

# Greetings from the Chair...

**Summer is rapidly passing and it has indeed been a very busy first half year at the Club.**

Encouragingly, events continue to be very popular with members and I have enjoyed several splendid evenings at the Club already this year. We continue to be in a position where we can invest in both maintaining and improving the fabric of Archdeacon House and it is good to see the building free of scaffolding at last with the freshly painted Northgate Street side of the building now looking very smart. We do seem to require painters at the Club with a Forth Rail Bridge frequency level, but it is an inevitable consequence of seeking to maintain an old and substantial property in good condition!

The Board has recently completed its budget plans for next year. Currently, we have a high level of membership and seeking to maintain that has been a key objective for us in considering subscriptions for next year. As you will see from your subscription letter that accompanies this newsletter, we have been able to maintain subscriptions at the previous level, save for the increase in VAT which took effect in January 2011. Although membership numbers are currently healthy, we continue to be open to new members and I would like to remind existing members of the £25 of Club vouchers awarded to any existing member introducing a new member to the Club.

We are continuously looking to find new events and functions that will be attractive and I hope you will agree with me that Robert has done a great job in producing a list of very appealing events for the Social Calendar through the autumn and winter. In addition to the many well established events, there are several new functions that will hopefully prove popular – the idea of a post Christmas “pudding evening” seems particularly interesting!

Earlier this spring, a very successful “Help for Heroes” book and cake sale event was staged at the Club. Robert was incredibly well supported in staging this event by many Club members who gave up considerable amounts of their own time for which



**2010/11 Club Chairman, Martin Wood**

we were extremely grateful. You will see that there is another Charity event scheduled for this December and it would be nice if we could enjoy a similar level of support as before.

The first seven months of my time as Chairman have passed very quickly, and I am very grateful to both Robert and my fellow directors for all their help and support. I am looking forward to the second half of this year and hope to see many of you at the various Club events during that time.

**Martin Wood**

Chairman

## Book Group

**After summer recess the Ipswich and Suffolk Club Book Club will begin its Autumn programme with a book set in Scotland.**

For the November meeting we will read and discuss “When the Children Came Home” by Julie Summers.



Once again the December meeting, when we discuss books written by Pat Barker, will be followed by our traditional Christmas Lunch.

The Book Club meets at 10.00 am on the first Wednesday of every month and new members are always welcome.

## From the wine committee (hic!)

**Two recent wine tasting events were the ‘wines of southern France’ in May and the ‘Champagne and Strawberries’ evening in July. Both were very well attended and much enjoyed.**

Looking ahead in the coming season we have a much anticipated New Zealand tasting in September, with one of our suppliers. In November, and again in February, we will be liaising with Charles Eaton from our supplier Nethergate Wines, firstly for our popular ‘Vintage Wine evening’ and secondly for that great evening of fun - the ‘Call my Bluff’ wine tasting. Charles is a popular and very knowledgeable host.

All this will be topped out with Annual Members Dinner’ in December, where we shall of course be raiding our cellar for more oenological delights. Book early and stay in practice!

**Bruce Murrill**



## OBITUARY

# The Reverend Canon Edward A. Wells MBE; SRN

**Born in Reading in 1923, Edward Wells, known to his friends as Ted, joined the Royal Air Force when his age-group was called up for service in WWII.**

He wanted to go into the Medical Branch which was his first choice; this, however, was already fully staffed and he had to wait a while before there was a vacancy. In due course he was selected for training and was sent to Sidmouth where he underwent a two-year course at the end of which he found himself in charge of various sick bays including one at Mildenhall. By this time Ted had become a Lay reader in the Church of England. On a forty eight hour pass, the day before D-Day, he was able to get married to Sylvia and almost immediately was drafted to Belgium where he soon was tending the enemy and sometimes behind their lines, carrying out emergency medical care of friend and foe alike.



At the end of European hostilities in 1945, Ted was drafted to India where a large number of medical and surgical teams were gathered in preparation for the war in Japan. Fortunately their services were not required but he did not return to England until 1946.

After his 'demob', Ted began his nurse training at the Battle Hospital in Reading. In those days male nurses were rare but he managed to overcome the problems that arose, passed all the exams and became a State Registered Nurse.

As a consequence of his RAF experience he obtained a position as

**Obituary kindly supplied by his friend of 48 years.**

Theatre Superintendent at Rookstown House where the plastic surgery and maxilla-facial department was run by Sir Harold Gilles, one of the founders of the speciality.

