



Formerly known as The Sonning Working Men's Club
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Dear Members

I'd like to start with where I finished off last year's Xmas letter. I was hoping that I would be still sitting here writing a Xmas letter and not closing the doors on the Club for the final time. I'm here, writing, and the doors are still open! We have had a steady year, with an increase in members actually using the Club. Our week nights, although still quiet, do appear to be slightly busier, some more than others. Unless there's a party our weekends are still quiet and we aim to put on more events on a Saturday evening to encourage members to come down. Having said that we have had to close on Saturday lunchtimes, certainly for the foreseeable future, as most weeks we were taking under £15 which wasn't at all cost effective. Our normally quiet months of August and September were busier this year with a couple of parties and a very successful Live Band and BBQ night.

We held our annual Winter Tournaments which started in January and ensured we had a steady flow of members coming through the door until the finals night in May. The Quiz nights we hold on the third Friday of the month have proved very successful. We now hold a Bingo night on the 1st Friday of the month with the majority of the proceeds put back into monetary prizes. The flyer round paying out an average of £70!

Alan Potter volunteered to be the new Social Committee Organiser and is our Quiz master along with Roger Olden. We are always looking for more of our members to be actively involved with organising events so if you would like to see more of your 'kind of events' please speak to Alan or myself.

Early next year we are going to introduce Petanque/Boules to the Club and intend on joining the Sunday league. If you would be interested in joining the team or would like more information please contact me.

A big thank you to our Crib, darts and billiard teams who continue to support the Club over the Autumn/Winter months. Good luck for this year.

You'll be happy to hear that we are NOT increasing our annual subscriptions this year, or our joining fee. All we ask that when you renew you will use us, preferably on a regular basis.

In the last month we have changed our drink suppliers over to Green King and so we hope you will come in and try our new range of beers. Currently we have Greene King IPA at

£3.05 a pint, Ruddles Best at £2.85 and Belhaven Best at £2.80. I'm sure you will agree these are very competitive prices. We will be introducing guest beers so look out for posters and emails.

Don't forget if you belong to a group i.e. .Ramblers or WI and don't already use the Club for your meetings please consider using us. Also if you have friends that are non-members but would like to hold a party/celebration at the Club they can do so now with the fee including a free year's membership. Contact Suzy our Steward on 0118 9693939 for further information.

When filling in your renewal forms don't forget to include your email address if you have one as this is a much quicker and easier form of communication. We will also continue to put up posters in and around the Club with the events that are going on so look out for those.

Our thoughts and kind wishes go out to all those members and their families that have lost loved ones in this past year.

Again I leave by saying have a fabulous Christmas and New Year. Continue to use us on a regular basis and I want you all to be very proud that as members you have kept The Sonning Club going. Don't forget this is your Club, you are the only ones that will ensure we carry on trading. I have every faith that I will be sitting, writing this letter again next year.

Big thanks to you all.

Tracy Barrett
Chair
For and on behalf of
The Sonning Club