



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the bulletin from the Management Council giving information about the issues that were discussed at the November and December Council meetings.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This took place on Wednesday November 23. As is usual for these events, only about two dozen members attended. The Accounts for the year ending March 31st, 2011 were discussed and approved. These have now been signed off and submitted to HMRC and Companies House. No new members were willing to serve on the Management Council and thus the existing members were all voted back in again for another year.

### CLUBHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

The final contracts between the Club and our chosen developer were finally approved. These have been signed by one of the Directors, Graham Young, and the Company Secretary, Peter Tanner. There now starts a 2-year clock ticking to allow the developer time to obtain planning permission and to assemble the funds required to carry out the project. Depending on when these two activities are successfully concluded we will then be negotiating on the question of the phasing of the works. Further information will, of course, be published in future bulletins.

## BAR OPERATIONS

We have now been operating with Clubhouse Solutions for 4 months. A stocktake was made in early November and we were pleased to see that stock losses had virtually vanished thus lifting our Gross Margin from around 52% to 59%.

We have noticed a slow down in private hire functions which virtually ceased when we changed management. However, these are now beginning to slowly pick up again.

The entertainment evenings are a bit of a mixed bag. Some do well but others are poorly attended. We are now addressing this issue by building a database of customers ( members and non-members ) who will be contacted regularly by email to advise them of when and what entertainment is being planned. To incentivise everyone to put their names forward for this, we are offering a monthly prize draw of a Sunday Lunch for two with a bottle of wine. The winner is selected by a random draw of those who have a birthday coming up in the following month. The December draw was the first and the January draw will be made at the end of December. To join the database ask at the bar for a form to complete.

## SPORTS SECTIONS

Each sporting section is contributing to the life of the club but Tennis, Bowls and Softball are still looking for new members. If you fancy joining a section please contact either of the under-mentioned people.

Bowls Contact: Martin West : 0208 842 2209

Tennis Contact: Wendy Jenner : 01753 651071

Softball Contact : Julie Spittle : 07811 600474 : [info@richingsparksoftball.co.uk](mailto:info@richingsparksoftball.co.uk)

Indoor short-mat Bowls ( Wednesday afternoon/evening): Contact Gerry at the Bar.

## SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

Social Membership figures have been steadily falling over the years so a plan to encourage new enrolments has been approved. New applications for 2012-2013 will be given the remaining months of 2011-2012 FREE.

Existing members who renew for 2012-2013 before the end of January 2012 will be given a £15 discount off of next year's subscription.

## HELP ALWAYS WANTED

We close with the usual repeat of a call for volunteers to help try and keep the clubhouse standing and reasonably attractive for the next couple of years. We therefore continue to ask whether any members out there would be willing to volunteer some of their time. Below is a list of the skills we need and if you can offer some help then please drop a note at the bar addressed to Roger Sprules stating your skill and a point of contact.

Carpentry

Painting / Decorating

Electrical works

General clearing up of grounds and sheds

Welding

Merry  
Christmas



Happy New  
Year