

Chairman's review 2019 to 2020

I am pleased to be presenting a review of the Club's third year of operation. The year was looking to be as successful as the first two, until the lockdown was imposed on March 20 following the outbreak of the coronavirus. The club in common with all providers of non-essential services had to shut down immediately and was still closed at the end of the club's financial year on 31 May. Two immediate casualties were the second Film afternoon when a showing of 'Downton Abbey' was planned and the Sue Dunn memorial ramble, which we now hope will take place in April next year. The scheduled wine tasting event for May and the July Village Fete did not happen as the lockdown was still in place. Up to 20 March the club had offered a range of special events together with the regular 3 times a week openings, supplemented over Christmas and New Year as follows:

Programme July 2019 to March 2020

2019.

31 Aug- The Beckingham RAF Officer's Mess hosted a Champagne reception and evening of RAF themed entertainment

7 September - Film Afternoon 'Bohemian Rhapsody' with free popcorn

28 September – Bingo Afternoon

19 October - 'Halloween Quiz Night'

1 November – Loyalty raffle commenced

4 Dec. (Weds) Board Games Evening

7 December 4 pm Children's Christmas party afternoon film 'Toy Story Four' followed by Christmas Tree lighting, at 7 pm, carols, mulled wine and mince pies (In conjunction with Parish Council and Beckingham Church)

9 Dec. (Mon.) - 'Creating a Holly Wreath'

14 Dec. strictly come dancing final - sweepstake result and fancy dress

21 Dec. Loyalty Raffle and Members Free Raffle draw took place

22 Dec, Grand Christmas Raffle Draw

24 Dec . Christmas Eve Bar opened 4pm until 10 pm

25 Dec. Christmas Day Bar opened 12 noon until 2 pm

26 Dec .Boxing Day. Bar opened 4 pm until 10 pm

31 Dec. New Year's Eve Celebration with hot food, live music, glass of champagne and other surprises. .

2020

25 Jan. Burns Night whisky tasting, haggis and mash

15 Feb Casino night – prizes, proceeds to charity in junction with The Lions

A hand written Christmas card was sent all members at end of November, enclosing details of the Christmas and New Year programme and it is thought this encouraged attendance over the festive period

Finances: Income up to 20 March was £24,600 and since then the club has had no further receipts. This is £6,000 or 20% down on last year. However we were able to agree with the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) that no rental would be payable during the period the village hall was not being used by the club. Sky

was also sympathetic and agreed to suspend the club's monthly subscription until we requested re-instatement. The only outgoings have been the annual licence fee and TV licence,. This has not inhibited the Club's contribution to charities including £555. for the air ambulance and over £200 to food banks through donations of short dated stock. More detail will be provided by the Treasurer later in the meeting

Improvements to the village hall: Since the previous AGM a dart board with appropriate lighting and an electrical point for a scoreboard have been installed. New roller blinds have been hung in the bar lounge and main hall and a new dishwasher purchased. The costs for these improvements were met by the VHMC, The club contributed to the funds available for improvements through the monthly rent and periodic donations. The Parish Council is planning further improvements to the toilets incorporating disabled access. However this project has been on hold since the lockdown. Artificial grass and new outdoor furniture has been purchased by the club and the VHMC paid for the pergola to be erected together with planting scheme to screen the outside area during use in fine weather. Sadly these improvements have not been used because of the lockdown.

Communications: Following the discussion at last year's AGM and the Management Committee (MC) consideration of the points raised it was agreed to use email as the prime form of communication supplemented by a WhatsApp group, Facebook, an external notice board on the village hall and the village website. Jason Hunt agreed to become club communications officer and we feel that the arrangements are working well.

Membership: Current membership stands at 132, an increase of 12 from last year. Whilst we have lost a few members, we have gained more new ones, particularly from new comers to the village. This is a trend that we hope will continue as it is clear that the club provides an important community focus for those who live in Beckingham.

Looking Ahead: As you know the lockdown restrictions for pubs and clubs were relaxed in July, and as long as social distancing and the necessary sanitizing regime followed, they could re-open. The Parish Council had a risk assessment undertaken for the village hall, which is a public building and agreed the basis upon which it could be made available to the club. The MC agreed that it would be possible to re-open one night a week for a trial period and that commenced on 15 August. So far attendance and takings has been encouraging and the position will be reviewed by the MC at their next meeting on 14 Sept. We are hoping to hold a quiz night during September but unless there is a further relaxation of the social distancing rules, we will find it difficult to plan for other special events.

Management Committee: During the year James Finch resigned because of work pressure and the Committee agreed to invite Jason Hunt to replace him. Jason was already actively involved with club affairs and he seemed a natural choice. I want to put on record my thanks for the sterling work of all committee members during the year. They have organised the special events and served behind the bar prior to lockdown. Then they provided some entertainment for members via email and WhatsApp, and finally helped to get the premises ready for re-opening, which required a mammoth effort. I also want to thank those club members who volunteer to help with service behind the bar. Without their help we would not have been able maintain our three openings a week, prior to lockdown.

Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 2020

INCOME

Gross Profit from Trading account	£7,056
Membership Fees	£1,425
Visitors Fees	£150
Ticket Sales	£1,000

Total **£9,631**

EXPENDITURE

Capital Expenses:	Donation (BPC)	£400	£400
Operating Expenses:	Licence Fees	£70	
	Audit Fee	£100	
	Rent	£2,850	
	TV Licence	£156	
	Sky TV	£2,325	
	Cleaning	£571	
	Petrol	£420	
	Bar Incidentals	£470	
	Hall Incidentals	£656	
	Entertainment	£750	
	Logs	£302	
	Prizes	£252	
	Events Food	£282	£9,204

Total **£9,604**

Excess of Income over Expenditure **£27**

Represented by :

Increase Bank Balance (£3,392 @ 31/5/20)	£669	
Unbanked Takings	£35	
Cash in Hand – Float	£170	
Decrease Stock	(£847)	£27

Trading Account for year ended 31 May 2020

Sales		£24,682
Cost of Sales:		
Purchases	£16,779	
Plus Stock @ Start	£3,786	
Less Stock @ Close	£2,939	(£17,626)
Gross Profit to Income & Expenditure Account		£7,056

Charitable Donations Made for year ended 31 May 2020

RAF Charity		£150
MacMillan (Including Coffee Morning)		£928
Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance		£555
Cancer Research UK		£111
Lions Club		£100
Newark Food Bank		£221
Total		£2,065