After a few years at Rooksdown House, the call to the ministry was answered and Ted entered Oak Hill Theological College. He was eventually ordained Deacon at Lichfield Cathedral and served his title in a huge Wolverhampton parish with a strict Vicar and several assistant curates.

Ted returned to Suffolk and the country parish of Mettingham and then to Sproughton and Burstall in 1962 where he was Rector for twelve years. During his incumbency of Sproughton and Burstall, Ted was invited by the Bishop to take up the part-time chaplaincy at Ipswich Hospital which, together with two churches, kept him very busy indeed. In 1974 on moving to St. Nicholas, Ipswich, which at the time was a parish of only five houses, it was possible to make the Chaplaincy of the hospital a full-time appointment, the incumbency of St. Nicholas providing an income. In due course the Chaplaincy became an NHS appointment which Ted filled until he retired in 1990.

At Ipswich Hospital, Ted was always to be found moving about the wards and corridors, talking to the many people, staff, visitors and patients who sought his advice and company. His knowledge of nursing and surgery, and of the problems experienced by hospital staff endeared him to patients, visitors and staff alike. Ted's advice on the appointment of hospital chaplains was sought all over the country.

After retiring Ted did not enjoy the best of health but kept active and cheerful. In spite of his disabilities he officiated at funerals and weddings and Church services.

## From the General Manager



**Now that we are about to begin a new subscription year I am even more acutely aware of my responsibilities as custodian of the day to day operation.**

New ideas for your Social Calendar are still brewing in my head along with ideas from you all. Please keep the ideas flowing as I always follow up the suggestions. I am especially looking forward to new events such as our forthcoming "Pudding Night" with great anticipation.

I hope you like the changes we have made over the past few months. The exterior decoration of the building is now complete including significant repairs to the roof and chimneys. The Pine Room makeover which entailed a whole new heating system was a difficult project to dovetail into the daily running of the Club. I hope it did not cause too much disruption to you all.

The following months will be difficult but I am determined to continue our program of improvement with a new roof and decoration of the garage block and adjoining offices with further repairs to the main roof directly above my office desk.

The gardens will also have more work on the Tower Street side to improve the appearance of our outstanding building.

Assuring you my best attention at all times.

**Robert Coppin - Club General Manager**

## Digging for victory

**This photograph of Club Directors Standley Gaskin and Basil Tenwick hard at work on their allotment may be of interest to club members.**

Both Stan and Basil have hotly denied that they are supplying produce for the Club Kitchen.

Should any members encounter a caterpillar in their club salad, General Manager Robert Coppin would like to hear from them...



## Bridge news

All of the members of the bridge club playing on Tuesday mornings are enjoying their bridge and the social contact. Although we are in a relative quiet period because of holidays etc, we are still averaging an impressive 5.2 tables per session.

The Trophy Competition is now at the half way stage and so far 12 players have completed the minimum of 20 playing sessions to qualify for entry to the competition, with a further 14 who will qualify by the end of August. The current leader is Don Betts (last year's winner) with an average percentage of 54.8 with Jos Bealing close on his heels with 54.0 and Alan Catchpole in third position with 53.7. There is still plenty of time left so this could easily change over the coming months.

In June, it was very pleasing to welcome Ralph and Anna, the son and daughter of Isabella and Ralph Wainer who were able to play with us on two occasions prior to returning to their respective universities. I do hope these two up and coming young bridge players encourage their friends to take up this wonderful game of bridge.

## Marketing matters

Firstly let me take this opportunity to welcome all the new members who have joined since the last newsletter. These include the following:

Mr Mark & Jane Smith	Mr Steven & Susan Stone
Dr Satish Khanna & Audrey Tovey	Mr Ashley Evans
Miss Kay Salmon	Mr John Bryanton
Mr Piers & Lorna Venmore-Rowland	Mr Andrew Stowers
Dr Rudolf Mercer & Michelle Morton	Mr Lloyd Linnell
Mr John Barbour	Dr Alison Brown
Mr Colin & Melanie Low	Mr Ian & Jenny Lord
Mr Adrian Clayden	Mr Nizoo & Jane Visram
Mrs Lena Studd	Mr Kevin & Rosemary Holley

Naturally we continue to welcome applications for prospective new members so if you have any friends or family you believe would enjoy membership, please do consider approaching them.

And of course any member who successfully introduces a new member will receive a £25 Club voucher.

Other marketing initiatives that have taken place this year include lunchtime promotions designed to help increase numbers in the Restaurant on normally quiet days across the summer period. This has to date proved to be very successful and we hope to extend this initiative with subsequent autumn and winter promotions.

