

Firstly, I must apologise for not being here today at this year's AGM. I am sure Sylvia has explained that I am in hospital. After six tests they have decided I do not have Covid but unrelated pneumonia. Due to my underlying lung condition, it was deemed serious so here I am.

This season both competitions have taken place in a face-to-face capacity.

The Regnum Shield Print competition was hosted by Chichester CC to a good turnout. The judge was David Smith who provided an entertaining commentary. Chichester won the competition but has since decided to leave the Regnum Crouch Group.

The last competition, The Crouch PDI competition, was hosted by my club, Southwick. I wasn't directly involved in the organisation so would like to congratulate those who were on a successfully run competition.

I thought the judge, Cherry Larcombe, made good critique and should certainly be kept in mind for the future. Well Done to Littlehampton; a consecutive win no less.

Southwick were pleased to make a profit despite the expense of hiring The Barn Theatre, which was a decision made before the loss of two clubs.

The committee continue to invite other clubs to join the group but have been unsuccessful despite the demise of the Sussex Fed.

I have now been your Chair for the last two years and, as agreed, I will sit for one more season. At the next AGM both Sylvia and myself will be standing down, while we know some of the committee have been stalwarts of the group for far longer than us we do feel we've 'done our bit.' Circumstances in our life and family over the last six months have made us realise we want to fit in far more travel etc. and not have to manage our life around RC meetings and competitions as well as our own club commitments.

I suspect, for the group to continue to succeed it will be necessary to fill both posts.

Thanks to you and your club members for you continued support of the Regnum Crouch Group

That's all from me.