

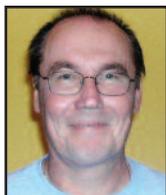


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Chairman's Greeting

Dear Members

I hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to a busy autumn at the Club.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome our new Committee after the May AGM and in particular two new faces, namely Tim Holt and Anne Taulbut. I'd also like to thank the whole Committee for volunteering their valuable time.

On a sad note I have to report the passing of John Terrell, the Club Secretary for the past 18 years, who passed away on the evening before the Club AGM (see page 2)

It was good to see people enjoying the World Cup football (not England's performance) at the Club with hot snacks provided by the Social and Games Committee. The social calendar has been very busy with the Italian Night, day trip to Hastings and most recently the Champagne Tasting with Giles Fallowfield.

Our membership has continued to grow in the last quarter. This is very positive news for the Club in these difficult times. The Committee work hard to ensure a successful Club but the most important factor is the Members frequenting the Club.

I look forward to seeing you at the autumn events!

Your Chairman.

Pete (Kosh) Kosciolk

Club Dinner

**3 course dinner at Lydons, Wimbledon Village,
21st November 2010**

Tickets are limited so keep an eye on the noticeboard for further details



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Friday and Saturday 11am - 11pm and Sunday 12 - 10.30pm
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Tribute - John Terrell

We are sorry to report the passing of John Terrell on Tuesday 18th May 2010. John had been secretary to the club for 18 years. His wise council and dedication will be missed by his many friends, colleagues and club members.

Despite a challenging childhood with many years spent having to wear a heavy brace to overcome curvature of the spine, John, with support and encouragement from his nurses, studied for and passed the "11 plus" exams and joined Rutlish School in 1942. Much of his earlier primary school classes during the first years of the war, has been conducted in air raid shelters, or whilst these were under construction, in various pupils' homes.

John's scholastic successes continued, and he looked destined to go on to university, when he contracted tuberculosis and spent many years in a sanatorium needing to have one lung removed.

He was 23 when he was able to start work in the drawing office at Decca Radar and his studies continued at evening classes gaining a HNC in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering. Decca later became Racal and John finally retired as Chief Draughtsman.

At the time the Wimbledon Village Club was looking for a secretary, and John applied and gained this position, holding it very successfully for 18 years. The first appointment John made was to employ Graham Martin as part-time bar staff. John was always good company, with an unflinching sense of humour and a love for Fox's biscuits.

He will be sorely missed.



New Club Secretary



We would like to welcome Subhash Patel 'Bash' as the new Club Secretary.

He is a welcomed asset to the club and has been a member for many years and hopes to meet you all over the next few months.

New membership Database

We have recently finished work on installing a new membership database and completed the migration of data across from the old system to the new. The system is now fully operational following final testing. This new system will help us to keep track of our 800 plus members more efficiently, particularly at renewal time and gives us the facility to send just one letter to a family of members or to use email if so required. This is only possible of course if our records are up to date and we know your preferences. If you would prefer the newsletter by email, please email secretary@thewvc.org.uk with 'newsletter' in the subject line. Only one newsletter will be sent by Royal Mail unless you request otherwise.



Games Night 8pm on Mondays



Our games nights are getting better and better...

1st and 3rd Monday of the month – **Darts Night**

2nd and 4th Monday of the month –

Card Night – Poker, Nomination, Hearts etc...

Please don't forget 3rd Thursday of the month Quiz Night



Social Events October 2010 to January 2011



Thursday October 7th

Jazz Afternoon with DeJaVu

in memory of Clive Peerles 2 – 5pm



Saturday 23rd October

Annual Dance

with Elvis Tribute Act, Trevor Dodson, and a disco,
including a chicken and chips supper 8pm onwards



Sunday 21st November

Club Dinner

at Lydons in Wimbledon Village



Thursday 9th December

Evening of Song

with Wimbledon Light Opera Society



Saturday 31st December

New Year's Eve Celebrations

in the Bar with Tim Ames Vocal Entertainer

Saturday 29th January 2011

Robin Bibi returns for **Music in the Bar** (Keep an eye on the notice board for further details)

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