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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members

May I start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope like me you enjoyed the wonderful social events held in the Club over the festive season.

I believe one of the major elements that form the heart of our Village Club, are the outstanding social & sporting activities that it offers each and every one of us. It might be a snooker game with a friend, a jive on the dance floor to a great band or drink while watching your favourite team. It's this mix of social activities that continue to make the Club be the successful place it is despite all the gloom and doom of today's financial and economic climate.

Without our Social & Games Committee organising and putting on all the excellent social & sporting activities that they do for you and your guests to enjoy, we would not be in the strong economic position we are today. The drive behind this Committee is its Chairman without his personal dedication and relentless commitment to the Clubs social calendar, year on year it would not be as rich and eclectic as it is. So on your behalf I would like to say a special thank you to Graham Barnes.



Graham Barnes

Another key component to the Clubs heart working so well is of course our Manager Graham Martin, and his amazing team! They continue to make the Club the special place it is for all of us to enjoy. I hope you agree it is that personal touch you get from Graham and his team that makes the Club feel as welcoming as it is.

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It is the role of the Clubs Chairman and Committee together with the Secretary and Treasurer to assist as much as they can in making sure that the Club functions as well as it does. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their continued help and support with this.

It's important for the Club to have an active and committed group of individuals on the Committee; at the moment we have a vacancy for membership. So if you feel you could support the Club in anyway why not come and join us?

Finally the most important element at the centre of the Clubs heart is you its Members without you there would not be a Club for us all to enjoy! So my final thank you is to all of you for your continued support in making our Village Club, Wimbledon's most special place to be.

Michael Robbins
Chairman

News in Brief

- The Ladies and Gents toilets are to be refurbished.
- External re-decoration will also take place during 2013.
- The Club Rules have been updated. If you would like a copy please ask at the Bar or see the website www.thewvc.org.uk
- The following are also available on request from the Bar.
Minutes of the monthly Club Committee Meetings
Suggestion Book for Members
- A new 10 year lease for the WVC has been signed
- The Poppy Box donations during 2012 raised £455

Membership

Membership subscriptions for 2013 are now due.

Please be reminded that any subscriptions received after 31st January without a satisfactory explanation will incur an additional re-joining fee of £20.

Having been subscribing Members for 25 years the following Members have been made Honorary Life Members.

Edwin Draper, Cliff Iles, Keith Monks,
David Stockham, Jim Collins, John Mitchell

Social Events

Members tucked in to some hearty sausages washed down with a some real English cider for the **Sausage and Cider Night** held in the Bar on Saturday 15th September.



Geoff Cole's Trafalgar Four provided some foot tapping music for the ever popular '**Jazz in the Afternoon**' on Thursday 4th October

At the end of September 26 Members boarded the coach and set off from the Club for a 3 night break at the **Marina Bay Hotel in Sandown IOW**. We will arrange a similar trip this year but need a commitment of 30 people for a dedicated coach. Please let S&G know if you are interested and if you would prefer somewhere other than the IOW.



The **Annual Dance** took place in the Lecture Hall on Saturday 20th October. This was a busy evening with over 80 people filling the Hall. We had a chicken and chips supper and live entertainment provided by **Backtrack** a four piece group playing 60's music which soon had people up on the dance floor.

The Light House Restaurant in the Ridgway was the venue again this year for our **Club Dinner** held on Sunday 25th November. This popular venue provided an excellent meal with great service and atmosphere enjoyed by all.

Over 100 people attended '**An Evening of Christmas Songs and Carols**' performed by members of Wimbledon Light Opera Society on Thursday 13th December. Mince pies and Mulled wine were served in the interval and a Raffle and Collection took place which raised £741 for St Raphael's Hospice. Thank you to all who contributed.



Christmas Eve saw Graham Martin mixing his cocktails again and on **New Year's Eve** it was Party Time in the Bar with vocal entertainer Glenn Carroll.

Meet the Brewer

This is the first event in 2013 and will take place in the Hall on Saturday 26th January. Alex & Chris from the **By The Horns Brewing Co.** are enthusiastic young brewers with a seeming natural talent for creating new beers with a South London soul. They are excited about coming to the Club to showcase their beers and reveal the facts about the art of brewing.



Social Calendar



2013 Events

Saturday 26th January - 'Meet the Brewer' (Hall Event)

Saturday 16th February - Wine Tasting event in the Hall

Thursday 7th March - 'Music in the Afternoon' (Bar Event)

Saturday 20th April - St George's Celebration in the Hall

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

Sunday 23rd June - Day Trip by Coach

Saturday 20th July - Seafood Night

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

Open

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

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