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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a merry and healthy Christmas!

2011 was a tumultuous year for the Club. The premises underwent extensive renovation and a Gallery was built to help enhance our charitable status. The Reading Room furniture was totally refurbished and the room itself redecorated, see Page 2 for further details on these and other works.

The Club continues to thrive despite these austere times and membership stands at around 875. This tells me we are hopefully, doing things right and can accommodate most Members needs most of the time. I would remind everyone that subscriptions for annual membership (£20 per person) are now due.

I would like to extend special thanks to Graham Martin our Manager, for his unstinting efforts in overseeing all the above works during the past year. His overall contribution has been invaluable!

Finally I'd like to thank you, our Members, for your continued support. I'm sure, like me, you appreciate what a special club we have. I know of no other like it and look forward to seeing you In the Club in the near future.

Pete (Kosh) Kosciolk
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Subscriptions (£20) are now due for 2012

Renewals after 31st January will incur a rejoining fee of £20

Open

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

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

Major Building Improvements

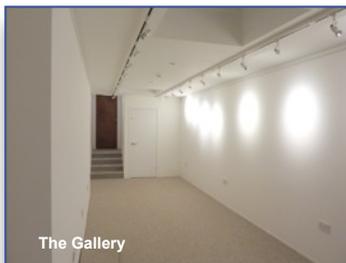
The construction of the Gallery resulted in a number of other necessary repairs.

Dry and wet rot was found on the flat roof which included the kitchen and toilet areas. This had to be removed, treated and replaced.

Two chimney stacks were found to be unsafe and required work. One described as a dangerous structure was taken down and rebuilt and the other had the top metre repaired.

Extensive electrical works were also carried out in line with the above which included extensions to the intruder and fire alarm systems.

The kitchen area was refurbished with new flooring and cupboard space. The hallways and landings were also redecorated.



Remembrance Sunday



Thank you to all who contributed to the Poppy Appeal during 2011 for which we collected £652. It was nice to see so many Members return to the Club after the service at the Memorial in the Village, where Tony Morgan laid a wreath on our behalf. We have received a letter from the Mayor of Merton thanking us for "The valuable contribution made to the organisation of this year's service".

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 31st January is the last day for renewing your Membership for 2012. After this date a £20 rejoining fee will be required as well as your subscription.

The AGM this year will take place on **Wednesday 16th May**.

Social Events



Three young musicians gave us an **Afternoon of Jazz** on Thursday 6th October. Both bars were busy and with a light buffet this proved to be an enjoyable event. We will be putting on further jazz afternoons during 2012.

The Annual Dance held in the Hall on the 22nd October, was well attended yet again with all tickets sold. Members and their guests enjoyed a fish and chip supper, with music for dancing provided by 'The Replays' an excellent 60's band.



The Light House Restaurant in the Ridgway was the setting for the **Club Dinner** which was held on Sunday 20th November. The food was excellent as was the service and surroundings. We will definitely be looking to go back again this year.

Thursday 8th December saw the start of the festive season with '**Songs for Christmas**' a concert of seasonal songs performed by Wimbledon Light Opera Society. Social and Games provided mince pies and mulled wine in the interval and people got into the Christmas spirit by joining in the singing. During the evening a raffle was held in aid of St Raphael's Hospice which raised a total of £720.



Coming Events

Music in the Bar on Sunday 29th January

Jazz Afternoon Thursday 16th February

Three Night Break in Sandown IOW Friday 28th September.

Please note a £20 deposit will be required by mid February.

Social and Games are only able to put on free events like the Jazz afternoon, Music nights in the Bar, food for major sporting events etc. due to your continued participation in the **Weekly Raffle**. This provides the income not only for prizes but it enables us to provide what we consider to be value for money social events throughout the year, so thank you to all who participate. It really helps to make the Club what it is.

Social Calendar



2012 Social Events

Sunday 29th January - Music Night in the Bar

Thursday 16th February - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Saturday 10th March - Wine Tasting

Saturday 21st April - St George's Celebration in the Hall

Saturday 2nd June - Food Night in the Bar

Sunday 24th June - Day Trip to Brighton

Saturday 21st July - Seafood Night

Sunday 12th August - Music Night in the Bar

Saturday 15th September - Food / Drink Night in the Bar

Fri 28th Sept - Mon 1st Oct - Weekend Away to Isle of Wight

Thursday 4th October - Jazz Afternoon in the Bar

Saturday 20th October - Annual Dance

Sunday 25th November - Club Dinner

Thursday 13th December - Christmas Concert

Monday 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)

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