSoc Committee will continue to improve the facilities and offer financial support to existing and new clubs and activities.

Thanks

*Joe Moxon*

RecSoc Treasurer

05/01/2022	Table Tennis Club	£210.55
04/02/2022	Shed roof felt, guttering & accessories, foot pump, cordless drill & bits, garden rake	£357.24
28/02/2022	Assorted cleaning/painting products & Vax carpet cleaner	£437.52
31/03/2022	CSSC insurance	£338.78
05/04/2022	Assorted cleaning products	£77.83
22/04/2022	Assorted bar, cellar & lounge items, sofas, fridge freezer & cellar units	£4,045.06
25/04/2022	RecSoc web domain renewal	£16.79
25/04/2022	Glass washer & storage cabinets	£3,865.56
04/05/2022	Assorted bar items & garden plants	£62.05
02/06/2022	Bins, folding tables, basketball hoops, bar fridge transformers & garden parasols	£1,531.62
02/06/2022	Lounge plants & pots, ice maker, coffee machine accessories, utility cupboard & notice boards	£1,134.03
02/06/2022	Assorted bar stock, cellar & lounge items	£401.52
06/06/2022	Water cooler, banners & posters, fluorescent tubes.	£919.70
13/06/2022	VOWHDC Club Premises License	£70.00
16/06/2022	Inter departmental Coarse Angling competition	£500.00
24/06/2022	Pool table battery pack	£21.15
27/06/2022	Tennis club balls, cones, weights & banner	£211.15
30/06/2022	Bouncy castle PIPA inspection & storage straps	£66.99
02/07/2022	RecSoc website server & domain name renewal	£141.59
03/07/2022	Assorted bar stock, cellar & lounge items	£487.08
03/07/2022	BBQ & gas bottle holder	£1,878.98
04/07/2022	434 Enterprises bar stock	£438.49
05/07/2022	Quality Beer Dispensers	£1,974.00
15/07/2022	Picture hanging system, sports equipment, catering items & sports hall dust mop	£771.06
10/08/2022	Assorted bar, cellar, lounge & kitchen items	£198.04
10/08/2022	434 Enterprises bar stock	£321.62
10/08/2022	434 Enterprises bar stock	£287.03
03/09/2022	Fireworks web domain renewal	£16.99
21/09/2022	Skedda Pro subscription	£355.77
22/09/2022	Yoga taster session	£48.00
30/09/2022	Assorted bar, cellar & lounge items	£110.70
17/10/2022	PPL PRS Ltd license	£1,785.25
28/10/2022	Pilates taster sessions	£110.50
22/11/2022	Christmas raffle gift vouchers	£345.00
22/11/2022	VOWHDC Club Premises License	£70.00
23/11/2022	Bar stock	£17.00
23/11/2022	Christmas raffle & quiz prizes	£362.56
23/11/2022	Assorted kitchen items, gym items & lounge Christmas trees	£433.27
25/11/2022	Lunchtime quiz subscription & Christmas quizzes	£244.00
22/12/2022	Christmas bonus	£500.00
03/01/2023	Christmas quiz & raffle prizes + assorted lounge items	£186.38
	Lounge Assistant salary for 2022	£8,319.25

**GRAND TOTAL      £33,670.10**

## **Fitness Centre Report 2023**

Paul Sedwards – Fitness Centre Manager

The all new RAL Rec Soc Fitness Centre finally opened its doors with its fresh new completely revitalised look on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, following the previous iteration that had been in operation for some 30+ years, which was known as the RAL Rec Soc Gym, closing for the final time on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

During the weeks that followed, the original room was completely transformed having been extended in the months preceding to incorporate the former control room of the old RAL Space satellite dish which was knocked through and added to the footprint of what is now known as the 'strength room'.

A second room has also been added to the Fitness Centre, that previously occupied by the Model Railway Club, who unfortunately could no longer justify occupying such a large area for such few members.

RAL Estates Group have over numerous months completely transformed both rooms with walls and ceilings being removed, new floors being laid, and decoration throughout both spaces. A huge debt of gratitude is extended to the Estates Department and their staff for the vast amount of effort put in by many to achieve the results we enjoy today.

It also has to be raised and acknowledged, that without the incredible support of the RAL Rec Soc's Rt Hon President John Collier, for his tireless efforts to secure funding for the Fitness Centre improvements, none of this would have been possible, and the transformations that this funding has enabled are not just limited to the indoor facilities, as we also are currently having installed a state of the art Outdoor Suite of ten stations which will both wonderfully compliment each other, especially going in to the warmer months.

