

Greetings from the Chair

The first six months of 2018 have passed very quickly and, as you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, it has been a very busy period for the Club, to which the blistering summer weather has contributed greatly.

Rosemary Holley and her team organised a very successful Fashion Show and Dinner evening in April where, through the generosity of the guests and local businesses, the event raised much needed funds for St Elizabeth's Hospice. While I didn't attend the Fashion Show, I was delighted to attend and officiate at the Speakers Dinner in June where we were enthralled by Sue Hayes recounting her career in the film and TV industry and how Suffolk is becoming more sought after for international film locations.

I was also very pleased to attend and was made extremely welcome at the Snooker Finals evening at the end of April where I presented the prizes to the various competition winners. Congratulations to each of them and to all the participants. Thanks to Snooker Captain Allan Williams and his team for their efforts on the club's behalf. As you will note

from other contributions, Allan is only one of several members who continue to give generously of their time organising a wide range of activities for the membership; from snooker, golf, bridge, chess, scrabble and book clubs. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

While we continue to enjoy reasonably high levels of membership combined with very active use of the Club at Events and organised occasions, the lunchtime use is not what it might be, and we still must ensure that enough staff are available, just in case. If you are in town, why not pop in for lunch or a coffee.

The year so far has challenged the board into having to make a small increase in the subscription levels this time round and trust you will understand. On the same subject, we would like to see a few more members join the club, so if you would like to propose a new member, we will reward you with £40 vouchers as an incentive. Please talk to Robert if you have a prospective member in mind.

We have worked very hard to produce a Social Calendar for the



next seven months that has very wide appeal. Recent experience suggests that early booking is essential if you wish to attend any of these events.

On the fabric side, hopefully you like the new carpet in the main bar area. We plan to automate the entrance gate on Northgate Street in a similar way to the Tower street entrance. This project is already underway and should be completed soon.

I am very much looking forward to the second half of this year and hope to see many of you at the various Club events during that time.

George McLellan
Chairman

A note from the President

Another really successful six months in our social calendar.

The support for Speaker's Lunches has been amazing.

We even had to organise a repeat of 'Treasures of Ipswich' as it proved to be so popular. To my knowledge this is a first.

Topics covered have ranged from Suffolk Cheeses, Lost Aerodromes and Bees to the new Upper Orwell crossing and Road Accident Investigation. The latter given by PC Kevin Stark really did give us a lot to think about. It was also great to see Kevin in full dress uniform in our honour.

All thanks to Robert for booking all

these speakers and to Denis, Richard, Jane and her team for providing such excellent lunches. We cannot thank them enough.

Evening events are also very well supported. The Fashion Show raised over £1,000 for charity due to the sterling efforts of Rosemary Holley and her team. Other activities are also receiving great support from members.

A big thank you to you all for making the "Ipswich and Suffolk Club" the place to be in Ipswich. Long may that continue.

Pauline Young
President



Club President Pauline Young welcomes PC Kevin Stark for a very informative Speakers Lunch.

From the General Manager's office



Oh what a year!

I have been rushing around as usual trying to keep up with all you members wearing out the fabric of our Club on social events (like the Bar carpet). Which reminds me to thank you all for your continued support it really does matter as its tough catering in today's world. Many events filled to overflowing, so much so that we had to double run a Speaker's Lunch the following week. The Royal Wedding Dinner in May was a huge success and we actually had a real Wedding at the Club on the same day in the Adam Room. As members arrived for their Royal dinner they were congratulating our wedding couple on

their big day. All I have to do now is organise my own Daughter's wedding in Yorkshire next year.

No sooner had I confirmed the Tower Street gates fully commissioned, they broke down. Not once, not twice, but multiple times. So you will be pleased to learn the next set of gates being installed on the Northgate side of the Club are with a new contractor.

The kitchen has been so busy with events we exhausted our gas supply. So I had to dream up a solution which resulted in a new larger gas pipe into the kitchen. Not easy when working with an historic building. Then a new oven and hotplate to cope with increased business. No sooner had I completed this task. The kitchen boiler broke so that went into the skip.

The reason I have told you about the things that go on in the background to make this fine establishment run smoothly is not just down to me and my paid team who are outstanding. It's also a complex network of volunteers. Who I congratulate as they support me and enable me to carry out my duties.

Allan Williams. Who plans multiple snooker events and rallies a team to organise each event.

