


IPSWICH & SUFFOLK CLUB
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2007

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

My first pleasant task on being appointed Club Chairman for the next two years was to thank Standley Gaskin for his hard work during his term of office. It is now my intention to carry on trying drag the club into the 21st century - (I do sometimes wonder if it didn't miss the 20th completely). I also hope to increase the club's profile, as too many people in Ipswich seem unaware of what Archdeacon's House is!



2007/08 Club Chairman,
Richard Hawkins . . .

Planned improvements to the fabric of the club include the long overdue re-decoration and carpeting of the stairs up to the Adam Room. Further improvements are also planned for the kitchen and for the creation of a staff room.

On the social side, a new social committee has been formed with a brief to discuss and implement new ideas. If any members have suggestions they would like to add, I urge them to get in touch with Club Manager Robert Coppin or any member of the Board of Directors who will make sure your your ideas are considered.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to working with Robert Coppin and the Club staff.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Having been the first person to be Chairman for two years continuously, I have now handed the reigns over to Richard Hawkins, who I am sure will prove to be a very good Chairman for the next two years.



Outgoing Club Chairman,
Standley Gaskin

During the last two years we have certainly had some changes at the club, mainly in personnel and the way in which the club is managed on a day to day basis, and I am very confident that we will now

be able to develop the club to its fullest potential in the future.

My thanks go to fellow directors and members of the club who have supported me during the last two years.

JOINT MEMBERSHIP

This is an excellent time to upgrade your membership to include your spouse or partner. The cost is less than £80.00 + VAT for the coming membership year. Interested? Contact General Manager Robert Coppin.

WINE COMMITTEE

Last year saw 3 very successful wine tastings - a format which we intend to repeat this year. Once more we will hold the ever popular 'Champagne and Strawberries' evening in July and later in the year we expect to hold another



Club Deputy Chairman Bruce Murrill welcomes
Melvyn Eke to the Club Wine Committee

'Wines from the Vintage Years' tasting, including wines from our own excellent cellar.

Currently we are planning one, maybe two, tastings in the first half of the year, with guest presenters. These are likely to focus on more upmarket wines, providing an opportunity to taste a range of wines of a higher standard than "everyday drinking" wines.

And for the future, we are continuing to restock the cellars with wines including several cases of 2005 Chateau Bernadotte, Haut-Medoc, Bordeaux en primeur which should provide excellent drinking in around 4-5 years time. These will be ready for drinking in a minimum of 4-5 years time.



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IN BRIEF

You may have noticed new artwork on the club walls. This has been loaned to the club by Beril Scott a member with considerable experience within the art world. In return the club has offered to list the prices for each work on the notice board.



Club Manager Robert Coppin wishes to thank all the members and staff for making his work a pleasure, especially during his first few months at the club.



We have invested in new cutlery and have new tables and chairs on order for the dining room. The tables should give us additional capacity in this room for social functions and the chairs will provide far greater comfort.



The Snug has been redecorated and will be subject to ongoing refurbishment with regard to seating and new carpet. Our next development will be refurbishment of the stairs to the Adam Room with new carpet etc.

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

Increasing pressure on club parking places has necessitated a change of supplier in policing our popular car park. The resulting new system ensures any person parking in our car park without a valid permit is subject to paying a £60 fine within 14 days. Please also remember that members who park outside of the permitted hours shown on their permit are parking illegally and may also be subject to penalty.

We therefore urge all members to respect the rules to avoid any possible embarrassment and assist by letting us know about any vehicle parked without a permit on 01473-252095.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Valid from 1 October 2006 - 30 September 2007

Successfully nominate 3 new shareholder members during the coming membership year and you'll qualify for a 50% reduction on your subscription for the year 2007/8.

