

  
**IPSWICH & SUFFOLK CLUB**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
FEBRUARY 2006

### 2006 CHAIRMAN

Your Board of Directors has recently decided to extend the period of tenure for the roles of Club Chairman and Vice Chairman.

We are delighted therefore to announce that Standley Gaskin will continue as Club Chairman in 2006, supported by Richard Hawkins as Vice Chairman.

Our thanks to them both for dedicating so much valuable time to help ensure the future success of the Club.



Standley Gaskin (left) and Richard Hawkins, now in their 2nd year as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

### VICE PRESIDENT

The latest news is that Gerry Barnes has just been appointed as the Club's new Vice President. You will see him welcoming guests at many of our forthcoming Club functions - well done Gerry!



Gerry Barnes – the Club's new Vice President, welcomes George Paul, guest speaker at the Club's 'Speaker's Lunch' on 19 January.

### CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Note the new easy-to-remember Ipswich & Suffolk Club email address which applies with immediate effect:

[enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk)

Use this address from now on to contact us with your bookings and queries.

### EMAIL NEWS BULLETINS

Nearly half of you have provided us with your home or work email address. This enables you to receive Ipswich & Suffolk Club bulletins with up to the minute news and notice of Club events in advance of other members.

Remember to advise us promptly if your email address changes – you will then continue to receive regular updates.

### NEWSLETTERS & SOCIAL CALENDARS

As previously, newsletters will be distributed to members three times annually in 2006.

Social calendars will be forwarded twice each year – you will have received the latest calendar for the period to July 2006 with this newsletter.

### DIARY DATES FOR 2006

Reservations are now being accepted for all functions detailed in our Social Calendar.

This includes:

**THE ANNUAL  
CHAIRMAN'S COCKTAIL PARTY  
FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2006**

£12.50 per head to include wine and canapés.  
Members & guests welcome! 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS !**

Half price tickets for 10 'shareholder' members who have joined the Club since March 2005.  
Available on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

### Want to help launch a new Club event?

We are grateful to those of you who have helped to introduce functions such as the 200th Anniversary Trafalgar Dinner in October 2005 and the Club's first ever Burns Night in January 2006. If you have additional ideas and the time to help make arrangements, please contact us.



# IPSWICH & SUFFOLK CLUB

## CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

With a background in printing and administration, David Sale joined us in September as Club Administrator. He is your key contact for Club and private function bookings plus all administrative and general enquiries.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now that David has settled into his new role, Veronica aims to dedicate more of her time to our membership drive.

We successfully attract new members each year. However we inevitably lose some too - generally due to job relocations, house moves, early retirement, for health or financial reasons and, sadly, bereavements too.

Indeed, circumstances change for between 20 and 30 members each year. This means that, despite all our efforts, the Club's total membership can decline or remain static, as was the case in 2005. The above highlights the need to maintain existing members and to encourage an ever increasing number of new faces into the Club.

## What can you do to help?

- Firstly, if you know of local business people who might appreciate an invitation to consider membership, please let Veronica know. She will then forward a personalised letter and arrange for a tour of the Club.
- Secondly, help promote your Club to friends, family members and colleagues. Tell them about our facilities and the benefits of membership. We will forward details as required – just advise the Club Office of the forwarding address.

## BENEFITS OF 'JOINT' MEMBERSHIP

### Considering joint membership but not quite sure of the benefits?

Aimed at husband and spouse who both wish to belong to the Club, this 'joint' category of membership offers:

- independent access to the Club – there is no longer the need for the main member to sign his/her spouse or partner into The Visitors' Book,
- full use of all the Club's facilities,
- the freedom to invite friends and family to coffee or lunch and to evening Club functions,
- the convenience of being able to park at the Club for lunch from 12:30pm,
- personal copies of the Club's newsletters and email bulletins.

The annual cost of upgrading to joint membership is £86.00 plus VAT, charged pro rata. To upgrade from 1 March 2006, it would cost just £50.18! How about that for a birthday present?



Club Administrator David Sale with Marketing & Membership Manager, Veronica Gilmour.

## IPSWICH & SUFFOLK CLUB WEBSITE

[www.ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk](http://www.ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk)

Keep your eyes peeled! The launch date for our website will be announced shortly. Take a look once the site is up and running – feedback welcome!

## CHAMPAGNE PROMOTION

### Valid throughout 2006

For every new member you successfully nominate for full membership, you'll receive a bottle of Champagne!!



Email names and addresses of potential new members to [enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk)  
Or telephone the Club Office on 01473 252095.

## PRIVATE BOOKINGS

The Club provides a unique venue for private bookings such as:

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

So if you or your friends or colleagues are planning an event, why not ask The Ipswich & Suffolk Club to make the arrangements?



Cutting the cake: Pauline and John celebrate after their 'surprise' wedding in October by hosting a dinner at the Club for friends.

