



Wimbledon Village Club Newsletter

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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe where the past two years have gone! Some of you may remember that when I was elected to the Club's Committee and subsequently voted as its Chairman, I stated that I would only serve as the Club's Chairman for a maximum period of two years.

On reflection, changing the Club's Chairman every two years is a mistake. I now realise it takes at least two years to understand what is needed to successfully fulfil the role as Chairman. The duties are primarily that of a support officer, supporting and putting forward the Club's view and interests as a Trustee on all the relevant committees and Trust meetings. Also, the Chairman supports Graham Martin in his ever growing role as manager for both the Club and Trust, the Club's Officers in their duties and lastly supporting the ethos of what the Club stands for. These duties demand an ever growing commitment from the Club's Chairman' far greater than I had ever anticipated when first agreeing to take on the role. It is only now as I come to the end of my period of office that I feel I am in anyway qualified to offer the support needed.

I have said before how important it is for the Club to have committed and active individuals on its Committee. So I wish to take this opportunity not only to confirm my intention to stand for re-election for the 2104/16 Club Committee but also for the subsequent period of office taking us up to our 160th anniversary in 2018. If I am successfully re-elected, it will be an honour and a pleasure to continue to serve and support the Club to the best of my ability in anyway I can.

Mike Robbins



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Club Matters

A Fond Farewell

Having been a member of the WVC for 28 years, it's been an honour and a privilege to have served on the committee for the last 14. This has included 3 years as Chairman, 4.5 years as Vice Chairman as well as holding the roles of both Director and Trustee during this period.



The Club is a very special place run by very special people who put in a lot of their own precious time and effort to help ensure its continued success. To this end I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to both Graham Martin and Graham Barnes for their fantastic support during my tenure. I encourage some of our more proactive members to consider joining the committee in order that the Club continues to thrive for another 156 years!

I will, of course, continue to imbibe at our mutual haven and look forward to mixing with all the characters that make it such a special venue to frequent.

Best Wishes to All

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Annual General Meeting

The Club AGM this year will be on **Wednesday 14th May** in the Lecture Hall.

This is the time that new Committee Members are elected. If you would genuinely like to help with the running of the Club, please put your name forward on the list of nominees which will be posted on the notice board. To be eligible you must have been a Member for 12 months with your subscriptions up to date.

Some Committee Members will be expected to join the Social and Games Sub-Committee to help organise the various Club functions and sale of weekly raffle tickets. If you believe you have the interest to be an active member of the Club Committee then please come and join us.

John Taylor

John Taylor has served the club for 19 years and his contribution was celebrated in the bar on 27th March. John, with a beaming smile, commented that the case of whisky was "a most acceptable gift". Ever the professional, John was grateful to be served his last drink of the evening at 11:05pm!!



Glasses raised to John Taylor on his retirement evening

Social Events

Christmas seems a long way behind us now but just to recap on the festivities we had; Graham's Cocktails on Christmas Eve and a very pleasant vocal entertainer, Michael Cairns, treating us to the songs of Michael Bublé and others on New Year's Eve.



Music in the Bar on Sunday 26th January saw the return of Robin Bibi to the Club. This time he was accompanied by harmonica player Alan Glen for an excellent evening of blues.

WVC & Team Horns have become good friends and a diverse group of members felt very welcome at By The Horns on February 6th. The plan was to have a "tour" of the brewery - but the beers being served rather seduced us into staying at the bar. Captain at 5% played a considerable part in this! We shared pizzas and Chris & Alex gave a brief talk about the brewing process. It was a most pleasant evening.



Saturday 15th February was **Spanish Night with Teresa**, a wine tasting event held in the Hall. The evening started with a glass of sherry, then Teresa gave us a very informative insight into the wines of Spain with tastings of five different wines. The evening was rounded off with a selection of Tapas and music.

Music in the Afternoon was the order of the day on Thursday 6th March. Aurora and Al Clogson entertained us with some very relaxing music from 2.30pm till 5.30pm



2013 Snooker Competition Results

Snooker Singles

Winner - Pat Daubney

Runner up - James Dacie

Snooker Doubles

Winners - Ian Doig & Glen Harris

Runners up - Barrie Upton & Martyn Wright

Snooker Handicap Singles

Winner - Jim Tait

Runner up - Pat Daubney

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Runners up - Ian McCann & Jim Tait

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 to Isle of Wight

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

Open

Monday - Thursday 11am - 3pm and 5.30pm - 11pm

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