

Bristol Branch of Historical Association - AGM (BGM) This covers 2022-24

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2022-24 - Activities

2022-23

- 14 Events - 9 Live lectures
- 2 Very popular A level topics
- 5 events or lectures linked to local History
- Top attendance 136 audience
- Annual Pub Quiz
- Wine Tasting
- Matthew Historic Cruise

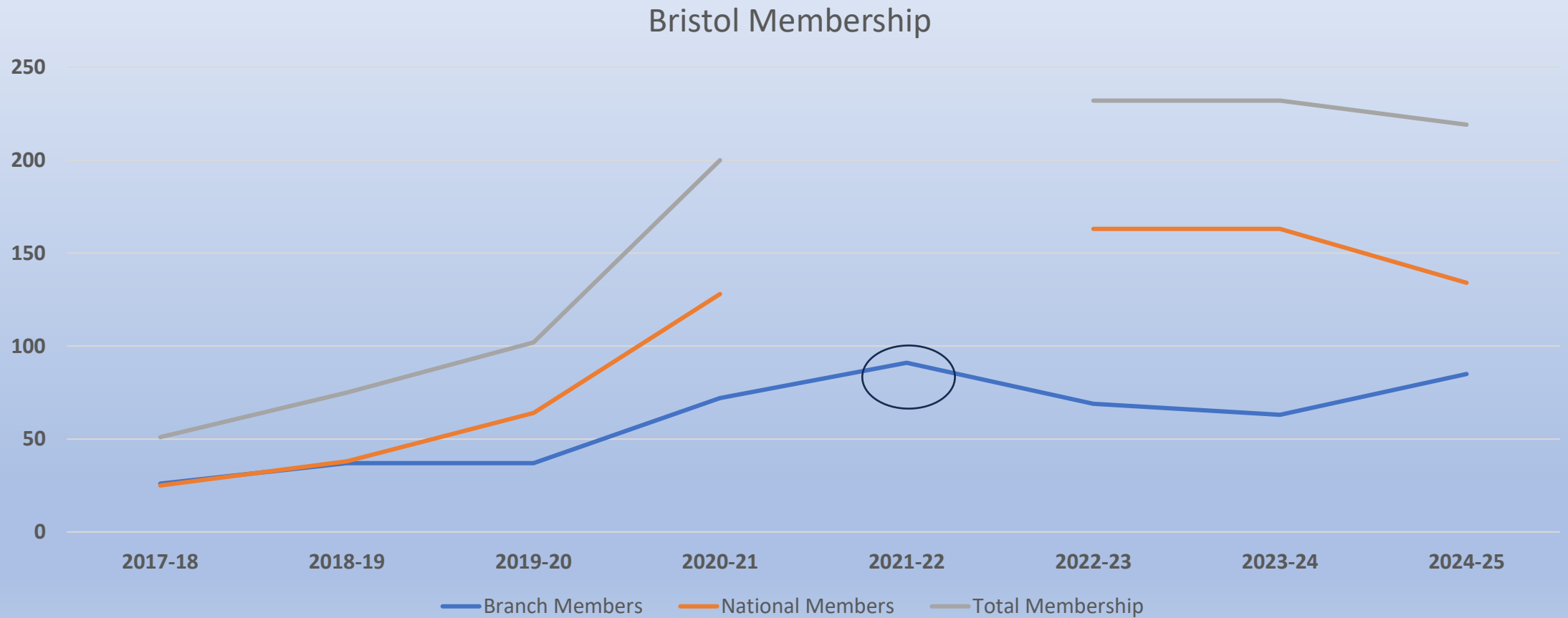
2023-4

- 13 live events - 11 lectures
- A level Student conference
- Visits to local primary schools
- Links to local lunch clubs
- Wide range of topics
- High audiences for Tudor(169) & Palestine (130) lectures & Russia Conference and average audiences good – 45+
- Annual Pub Quiz – More teams
- Teacher event at Russia conference

Links to local schools

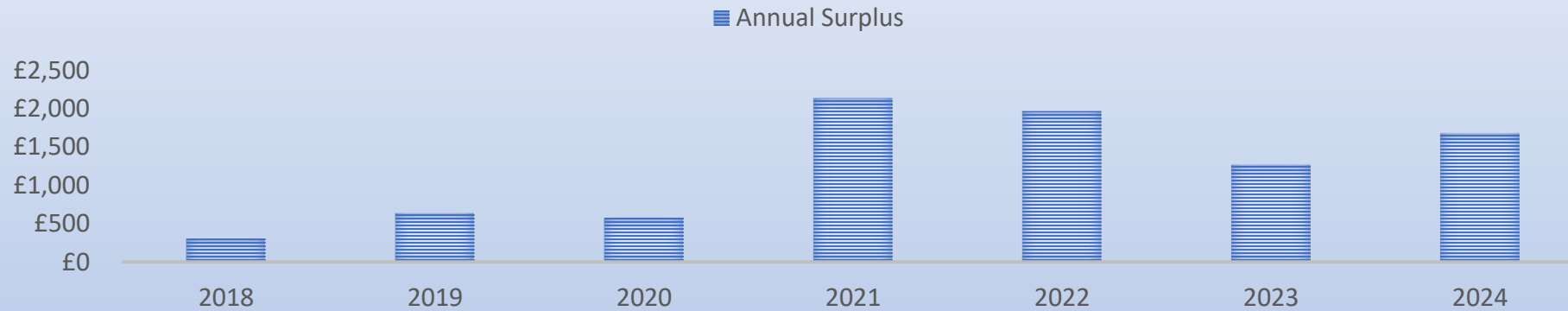
- 2022-23
 - Strong school links including primary teachers event - links have lasted
 - 10 schools in Great Debate
 - Strong numbers – 91 & 65 at relevant A level topic based lectures & regular group of students coming to wider group of lectures & joining quiz
- 2023-4
 - Primary school visits Oral History 2 yrs running & Harbour walk with Stoke Bishop School
 - Very successful Russia Conference in March 2024 200+ from 13 centres 476 students in the audience this year
 - Teachers' seminar on Russia Regular smaller group of students →wider range of topics
 - But Great Debate less centres participating

Membership Growth since we restarted in 2017 – on trend for National membership and local membership growing



Finances

ANNUAL SURPLUS



Peaked during
lockdown

Helped by the
support of the
university & other
local speakers

Has enabled us to
support events for
schools and
innovate

In a healthy
position

Successes

- Live meetings – recovered from Lockdown - popular, relevant and diverse topics
- Close links with schools compared with many branches
- Local Membership increasing despite national trends
- Healthy finances
- Strong relationship with Bristol University
- Improved website & publicity – lots of guests & university students coming along

Challenges & Innovation


Stay relevant & diverse – ideas for speakers please



New events – conferences for students on new African Kingdoms course and Britain 1951-97 topics



Instead of Great Debate going to set up History Quiz for school aged students – see if it more fun, more inclusive & involves more students



But most important keeping going – exciting to set something up but keeping it going is the tough part!

Tonight's lecture – Professor James Thompson

'The first Labour Government 1924'



Professor James Thompson of Bristol University's research focuses on the political and intellectual history of Britain since 1850. He has written about class, Victorian scandals and trade unions. His book *British political culture and idea of 'public opinion', 1867-1914* examines how Britons understood 'public opinion' before opinion polls. He is currently examining the visual culture of British politics from the 1860s to the 1930s through posters, banners, films and photographs. Tonight his timely lecture looks at the minority Labour government who took power a go a hundred years ago.