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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members

When I was asked to write my first newsletter message to you as Chairman of the Club Committee, I decided to

undertake some research into its history by reading 'A Victorian Legacy' by Bob Ferris, which I found to be an enlightening read and would gladly recommend it to anyone. I discovered many interesting facts about the Club, and I am pleased to report that the legacy for its Club Committee meetings being a chamber for both lengthy debate and disagreement continues to thrive today.



Some of you may already know that I am also the Secretary of the Wimbledon & Merton Branch of The Royal British Legion. It was the sadly missed Michael Chanter a previous Branch Chairman and Club Committee member who first encouraged and inspired me to take an active role within the Legion and Club. Without his encouragement I would not have the honour to serve both of these revered institutions that mean so much to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to all those who regularly help and support the Club, in particular Kenny Keen whose regular contributions are invaluable.

May I also thank Graham Martin our Manager, and his

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outstanding team for making the club as welcoming as it is I hope you agree with me that they all look fantastic in their new Club shirts

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be the Chairman of this prestigious Club, so finally I would like to thank you, our Members, for your continued support in making the Club the great success that it is today.

Best Wishes

Michael Robbins

Guest Ales by Teresa Jenkins

Having been a member since 2009/10 I have always been impressed by the quality of the beers served in the Club. All products are kept and served perfectly by Graham Martin and his team.

I was excited to hear that a new beer engine had been promised by Young's and after a delay it eventually arrived back in June 2011. The first guest beer was a disappointment, which meant things could only get better! The locale idea has been maintained with Surrey Hills, Hogs Back, and Fullers, but we have also been around the country with beers from Suffolk, Oxford, Kent, Wales & Scotland. However, over the last year a clear favourite has emerged from Cornwall. Doom Bar has been served four times and has always been a big success.

I have the sense that the rotating guest products have enlivened interest in the beers and they always prove to be a conversation point.

Please do make Graham aware of your thoughts about the beers which will help in making choices for the future.

Job Vacancy

Applications are invited from those interested in the role of Treasurer.

The successful applicant will be Treasurer for both the Trust and Wimbledon Village Club Ltd.

If you are interested, please contact the Secretary for details.

Social Events



It was **Club Party time** on **Saturday 2nd June** to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It was 'Full House' with over 80 people in the Club. There was sparkling wine on arrival and a 'Jubilee Buffet' including strawberries and cream during the evening. A toast to the Queen at

midnight finished off a very enjoyable evening.



The Social and Games Committee would like to thank Kenny Keen for making sure everything went smoothly on the **Day Trip to Brighton** which this year took place on **Sunday 24th June**.

There were not as many people on the trip this year but from feedback received those that went did have a good day.

Please let Social & Games know if you have any suggestions for a change of venue for next year

The ever popular **Seafood Night** on **Saturday 21st July** saw another busy event with a good selection of seafood on offer. The guest ale **Gales Seafarer**, a charity ale for the leading maritime charity Seafarers UK, kept the theme going with Cava also on promotion for the ladies.



There was live music in the Reading Room on **Sunday 26th August** from singer/guitarist **Steve Simpson** with **Malcolm Hoskins** on bass providing some very enjoyable music.

Dates for your Diary

Sausage and Cider a food and drink event on **Saturday 15th September**.

Jazz Afternoon from 2pm - 5pm **Thursday 4th October** a foot stomping afternoon in the Reading Room with **Geoff Cole's Trafalgar Four**.

Club Dance on **Saturday 20th October** with 'Backtrack' a four piece 60's group.

See back page for full list of events

Social Calendar



Coming Events

Saturday 15th September - Sausage & Cider 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

Quiz Night

(Third Thursday of the Month)

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