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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

As another club year draws to a close and our AGM approaches I am happy to report that, despite the on-going economic and financial gloom, the club continues to thrive.

My thanks go to Graham Martin, our Manager, for his unstinting endeavours in obtaining good deals on beer and wine prices as well as competitive prices on utility and everyday supplies and works.

Once again Graham Barnes and his Social & Games Committee have provided a broad and varied range of social events throughout the year. Graham has also recently revamped our website. I recommend you pay a visit to www.thewvc.org.uk to see for yourself. Many thanks to Graham for this much appreciated work.

Our "backroom" staff, Subhash (Bash) Patel and John Huckle, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, have also afforded a seamless day to day operation in maintaining the Club's efficient running. Keep up the good work!

I look forward to seeing some of you at our AGM on Wednesday 18th May 2011. We will need additional recruits to the club committee so if you believe you can add value to its running, please put your name forward.

Finally I would like to thank you, our members, for your continued patronage in these difficult times. I am sure, like me, you will agree that the club provides a convivial and welcoming place to meet friends, have a drink and enjoy whatever social and sporting occasions that are on offer.

Long may it continue!

Pete (Kosh) Kosciolk
Chairman

Open

Monday - Thursday 11am - 3pm and 5.30pm - 11pm
Friday and Saturday 11am - 11pm and Sunday 12 noon - 10.30pm

Club Matters

Annual General Meeting

The Club AGM will take place on **Wednesday 18th May** in the Lecture Hall.

This is the time that new Committee Members are elected so if you can spare a few hours each month to help with the running of the Club then please put your name forward on the list of nominees posted on the notice board.

Some Members will be expected to join the Social and Games Committee to help with the organization of the various Club functions, while others will be required to help with the sale of weekly raffle tickets. Help is also required for the preparation and production of the Club Newsletter which is issued three times a year. If you believe you can take on any of these roles then please come and join us.

Members and their Guests

Rule 12 of the Club Rules state that the names of all visitors must be entered in the Visitors Book held behind the bar. This is also a requirement of the Licensing Act 2003.

Spouses, Partners etc, unless they are members in their own right, are classed as visitors and as such need to be signed in to comply with the above.

Repairs and Renewals

The Club will be undergoing its five year external redecoration this summer. This includes all the woodwork painted in almond white as well as minor external repairs, as always the cost of this work is funded by the Trust.

As you have undoubtedly noticed, due to popular demand, the curtains in the Reading Room have been reinstated.

Our snooker tables are kept in pristine condition by Terry Marshall. Each week both tables are brushed and ironed and the balls are washed. Later this year both tables are due to be recovered with new baize.

Social Events



Saturday 5th March saw a '**Beer & Bangers**' event in the Bar where a selection of four award winning ales were sampled. This was followed by a supper of hot sausages and onions.

The favourite on the night was St Austell Brewery's Admiral's Ale a premium bottle conditioned ale that was voted "Supreme Champion" in the 2008 International Beer Challenge

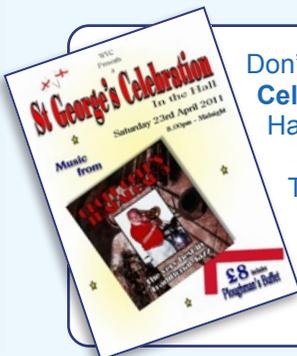
The income from the **Weekly Raffle** helps to provide value for money events throughout the year. Without these funds we would not be able to provide food for the major sporting events like the recent Six Nations Rugby for example. It also enables us to put on events like the **Jazz Afternoon** and **Music in the Bar** for which there is usually no charge. Please continue to support the weekly raffle and who knows you might just win a prize.



Congratulations go to Barry Upton for winning the singles **snooker handicap competition**. The doubles competition was won by Iain McCann and Jim Tait.

Monday night **Darts and Cards evenings** are becoming popular. If you fancy joining in please come along.

Quiz night on the third Thursday of the month is always a fun evening. Why not make up a team (max four people). Congratulations to the DT's for winning in March.



Don't miss the next event a **St George's Celebration** on **Saturday 23rd April** in the Hall.

There will be music from Geoff Cole's Trafalgar Five a Traditional Jazz Band.

Tickets are now on sale at £8 which includes a Ploughman's Buffet.

Social Calendar



Coming Events

Sat 23rd April - St George's Celebration in the Hall
with 'Geoff Cole's Trafalgar 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 6th 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

Quiz Night

(Third Thursday of the Month)

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