

COMBE RALEIGH NEWSLETTER

Income & Expenditure Accounts 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance in hand b/forward	354.52	Printing to Issue 194 - 196	221.65
Grant Income	600.00	Postage and Stationery	18.98
		Balance c/f	713.89
	<u>954.52</u>		<u>954.52</u>

Bank Reconciliation: -

Nat West Bank (5/8/24 Statement)	679.21
Balance held with VH Cttee.	<u>34.68</u>
Total balance in hand	<u>713.89</u>

Outstanding cheques unpresented

1. Printing 197-202	418.88
2. Postage & stationery	<u>59.94</u>
	<u>478.82</u>

These figures have been crosschecked by John Brabrook.

Raleigh Rag Committee

Financing the Rag 2025/2026.

Despite the discussions at previous meetings about limitations on the Parish Meeting's ability to make payments as a result of EDDC's reluctance to make any decision about authorising such expenditures, I am writing on behalf of the Rag Committee to request a payment to finance the production of the Rag for the forthcoming year.

The costs of printing and distributing the Rag for the six issues up to and including Mar/April 2025 was £78.47 per issue. It should be noted that the printing costs include occasional print runs for the Parish Meeting, and the occasional flyer advertising village events.

With this in mind, and taking into consideration the increases in costs we can expect in the coming year, I think a payment of say £600 would be appropriate. For information, the balance at the bank at the moment (post presentation of the two cheques mentioned above) is £200.39, so assuming an average production cost of at least £90 per issue, about enough to cover the costs of the June/July and August/September issues.

Whilst acknowledging that some people, perhaps the majority, read the Rag online, I don't think we should lose sight of the fact that discontinuing the printed edition will disadvantage those to whom the online edition is not available, sometimes for reasons of health – we provide large print editions if required - as well as those who still prefer to read a booklet, and keep it to hand for easy reference.

Val M.