Allan Gosling. Who has taken the Club golf to higher level and numbers for our golfers.

Maurice Barnes. Jumped in when needed as we had no Capt and calmly sails the Club Bridge through troubled waters.

Sarah Swallow. Who nobody can beat at Scrabble and an asset when struggling for ideas.

Bruce Murrill, Stephen Britt, Melvyn Eke. What a team of wine enthusiasts that have depth of knowledge and can also entertain. Some members joke "oh that's a tough job tasting wines". Yes it is, along with finding and choosing the correct wines, menu planning timing etc.

Our unpaid Board of Directors.

Who bring so much to the Club. They support and guide me on: legal matters, building regulations and planning, financial guidance, business strategy, social events, interior decor, to name a few, as well as ensuring my feet are kept firmly on the ground. I thank you all.

Robert Coppin
Club General Manager

Charity fashion show

As we move into the second half of 2018, I would like to reflect on the engaging speaker's lunches and the memorable evening functions that the social calendar has thus far comprised - I am delighted that these events were well received.

I am hugely indebted to the wonderful team of ladies who organised the Charity fashion show, to the lovely volunteers that modelled for Cake & Catwalk, and also to Denis and staff for providing an excellent dinner.

My sincerest gratitude is due to all of those who supported the raffle, in which we raised a whopping £1000(!) for St.Elizabeth Hospice.

You will have received alongside the newsletter the Autumn/Winter social calendar where members will find a plethora of exciting events listed. We are hosting several evening functions aimed at our lady members and we have some excellent speakers lunches planned, which I hope will be enjoyed by all. We are also holding an Autumn fayre; do come along and support with friends and family as we are once again raising valuable funds for St.Elizabeth Hospice.

All that remains for me to say is thank you for your continued support of these events, and book early to avoid disappointment!

Rosemary Holley
Social Director

From the Wine Committee

In an effort to refresh the annual program of events your Wine Committee took a new look at our summer event in June.

Working closely with Denis we organised a summer wine AND food event focused on France. Denis produced and introduced a fine five course menu and the Wine Committee chose and introduced French wines we felt would go well with the food. On both counts it was a popular evening, and one we will try again I am sure.

Trying to maintain a theme of renewal, our next wine event will introduce the I&SC Wine Challenge. We will be pitting two of the Wine Committee members against each other in an attempt to choose the best wines to go with a known menu. You will be the judges and I will referee! A fun night in prospect I hope!

In November we will have a local specialist David Rowledge from Alchemy Wines presenting a selection of their finest offerings for your delectation.

Stay happy and keep practicing!

Bruce Murrill



I was very pleased to present Sarah Nichol of St. Elizabeth's Hospice with a £1,000 cheque.

Snooker & Billiards news

The 2017/18 Snooker & Billiards Competitions have now been completed and many thanks go to George McLellan and Tony Harmer for their organisation.

Finals night went very smoothly and thanks go to David Parkinson, John Marjason and Tony Harmer for their efforts in refereeing the matches and keeping everyone under control!



Bob Alexander, worthy winner of the Snooker Handicap is presented with his trophy from Club Chairman George McLellan.

Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losing finalists who put up very good and spirited competition.

Thanks are also extended to the Chairman for his attendance and presenting the trophies to the winners.

Earlier in the year the Spring Taylor Tankards Competition was won by David Lawrence and Jim Barr.

The new internal competition using the snooker plus balls was very successful and we are going to do it again using volunteer rules – watch this space!

We are also looking to introduce a new daytime competition playing in the morning and having lunch afterwards – hopefully this will be attractive to members and be successful and well supported. Further details will be advised in due course.



George Ridgway, winner of both the Snooker Open and Norman Billiards, receives his trophy.



Claude West Snooker winner Jim Newbold accepts his trophy.

Following the summer break the autumn season of Thursday night Club matches will start in September. All these matches are played on a friendly basis and from my experience they are very enjoyable.

We do like to include as many Club members in these matches so please let me know should you wish to play. Ability levels are definitely not the criteria for selection rather the ability to have a very social and entertaining evening!

Club night is held on Tuesday evenings and all members are welcome – we play from 5.15 pm to around 9.00 pm. If you are interested please just turn up or give me a ring if further information is needed.