**WEDDING BREAKFASTS,
ANNIVERSARY DINNERS,
BIRTHDAY PARTIES,
BUSINESS DINNERS
FUNERAL WAKES**

The Club provides a unique venue for private bookings, so if you or your friends or colleagues who are non members are planning an event, why not ask us to make the arrangements?
To enquire about your special occasion:

Email: enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk
Telephone: 01473 252095
Fax: 01473 215584



BUSINESS SERVICES AT THE CLUB

The Club is establishing a reputation for being one of the finest venues within the town centre for a business meeting with:

- Elegant multi-purpose meeting rooms suitable for confidential interviews, small or medium size meetings (up to 30 delegates)
- Private business lunches and dinners
- Photocopying, fax and wireless internet access
- Town centre parking for delegates
- Available to non members and members at a discount.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members
Mrs Virginia French • Mr Henry Gaskin
Mr Max Harnden • Mr David Harries
Mr Richard Jaques • Mr Thomas Moore
Mr Ewen Stamp • Mr Graham Papenfus



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BRIDGE

Due to the huge success of the Bridge Club meetings are now being held on a weekly basis. Newcomers are most welcome to the 'improvers' bridge mornings, led by Club member Steve Croucher. The sessions include advice and tips from Steve, bridge and coffee – and are enjoyed as much for the social ambience as for the bridge! Non members are welcome to these sessions.

STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

There are just 4 places remaining for the Bridge Club. If you would like to join we recommend you contact Steve Croucher very soon to avoid disappointment.

BOOK GROUP

With the much valued support of Janet Bayliss, Assistant Reference Librarian at the County Reference Library, the Ipswich & Suffolk Club Book Group is going strong with lively discussion and newly formed friendships. If you are interested in attending the group's informal monthly meetings, speak to General Manager, Robert Coppin.

SNOOKER @IASC

Firstly, I wish to thank Steve Croucher, John Marjason, Jim Savage and Malcolm Stredwick for joining me to help organise the Snooker events. However, our efforts are justified when Members respond by entering the Competitions and this year, we have enjoyed the best entry for several years. All I now ask is that you contact your opponent quickly to arrange your matches.

Snooker and Volunteer have been played by several Members on Tuesday evenings for many years. Last November we started playing on those Thursday evenings when there is no match being played. I do hope that those of you who have indicated a wish to play on Thursdays and perhaps forgotten will now join us. Greater numbers will justify manning the bar instead of running an honesty bar. Both evenings are very enjoyable and all Members including those in need of more practice are welcomed. If you do not have a snooker handicap and are at all interested in playing, please do contact me.

The autumn 2006 season of matches produced two wins and two losses but the best part was that the Members finally recorded their first win

over the Directors who, I am sure, will be determined to reverse that trend later this year! The 2007 Program is on the notice board and I do hope that all Snooker players will try to support The Spring & Autumn Tankards and Bill Allin Trophy Competitions. We have been forced to cancel several in recent years through lack of support. The Spring Cooper Tankard event on Thursday 22nd March 2007 will be an evening event as an experiment and if successful, the Autumn event will follow on the evening of Thursday 11th October 2007.

The snooker facilities at our Club are without any exaggeration of a very high standard with administration to match. We just need a little more support from those of you who are interested but do not get quite around to turning up. We look forward to seeing you in 2007.



SAFETY AT THE CLUB

Uneven Floors & Steps

Archdeacon's House is an historic building with uneven floors & steps. Please take care and always remember to advise your guests of this important safety issue.

Security Code

A reminder that the front door code is strictly for use by members only and must not be passed onto guests or to other family members.

Car Park

Caution is required, both for other vehicles and for pedestrians accessing the Club.

Any incidents should be reported to a member of staff immediately. Thank you.


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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. These include Trafalgar Day and most recently the club's Burns' Night celebrations.

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



**TRAFALGAR DAY
DINNER**

21st October 2006

Many thanks to guest speaker Captain Sutherland RN and proposer of the Loyal Toast Gerry Barnes for making this annual event another success.



**MEMBERS
ANNUAL DINNER**

2nd December 2006

Another full house as the most popular event of the club year proved a great success despite carving by Messrs Gaskin, Murrill and Tenwick.



**CHRISTMAS
DRAW**

19th December 2006.

BURNS' NIGHT
25th January 2007

Thanks to speaker David Caldwell, Piper Robert Caley and host Richard McHawkins for a great Scottish night out.



YOUR CONTACTS

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

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