



# Wimbledon Village Club Newsletter

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## Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

With the AGM on the horizon it's time for us all to look back and assess on what we feel have been the Club's successes over the past year. We also have to look at the things we think that could be improved upon for the future and make the Club an even more successful place than it already is.

When I reflect on the past year, the words that keep coming to my mind and that I hear so many other members say are **'A great place'**

For me the Club continues to be **'A great place'** where Members and their guests can meet and enjoy the relaxing and vibrant atmosphere provided by Graham and his fantastic team. **'A great place'** for us all to delight in the myriad of excellent social activities and entertainment that our Social & Games Committee provides. The Club has changed considerably since its original foundation in 1858 and, although those who founded it might not recognize it today, it still provides an important social focus for all its Members **'A great place'**

With that in mind, I want to ask as many of you as possible to attend this year's AGM on Wednesday 15th May. By attending you can have your say on how successful you feel your Club has been over the past year and, of course, you can also say how you feel things could be improved for the future.

I have said before how important it is for the Club to have a committed and active group of individuals on the Committee.

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Friday and Saturday 11am - 11pm and Sunday 12 noon - 10.30pm

# Club Matters

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We also need as many other Members as we can get to take a more active role within the Club. So please if you feel you could support the Club in anyway come and join us.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to all those who have regularly helped and supported the Club throughout the past year. In particular I would like personally to thank Nigel Redding for all the work that he has done for both the Club and the Trust.

**Mike Robbins**  
Chairman

## New Treasurer

Some of you may already know that John Huckle told us some months ago he had decided to hang up his calculator so that he could spend more time on family vacations. It's taken us a while to find a replacement but we are pleased to say we now have Norman Smith as our new treasurer. Norman comes to us highly recommended from his previous employer, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.



Norman Smith

## Hester Heard

You may well have heard that after 11 years of loyal service behind the bar, Hester, due to family circumstances feels she can "no longer give the Club the commitment it deserves" and has decided to leave. She will be hard to replace and sadly missed as part of Graham's illustrious team. We wish her well for the future and hope to see her regularly enjoying the Club from the other side of the bar.



## News in Brief

- Following the recent Budget the Club has reduced the price of a pint of beer by 2p and absorbed the increase in wine, spirit and cider duty
- Club polo shirts are now available again at £13

# Social Events

The first event in 2013 **'Meet the Brewer'** took place in the Hall on Saturday 26th January with around 60 people attending. Alex & Chris are two young brewers who formed the **By The Horns Brewing Co.** They gave a very interesting presentation of their beers and revealed the facts about the art of brewing.



A big thank-you to William from Spirited Wines on the Ridgway for presenting our wine tasting event held in the Hall on Saturday 16th February. Over 40 people were given an informative talk with tastings of five different **'Reds from around the World'**.

It was **'Music in the Afternoon'** on Thursday 7th March when we were treated to some very enjoyable music from female vocalist Aurora Colson accompanied by Al Clogson on piano.



On Saturday 20th April there was **'Jazz for St George'** in the Hall with Geoff Cole's Hot 5 providing some excellent traditional jazz. Chicken and mushroom pie with peas and mash was the order of the day for supper.

## Coming Events

- Don't miss the Cheese and Wine Tasting event in the Hall on Saturday 1st June.
- Goodwood Ladies' Day Thursday 1st August £30. Payment required by Monday 20th May.

## Thinking About Beer

On the cusp between spring and summer, Beltane is a fire festival that celebrates the fertility of the coming year and the May Day festivals mark the start of the beginning of Summer. This is no time for the dark, chewy beers that many of us beer lovers prize. Summer is the time for lighter coloured, refreshing beers. Perhaps you have a favourite Summer beer which reminds you of barbeques, bike rides and beaches. We can be certain that our local brewers By The Horns and Fullers will be tempting us with new brews full aromatic hops. Why not have a chat with Graham and ask if he can help to refresh those memories and taste buds by sourcing your favourite Summer Ale? Cheers!

**Teresa Jenkins**

# Social Calendar



## 2013 Coming Events

Saturday 1st June - Cheese and Wine Tasting in the Hall

Sunday 23rd June - Day Trip to Brighton by Coach

Saturday 20th July - Seafood Night

Thursday 1st August - Goodwood Ladies' Day

Sunday 11th August - Music Night in the Bar

Saturday 14th September - Food / Drink Night in the Bar

Fri 27th - Mon 30th Sept - Weekend Away

Thursday 3rd October - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Saturday 19th October - Annual Dance

Sunday 24th November - Club Dinner

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Concert

Tuesday 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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