



Welcome:

Thank you all for another amazing year. We are only two but it feels like Herefordshire Board Gamers is a group of friends who have known each other a lot longer. We are becoming a real community, forging stronger links with the other gaming clubs and conventions in the local and wider area. We are also becoming recognised in the county. When looking for venues to hire, a few people we contacted had heard of us through our charity fund raising.

Treasurers report:

Club funds stand at £19.

Income

- Optional £1 per person on Thursdays when I remember to ask. We normally make £1 or 2 profit to cover annual advertising costs.

Expenditure

- £10 a night room hire for The Imperial for our Thursday sessions
- Website and URL costs
- Meetup Trial.

Charity fundraising

The last three years we raised just over £500. This year we raised a total of £1,741.44 with £1,267.08 on the charity day, the rest coming from an even split from the 24 hour game-athon and the Saturday game days.

The vast majority of game groups don't do any charity fund raising and we've raised well over what other clubs raise. (I'd say there about a dozen clubs actively fund raising and they raise around £500) I am saying this to make sure you realise what we do is really unusual and we should all be very proud. It is a huge amount of money and is far more than Mind receives from a lot of their corporate sponsors.

Herefordshire Mind has been voted as charity of the year again for July 2018 to July 2019, with over 2/3s of the vote. They provided a lot of advertising support and are a great fit for the inclusive group we are, again that is thanks to you all. They also provided a mental health awareness training session for us as a thank you.

Some fun facts

1. 213 Facebook members, up from 100 this time last year.
2. Over the last two years we played over 160 different board games with an event footfall of over 700 people
3. Our highest turnout is 73 for our last charity day up from 48 last time, 26 on a Thursday and 17 on a Sunday. Our lowest attendance and only Thursday single digit attendance was during the heavy snow in March where 6 brave souls turned up.
4. We exhibited our giant Tsuro at two conventions, Great Indoors in Bromsgrove and Airecon in Yorkshire.
5. We've made another giant game, Giant Terror in Hereford city took 100 hours to make
6. We had £1000 in prizes and £1000 in services donated for our charity day.

The committee is:

Chair : Ad Best

Vice chair: Elaine Best

Secretary: Andrew Fraser (Stepping down- Nathan O'Grady taking over)

Treasurer: Michael Mikado McCulloch

Public relations: Emma Bardo

Diversity/ Child Protection: Emily Beavan

Youth Ambassador: Abi Beavan.

Co-opted members

Master artist: Brendan Stephens

Master baker: Jo Willett

Master costumer: Vix Gauld

Master crafter: James Williams

Master painter: Andrew Fraser

Master smith: Rob Beavan

There is only one problem with the committee. There is a lack of James.

News:

We have a club charter, which go into effect immediately in a draft form, give it a read but it just reinforces what we already do.

We have new branding which will go online this week, this is the same style as the excellent charity posters made by Brendan. Facebook is done and we'll update the other platforms shortly.

Next up:

Let's try some RPGs. We've had war, miniatures and collectable card games represented at least once. I want to make sure we explore the whole world of table top games and not just board games.

Events for 2018 /2019

Saturday 25th August- 24 hour game- a- thon

Saturday 13th October

Saturday 13th November

New Year's Eve

Saturday something of March

Mega charity 18th May (within Mental Health Awareness week)

Two or three all day Sundays.

We will also be taking the great hobby of games into some more community and charity venues.

Matters arising

- Does any one want any merchandise? Hoodies, Tshirts and such If so we can do a group order and get a discount or you can order embroidered stuff direct from Saddle goose.
- Schedule: if you want to see a different schedule of meetings please let us know.
- Please also keep an eye open for venues where we can hold our various meetings and ad hoc game sessions.

Closing

Thank you all for making the club great. Keep being awesome and please do bring some of your games to teach to help share the teaching load. Do join Meetup as well as Discord to stay in touch if Facebook isn't your thing and arrange game sessions with each other.

I will also be leaning on you all again early next year to make sure our Charity day is awesome but I won't be aiming to triple our fundraising this year.

Please let us know what we can do better, what works and what ideas you have for advertising the group, there is a suggestion box on the bar.

Thank you all again for an amazing year.