Allan Williams



Scrabble

We have a lovely nucleus of scrabble members in the Ipswich and Suffolk Club and my thanks go to them for continuing to support it.

It would be nice, though, to see a few new faces. We meet nine times a year – the months of January, July and August we take a break. Incredibly that leaves 356 other days to do other things!

Our evening starts with a meal and is then followed by three games of scrabble and you don't have to be a champion to play.

We welcome all abilities and a great social evening beckons!

Sarah Swallow

Bridge matters

We meet to play Duplicate from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesdays, usually with 6 to 8 tables and always with a social coffee break mid session.

Scores are emailed to everyone on the same day – but no-one has to look at them if they don't want to!

Most players are Club members, plus a few longstanding guest non-members. However, numbers now dictate that we can only accept I&SC members due to the popularity of the club.

Maurice Barnes
Bridge Captain

New members

The Ipswich & Suffolk Club warmly welcome the following new members:-

Mrs Susan Lancaster
Mr & Mrs Christopher & Patricia Outhwaite
Mr & Mrs Michael & Nola Jepson
Mr & Mrs Barrie & Elizabeth Henderson
Mr William Morgan
Mrs & Mr Annabel & Adam Hicks
Mrs Sharon Rich
Mr Andrew Bigley
Mr & Mrs James & Margaret Newbold
Mr Derek & Mrs Beverley Bowry
Mrs Vera Elsom
Mr David & Mrs Heidi Button
Mr Nicholas & Mrs Susan Allen
Mr Cavan & Mrs Carolyn O'Connell
Mr Graeme Burslem

Golf news



Our match this year against the Colchester Garrison at Purdis was a great success for our team of David Tuckwell, Bruce Murrill, George McLellan, Andrew Johnson, Alfred Reeves, Richard Parry, Phil Thorndyke and Stephen Sheldrake. All of our teams won, a resounding win for our Club.

The Northgate Golf Knockout Trophy is well under way. We are now looking forward to our golf day at Purdis on Wednesday 12th September where we will compete for the second playing of the Andrew Booth Memorial Trophy, followed by a meal and prize giving at our Club.

To enter please put your name down on the sporting notice board or email me at a@allangosling.com all must register in, we are also allowing one guest per member so bring a golfing friend out to join us.

Yours in Golf
Allan Gosling

From the fabric desk

Fairly quiet on the fabric front at the moment - must be the heat.

However this is following a busy period of major gas works and installation of additional catering equipment due to the level of business, and the usual breakdowns.

Recent visitors to the bar may have noticed that a new carpet has been fitted and looks very smart. Please try and not to spill beer and wine on it!

Very small but subtle changes have been made to the terrace area with new furniture and mirrors.

We are now looking into the ladies toilets with the intent of carrying out some further refurbishment.

The next major works are in progress installing automatic equipment to the Northgate Street entrance which we trust will have fewer teething issues than our Tower Street upgrade.

Enjoy the summer.

Richard Hawkins

INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER TO THE IPSWICH AND SUFFOLK CLUB AND ENJOY £40 IN CLUB VOUCHERS

As part of your membership, The Ipswich and Suffolk Club provides a wide range of benefits and services which include:-
Fine Dining • Bistro & Bar Meals • Superb Wines from Extensive Cellars
Full Social Events Calendar • Reciprocal Clubs Throughout the World
Golf Events • Monthly Social Groups • Theatre and Cultural Trips
Floodlit Town Centre Parking • Prestigious Club Building for Private Parties
Snooker & Billiards with Competitions • Members Outside Catering Service

Share the benefits - introduce a new member to the Ipswich and Suffolk Club and receive £40 of vouchers to spend in the Club Restaurant or Bar or use for payment towards one of the Club's varied social events as our way of saying thank you! - Contact Robert for more information.

41 Club celebrates 50th anniversary at the Ipswich & Suffolk Club



Long standing Ipswich & Suffolk Club member John Marjason, has celebrated 50 years as a member of Ipswich 41 Club. This is a national club of ex Round Table members whose membership was terminated at the age of 41 hence the formation of 41 Club many years ago to continue the fun and fellowship and charity work of Round Table. John is photographed in celebration by the present chairman David "Lawro" Lawrence and 41 Club members who attended the recent meeting at the Ipswich & Suffolk Club.

Don't miss the
Ipswich & Suffolk Club
**Annual
Golf Day**



**Wednesday
12th September**