



Wimbledon Village Club

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Chairman's Greeting

Dear Members

I trust that one and all had a good Christmas and New Year despite what the weather has thrown at us over the past couple of months.

Sadly, as no doubt most of you are now aware, I have to report the death of Mike Chanter who passed away on Sunday 21st November 2010. Mike was our 'Raffle Master' for many years and a member of the Club since 1983 (see page 2).

I am pleased to report that the Club has had another good year financially despite the uncertain times we are all faced with. Membership is up to around 850 and still growing!

Social and Games continue to provide excellent value for money events most of which are sponsored by the Club raffles. My thanks go to Kenny Keen for his tireless efforts and sales skills.

I look forward to a brighter and more positive 2011 and on behalf of the Club Committee, the Trustees, Graham Martin and his Staff, thank you the Membership for your continued patronage and unflinching support.

Finally, please remember subscriptions for annual membership (£15 per person) are now due.

Your Chairman

Pete (Kosh) Kosciolk

Membership Renewal

Subscriptions for 2011 are due

Renewals after 31st January will incur a £15 rejoining fee

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Tribute – Michael Chanter

Michael (Mike as he liked to be called) Chanter was born on 10th May 1938 and was one of nine children. Mike grew up in Fulham and during the war and the rationing years, when things were tight and communities survived by supporting each other in whatever way they could, obtained coal and other necessities from the barges along the river.

During his teenage years he became a loyal supporter of Fulham Football Club and the Crabtree Pub. It was at this time he was requested to join the British Army (much to his joy) and, from the tales he had to tell, really enjoyed the experience. After leaving the army Mike joined the hotel industry where he worked for many years until he fancied a change of career and became self employed, finally retiring at the age of 70.

Mike joined The Village Club on 17th September 1983 where he served on the Club and Social and Games Committees for many years, organising the day trips, running the Club raffles and supporting many of the Clubs social activities. It was at this time Mike joined The Royal British Legion where he went onto become the Branch Chairman and a great supporter of the Poppy Appeal.

It was with sadness we heard that Mike had suddenly passed away on 21st November 2010. As a Club Member and friend he will be greatly missed.

AGM in May

The AGM this year will held on **Wednesday 18th May**. This is the time when the Club Committee is elected for the next two years. If you are enthusiastic about the Club and can spare a few hours of your time each month please consider putting your name forward when nominations are invited in April.

Membership

We would like to ensure your details are up to date on the new database. A good time to do this would be when you renew your subscription which is now due. Please let us know any changes, particularly if you have an email address, so that we can send you the Newsletters by email. If you would prefer to still receive these by post please let us know.

New Wine List

We have a new wine list for 2011. Please have a look next time you are in the Club also the Guest wine is always a good deal.

Social Events



Thursday 7th October saw **Jazz in the Afternoon** at the Club with the **DeJaVu jazz trio**. We are intending to run this event again this year and are looking for other artists. If you know of anyone you think might be suitable please let the S&G Committee know.



Trevor Dodson as 'Elvis' entertained us this year at our **Annual Dance** in the hall on Saturday 23rd October. Keep an eye out for details of who will be entertaining us at this year's event on the 22nd October.

Other events this period included a **Champagne Tasting Night** with Giles Fallowfield, an excellent **Club Dinner** at Lydon's in the Village and an **Evening of Festive Songs and Carols** performed by Wimbledon Light Opera Society.

The Christmas period saw Graham Martin shaking his **Christmas Cocktails** on Christmas Eve and we saw the New Year in with vocal entertainer Tim Ames on **New Year's Eve**.

The list of events for 2011 is overleaf. There are a few places left for the **Weymouth weekend** in April so if you are interested in coming please complete a booking form available from the Bar.

2011 Social Events

Sat 29th January - Music in the Bar with 'Robin BiBi'

Sat 5th March - Food Night in the Bar

Fri 1st to Mon 4th April - Weekend Away to Weymouth

**Sat 23rd April - St George's Celebration in the Hall
with 'Geoff Cole's Hot 5'**

Sat 4th June - Seafood Night

Sun 26th June - Day Trip to Brighton

Sat 16th July - Food Night in the Bar

Sat 17th September - Wine Tasting

Thurs 8th October - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Sat 22nd October - Annual Dance

Sun 20th November - Club Dinner

Thurs 8th December - Christmas Concert

Sat 31st December - New Year's Eve Celebrations

Plus

**Quiz Night
(Third Thursday of the Month)**

Keep an eye on the notice boards for further details

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