



# Wimbledon Village Club Newsletter

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## Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

Despite the poor weather I hope you had a good summer and are looking forward to our autumn social events (see back page for details).

I can report that the Club is currently undergoing a number of improvements and renovations.

The new Art Gallery is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date of the 5th September. This facility will help to enhance our charitable status.

Renovations to the Reading Room furniture are also scheduled as detailed on page 2.

I would like to welcome our new member of staff, James Boreham, who joined us in August. I trust you will all help to make him feel at home. I look forward to James becoming an active member of our Bar Team. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Hester all the very best during her maternity leave.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all our Members for their continued support in these difficult times. Without this loyalty the Club would not be the thriving and vibrant place we all enjoy frequenting.

**Pete (Kosh) Kosciolek**  
Chairman

Open

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

## Annual General Meeting

It was a pleasure to welcome in excess of 70 members to our 2011 AGM on Wednesday 18th May.

It was at this time that the joining fee and annual subscription were both announced as being increased from £15 to £20 with effect from 1st January 2012. Life Membership will rise from £175 to £225 from the same date.

A light buffet and wine were subsequently enjoyed by all those in attendance.

The new Committee is now made up as follows:

Peter (Kosh) Kosciolk (Chairman)  
Graham Barnes (Vice Chairman)  
Paul Anthony  
Jamie Loader  
Mike Robbins  
Anne Taulbut  
Sally Zavos  
Angela Callaghan (Co-opted)  
Morgan Tucker (Co-opted)

We all look forward to serving the Club over the forthcoming year.

## Club Etiquette

Members are kindly reminded that when they bring children into the Club they must be kept under control at all times and not be on the Club premises after 7.30pm.

It should also be noted that **all guests** must be signed-in by their accompanying Member who should also remain in attendance for the duration of the guests' stay in the Club. Members who bring their husbands/wives/partners/friends etc. to the Club on a regular basis are encouraged to obtain individual membership for said person.

## Refurbishments

By the time you read this, work should have started on the refurbishment of the Reading Room furniture. This work includes re-springing and new upholstery to the seating together with new tables and a re-finished bar top. We hope this will give a more modern and comfortable surrounding.

Re-covering of the snooker tables will also be completed during September.

# Social Events



The **St George's Celebration** held in the Hall on **Saturday 23rd April** proved to be a very enjoyable evening with music from Geoff Cole's Trafalgar Five, a traditional jazz band. The event which included a Ploughman's buffet was very well attended with over 70 people filling the Hall.

Tickets sold out fast for the ever popular **Seafood Night** on **Saturday 4th June**. This made for a very busy and enjoyable evening in both bars.

Brighton was the destination this year for the **Annual Coach Trip** on **Sunday 26th June** with a full coach leaving the Club around 9.30. This was a change, by popular request, from the regular resort of Hastings. Unfortunately the coach was late picking up for the return journey and traffic jams on the way home made for a long day. In spite of that everyone had a good time on what was one of the hottest days of the year.

## Events for September / October

Don't miss the **Wine tasting** event on **Saturday 17th September** where you will compare wines from the 'New World' against the 'Old World' Tickets are only £6 and are going fast.

**Thursday 6th October** sees **Jazz in the Afternoon** held in the Reading Room from 2pm until 5pm. Free Admission.

The **Annual Dance** in the Hall on **Saturday 22nd October** will be a 60's night with live music from 'The Replays Band' and a Fish and Chip Supper. Tickets are now on sale at £10.

## Guest Ales

The introduction of Guest Ales is proving extremely popular with Members. We will continue to provide a range of ales from time to time. If you would like to see a particular ale please let Graham Martin know and we will try and accommodate your requests



# Social Calendar



## Coming Events

Sat 17th September - Wine Tasting

Thurs 6th October - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Sat 22nd October - Annual Dance

Sun 6th November - Music in the Bar

Sun 20th November - Club Dinner

Thurs 8th December - Christmas Concert in the Hall

Sat 31st December - New Year's Eve Celebrations in the Bar

**Keep an eye on the notice board or  
check the website for further details**

## **Quiz Night**

(Third Thursday of the Month)

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