And finally, may I remind members that the Club has excellent rooms available for private hire. These may be small or larger business meetings, usually held in the upstairs Pykenham of Adam rooms respectively and of course celebrations such as birthdays, weddings and christenings held in our main reception rooms.

To find out more, please contact Club Manager Robert Coppin.

## Golf News

**Our away match in May 2011 at Colchester Golf Club against the Colchester Garrison was a close run match but unfortunately we lost the Priarch Trophy with a score of 3 matches to 2 matches against.**

We all very much hope that next year will be a different story

However, the annual fixture against the Bury Farmers for the Turnbull Cup, held this year at our home club Purdis, resulted in a comfortable win, with all our pairs beating their opponents. Well done to all who took part for a great result.

The knockout competition for the Northgate Trophy is well underway the first and second round matches played, almost on time. Please keep an eye on dates

Finally arrangements for our annual golf day at Purdis on Wednesday 7th September are well underway, if you have not already done so please enter your name on the sheet on the sporting notice board. We are for the first time allowing guests – hopefully prospective new members for the Ipswich & Suffolk Club. Five have already signed up, but a few more would of course be most welcome.

Yours in golf.

Allan Gosling

## Snooker & Billiards News

The winter 2010/11 Competitions were completed on the Finals Evening on 5th May 2011 and the results were:

### Snooker Open

Winner: D.G.Tuckwell

Runner up: S.L.Johnston



### Snooker Handicap

Winner: K.J.Day

Runner up: P.R.Covell

### Norman Baynes Billiards

Winner: S.L.Johnston

Runner up: J.B.Cook

### Claude West Snooker

Winner: M.D.Eke

Runner up: M.W.Devitt

### Taylor Centenary Tankards

Winner: D.E.Goldsmith & J. L Skinner

Runner up: M.W.Devitt & R.H.Geary



Congratulations to all and thanks to the referees, Messrs Jones, McLellan, Marjason, Murrill and Williams.

The entry forms will be on the notice boards from early August for the 2011/12 Competitions so please enter all those competitions for which you are eligible. Please note that we are reverting to the previous system whereby it is the responsibility of the first named player/s to contact his opponent but that does not preclude the second named from making contact. Please also ensure that you are available for the Finals Evening concerned.

We continue to welcome all players irrespective of ability to join us on Tuesday evenings. I know that many of you have thought about it but why not take the plunge now? Our programme of fixtures for 2012 has been completed and is on the notice board.

David Green

General Manager - Robert Coppin  
Club Chef - Denis Groualle  
Restaurant Supervisor - Linda Sparkes  
Bar Manager - Sheila Studd

## Recent Club Events

Since our last newsletter, there have been a large number of highly successful events held at the club, some of which have been captured on camera.

The programme of events for the coming year can be found in your Club Social Calendar and we respectively recommend early booking for all events to avoid disappointment.



### ◀ Champagne and Strawberries

Another full house for our ever popular Champagne wine tasting.

### Snooker winners ▶

Taylor Tankards Snooker Finals 31st March 2011. Winners: D Goldsmith, R Geary, J Skinner, M Devitt. Presented by Club Chairman M Wood.



### ◀ Wines of South America evening

An enthusiastic "bon viveur" snatches the bottle from under the Chairman's nose!

### Help for Heroes ▶

Chairman's and Vice Chairman's wives Julie Wood and Carole Booth raised over £900 in their charity book sale.



## A note from the President

**The Club has always been fortunate to have members prepared to organise regular activities. The Social Calendar lists those currently involved in the regular events and to whom I have previously made reference.**

In the past the Annual Farm "Walks" (sitting on straw bales on trailers drawn by tractors!) were a great success but had to cease for Health & Safety reasons.

On 9th April there was a special "one-off" event, earlier announced in the February Newsletter, organised by lady members of the Club with the support of members of the Soroptomists and the Inner Wheels of Ipswich East and Ipswich. The ladies led by Club members Carole Booth, Teresa McClellan and Julie Wood (unfortunately space does not allow me to list more of those involved individually) arranged a Book & Cake Sale in aid of Help for Heroes.

The magnificent sum of £903.50 was raised from the hugely successful Saturday event.

The members of the Club had earlier responded superbly with the donations of books – at one time I was concerned that the passage to Robert's office, where they were stored, might become situated on the ground floor! The icing on some of the cakes (appropriately the Union Flag) must have special mention. **Gerry Barnes – Club President**

## Joint Membership

This is an excellent time to upgrade your membership to include your spouse or partner.  
The initial cost is £50.00 - Interested? Contact General Manager Robert Coppin.