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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

With the Club's festive season of activities well underway and a New Year on the horizon, I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with some changes that the Committee have implemented on your behalf.

As you are aware we no longer send newsletters out to all members by post. Printed copies will now be available in both bars. The email version will continue to be sent to all those members for whom we have email addresses. If you haven't already given us your email address, please do so which will allow us to send you updates on all our social events.

Graham Barnes continues to lead the team who have organised all our successful social events and activities. Graham is also the driving force behind this newsletter and its production. As well as this, he also maintains our website and produces all our publicity. So to say that he is a key member of the Club's Committee would be an understatement.

This year also sees the introduction of being able to pay your Club subscription fee by standing order. Standing order forms are available from behind the bar or from the Club's secretary. I hope you agree with us that this facility will make paying your subscription fee a lot easier. It also means that you will never have to pay a rejoining fee again if you miss that deadline when fees are due.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Subscriptions (£20) are now due for 2014
Renewals after 31st January will incur a rejoining fee of £20

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

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Some of you maybe aware that Norman Plastow has decided to stand down as the Chairman of the Wimbledon Village Hall Trust after over 25 years. His dedicated and relentless passion for the restoration of the building has made it the iconic place it is today. The General Purposes Committee have decided to rename the gallery 'The Norman Plastow Gallery' in honour of his years of service to the Trust. I'd like to take this opportunity in wishing Iain Simpson every success as the new Chairman of the Trust.

Our illustrious manager Graham and his dedicated group of bar staff have a new full time member Richard Sollis. I hope you agree with me that he makes a great addition to the team.

Finally I'd like to wish each and everyone of you a very Happy New Year. May 2014 be full of wealth, health and happiness for you all.

Mike Robbins
Chairman

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year for which we collected £400.

It was nice to see so many Members return to the Club after the service at the War Memorial in the Village, where Tony Morgan laid a wreath on our behalf. We also received a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Merton, Councillor Krystal Miller, thanking us for "the contribution made to the organisation of this year's Service of Remembrance at the Wimbledon War Memorial".



Mike Robbins with the Mayor of Merton Councillor Krystal Miller

Polo Shirts

Club polo shirts are now available for £13. Please ask a member of staff or Committee if you wish to purchase one.



Social Events

Saturday 14th September saw another food event held in the bar. This time around the theme was **Spanish Tapas** served up with a glass of Sangria.



A group of 24 boarded a coach from the WVC on the last weekend in September for a three night break staying at the Ocean Hotel in Sandown on the Isle of Wight. An enjoyable weekend which included a visit to the annual Sweetcorn Festival on the Saturday and an Island tour on Sunday.

It was '**Jazz in the Afternoon**' again on Thursday 3rd October. The Jazz Knights trio entertained us with the music of Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Hoagy Carmichael and others.



The **Annual Dance** took place this year on Saturday 19th October. Discovered, a four piece band with female vocalist, although, rather too loud at times, provided the music. Matheous Fish Bar in Raynes Park supplied us with an excellent fish and chip supper.

The annual **Club Dinner** on Sunday 24th November was held again this year at the Light House restaurant in the Ridgway. It was nice to see our manager Graham Martin joining us for this very enjoyable evening



An '**Evening of Christmas Music**', performed by a group from Wimbledon Light Opera Society on Thursday 12th December set the mood for the festive season. A raffle and collection held during the evening raised £970 for St Raphael's Hospice.

Darts A friendly darts evening takes place on the first and third Monday of the month. 8.00pm in the Reading Room. Come along and join in.

Quiz (*WVC Eggheads*) A popular evening held on the third Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in teams of four, entry fee £1.50, with a round of drinks and money for the winners.

Last month's winners - **The Barflies**.

Snooker Two tables are available during opening hours with annual competitions. The winners for 2013 are:- Singles - **Pat Daubney**
Doubles - **Ian Doig & Glen Harris**

Why not put your name down for next year's competition. £2 entry fee applies.

Social Calendar



2014 Social Events

Sunday 26th January - Music Night in the Bar

Saturday 15th February - Wine Tasting in the Hall

Thursday 6th March - Music in the Afternoon

Saturday 26th April - Comedy Night in the Hall

Saturday 31st May - Food / Drink Night

Saturday 21st June - Brighton by Coach

Saturday 19th July - Seafood Night

Sunday 10th August - Music Night in the Bar

Saturday 13th September - Food / Drink Night

Fri 26th Sept - Mon 29th Sept - Weekend Away (*provisional date*)

Thursday 2nd October - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Saturday 18th October - Club Party Night in the Hall

Sunday 23rd November - Club Dinner

December (*date to be confirmed*) - Songs for Christmas

Wednesday 31st December - New Year's Eve Celebrations

Keep an eye on the notice boards or website for details

Quiz Night - Third Thursday of the Month
Darts Night - 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month

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