'Our thanks to the staff who made the occasion so special and to Denis and his team for a wonderful meal – we have received many compliments from our guests'. **Pauline & John Young**

To enquire about your special occasion:

- email [enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichandsuffolkclub.co.uk)
- telephone 01473 252095/215584
- call in and speak to Veronica, David or Denis.



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## NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Janette Phillips, Mrs Colly Bain, Mrs Tracey Laffin, Mrs Mary Mitson Woods, Mr Anthony Wheal, Mrs Delwyn Spurgeon, Mr David Overy Owen, Mr Leonard Overy Owen, Mr Neil Jackson, Mr Leigh Clayden, Mr Andrew Lowin.

**We are also pleased to welcome the following Joint Members:** Mr Denis Peck, Mr Richard Mitson Woods, Mrs Prilly Taylor.

## WINE COMMITTEE

Bruce Murrill, Chairman of the Wine Committee, reports three events for 2006.

Firstly, an April wine tasting will see each Committee member introduce his three favourite wines.

Secondly a 'Champagne & Strawberry' evening, similar to last year's highly successful event, will be held in July.

Finally, an October tasting will focus on wine from especially good vintage years and from different regions.

All three evenings represent excellent value - up to 9 different wines are tasted and a substantial buffet is included. Why not book a table of 10?

Members' suggestions are welcome so if you're a wine buff, how about contributing to the evenings or even running your own private wine tasting.

## SNOOKER

'Ability is not a selection factor'. If you think you're not good enough to compete in Club competitions, think again. See the enclosed snooker update from our Captain of snooker David Green!

## GOLF

Captain of golf, Bill Turnbull, reminds you that entrants are now required for the matchplay competition. The notice will be posted in mid February and the draw will be in mid March. The match against The Colchester Officers' Garrison Club takes place at Purdis on Thursday 27 April 2006. If you wish to be considered for the team, please write to Bill at the Club. Happy golfing in 2006!

## BRIDGE

Club member Steve Croucher continues to guide the Tuesday morning Bridge players. Judging by the noise over coffee, it must be great fun! If you would like to try a session or two, let the Club Office know and we will introduce you to the group.

## NEW RECIPROCAL CLUBS

We have established partnerships with other UK and overseas Clubs – from London and Manchester to India and Australia!

With two further additions in recent months, reciprocal arrangements are now shared with 23 other Clubs.



The Sandhurst Club, Australia.



The Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club, Portsmouth.

Club President Eric McCoy helped secure this new partnership in Portsmouth and has returned with glowing reports of the welcome, facilities and cuisine.

## DEADLINE FOR VOUCHERS

Don't forget that 31 March 2006 is the expiry date for your 'lilac' coloured vouchers. Bring them to the Club in good time before that date as they cannot be accepted after the end of March when the new 'yellow' vouchers become valid.

## CAR PARK PATROLS

A number of members out there need to be reminded of the parking rules:

- 2 hours maximum
- the driver must be the Club member (not sons, daughters, friends etc)
- green stickers after 12.30pm
- blue stickers after 2.15pm

Daily patrols take place and unauthorised vehicles will be wheel clamped. The release fee is currently £95.00 + VAT.

Additional copies of the parking rules are available from the Club Office.



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## PHOTOS - RECENT CLUB EVENTS

### Annual Members Dinner 2005



Turkey carvers from left to right, Richard Hawkins, Club Chairman Standley Gaskin and Basil Tenwick.



'Pass the wine!' - Chris Banham (centre) and friends.



Good to see David Ringrose and Mavis back in the country with friends Olav Svendsen and Cathy Svendsen.

### 200th Anniversary Trafalgar Dinner

The Club celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar in style with a prestigious Black Tie dinner. Guest speaker Captain Ian Sutherland and his wife Julie travelled down from Hertfordshire to join 40 other members and guests - here's the evidence!



Introducing the guest speaker . . . Club President Eric McCoy and his wife Jackie.



Guest speaker Captain Ian Sutherland RN and his wife Julie.



Jack Haste giving a vote of thanks.

### Speakers Lunches

Popular as ever, the Speaker's lunches were well supported throughout 2005.



The Club was honoured to welcome Rear Admiral Alan Massey CBE (left) as guest speaker in September. He is seen here with his former headmaster Peter Underwood (right) and Club Chairman Standley Gaskin.



Suffolk Radio presenter Mark Murphy was guest speaker in November and gave a fascinating insight into the world of media.

### 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 please be reported immediately to a member of staff. Thank you.

### YOUR CONTACTS

Marketing & Membership Manager **Veronica Gilmour** • Club Administrator **David Sale**  
Club Chef **Denis Groualle** • Restaurant Supervisor **Linda Sparkes** • Bar Manager **Sheila Studd**

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