We should also acknowledge the efforts at the discussion stages of those persons involved in approaching suppliers for information and costings, those being Ronnie Brumfitt and Tristan Youngs. Joe Moxon for his valued and informed input for additional items to support the additional exercises that can be performed in each suite. Also Ben Orton for his involvement with the previous incarnation of the gym, assisting for a period of time with dealing with new memberships and some inductions of the old facility. And last but not least, Nicky Wallace for supporting and driving the all important ordering and crucial receipting, where both Nicky and myself were in regular contact with both suppliers and UKSBS alike to ensure that everything was keeping to a strict timeline to hit and achieve the required dates to ensure the magic happened. This I have to say towards the end of the financial year was nothing short of a minor miracle worked by the pair of us. Thank you Nicky.

The Fitness Centre currently has 46 registered persons expressing interest in joining within the first two weeks (8 working days due to it having been a double bank holiday), and 18 fully inducted members. All of whom have at some point signed in to the Fitness Centre.

Over the coming period as we move beyond the opening fortnight, the Fitness Centre Management Team (FCMT) will be expanded, and it will be the responsibility of the FCMT members to ensure the smooth operation, timely inductions of new members in a professional and welcoming manner, cleanliness and service of the two rooms, and to address any reported issues which may arise to the Manager of the Fitness Centre. It is also the responsibility of all FC members to adhere to the rules, and to report any issues encountered, be that anything from faulty equipment, dirty floors or mirrors, through to inappropriate and antisocial behaviour.

Overall, the delivery of the two Fitness Centre suites has been a huge success and a credit to all involved in their delivery to date, and this can only be an enormous benefit to the physical and mental well being of RAL Rec Soc and STFC / UKRI staff who wish to join to enjoy such wonderful facilities.

We the FCMT look forward to the coming year and the opening of the Outdoor Suite, and can't wait to see what level of membership we reach, and look forward to working with you all over the coming 12 months.

Images of the old Gym:

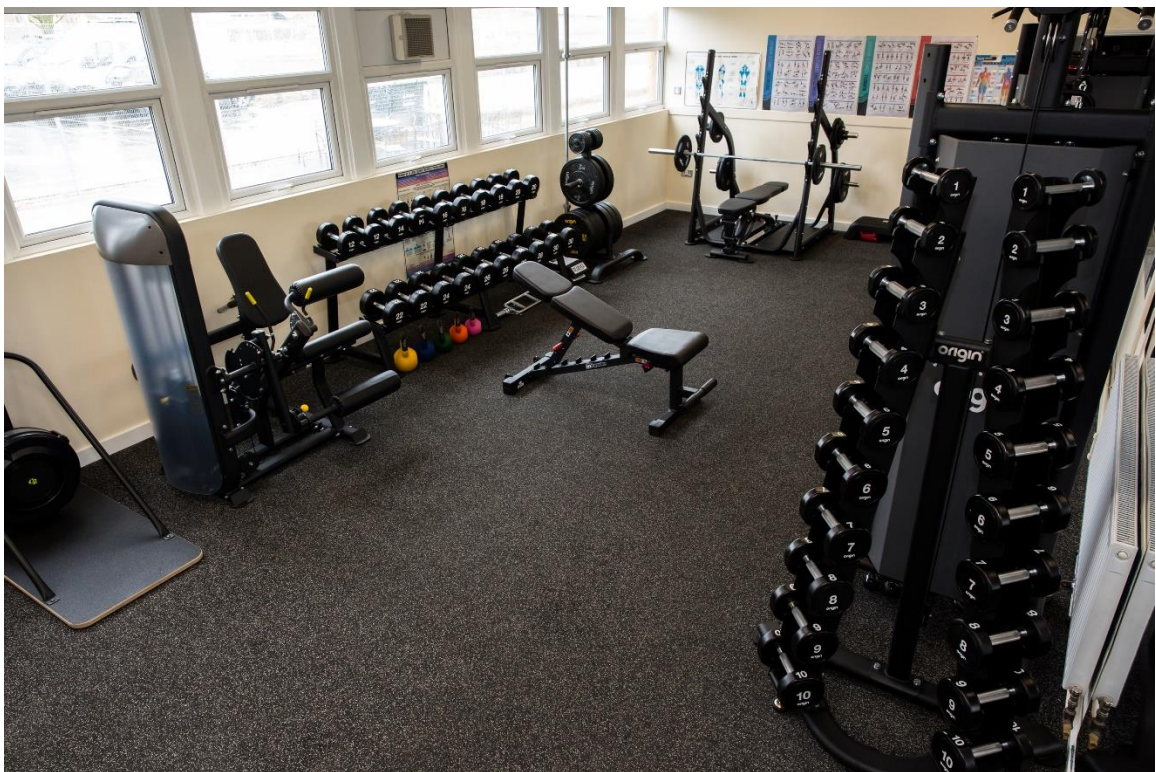




### The new Fitness Centre:



### The Cardio Suite



### The Strength Suite.



The Grand opening – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



Rt Hon President John Collier & Rt Hon Chair Paul Sedwards opening the Fitness Centre.



Rt Hon President John Collier

# R58 Lounge Manager's Report 2022 – 2023

Dr Tristan Youngs – Acting Lounge Manager

## Year Summary

Following extensive refit and refurbishment works around R58, the lounge and bar reopened in June 2022 with Ann Turner at the helm once again. Ann stayed active during the entire period of “enforced downtime” and performed a huge amount of work inside R58, enabling us (amongst other things) to reopen the bar as soon as we did. Following the reopening a commercial-grade BBQ was purchased and the cellar had new pipework installed, including new fonts for the bar. Several clubs also returned to use the Lounge on a regular basis, which is great to see, as is the slowly increasing number of bookings for private events by RecSoc members. The regular quiz hosted by Tom Dack also made a welcome return, and which is slowly gaining traction.

In July 2022 the Lounge bar was inspected by Vale of White Horse District Council Food Registration and received a five star rating. Food hygiene guidance and documentation has since been put in place for private bookings, BBQ hire etc. in accordance with the regulations.

In September a new booking system (Skedda) was successfully trialled with the intent to replace Outlook calendars which cannot be accessed by all RecSoc members, and online booking of the R58 facilities for private events was introduced in order to remove the need for paper booking forms. Both have proven very successful and will continue to be developed over the coming year.

The Christmas raffle made a return in December 2023, being held on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>. A small number of people attended the draw in person, but enough tickets were sold against the prizes on offer (which comprised a more “virtual” fare of vouchers for the main prizes alongside traditional bottles and hampers) to make a modest profit which was donated to an animal charity nominated by bar manager Ann.

At the beginning of 2023 a new pool table was ordered to replace the aging unit we currently have, with delivery expected at the end of April / early May. January 2023 also became the last month Ann worked as bar manager, following a move to elsewhere in the country. As stated in the February 2023 RecSoc Newsletter, “Ann was the friendly face behind the Lounge bar for the best part of 13 years, and the good spirit and effort she put into the running and admin of the bar, as well as the general upkeep of the Lounge itself, will be greatly missed.” I would like to reiterate here, on behalf of the RAL RecSoc Committee, a huge “Thank you” for all that Ann did during her time here. You will be missed!

Following Ann's departure, I took over management of the Lounge bar, taking all the information and knowledge that Ann had accrued over the years and reforming it into a state suitable for the RecSoc Committee to manage moving forward. This, as you can imagine, is a huge task, and is still ongoing. Perhaps the biggest fallout of Ann's departure is the restriction of opening hours of the bar, enforced by reduced demand from fewer people being on site, the limited amount of volunteer time available, and perhaps also a culture shift. Regardless, the Lounge team are working hard to maintain regular bar opening hours, and with positive anticipation of busier summer months!



## Accounts

### Summary of Income / Expenditure for 2022/2023

Month	Money In	Money Out	Balance
April 2022	£0.00	£0.00	£1,448.68
May 2022	£0.00	£0.00	£1,448.68
June 2022	£254.97	£834.51	£869.14
July 2022	£946.96	£147.20	£1,668.90
August 2022	£293.44	£259.69	£1,702.65
September 2022	£533.54	£0.00	£2,236.19
October 2022	£257.77	£171.30	£2,322.66
November 2022	£570.48	£168.20	£2,724.94
December 2022	£1,221.02	£876.15	£3,069.81
January 2023	£183.21	£664.03	£2,588.99
February 2023	£28.38	£557.10	£2,060.27
March 2023	£542.37	£95.30	£2,507.34
Total Income	+£4,832.14		
Total Expenditure		-£3,773.48	
Total Net			+£1,058.66
Final Balance			£2,507.34