


IPSWICH & SUFFOLK CLUB
NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2006

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

The Board of Directors has made major decisions on your behalf regarding the running of the Club. Despite a healthy increase in membership in recent years, the overheads within the Club have escalated to the point where we had to take decisive action.



Standley Gaskin

We have therefore appointed a General Manager, Robert Coppin, to take overall responsibility for the day to day running of the Club. The post was offered to Veronica on the understanding that her present position would be made redundant. However, after careful consideration Veronica declined the offer and has left to take up employment elsewhere.

After six years' loyal service, during which time she made a substantial contribution to the success of the Club, Veronica will be greatly missed and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for the future.



Eric McCoy

With an important birthday looming, Eric McCoy has announced his retirement from the Board of Directors with effect from November this year. Eric joined the Board in 1995 and was Club Chairman in 2002. Over the years, he has made an enormous contribution to the Club and we thank him wholeheartedly for all that he has done.

CLUB GENERAL MANAGER

You may know our new General Manager from the former Marlborough Hotel or more recently from Shrubland Hall. Robert brings to the Club in excess of 33 years' experience of the hospitality industry. We all wish him every success in his new role.



New General Manager, Robert Coppin

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

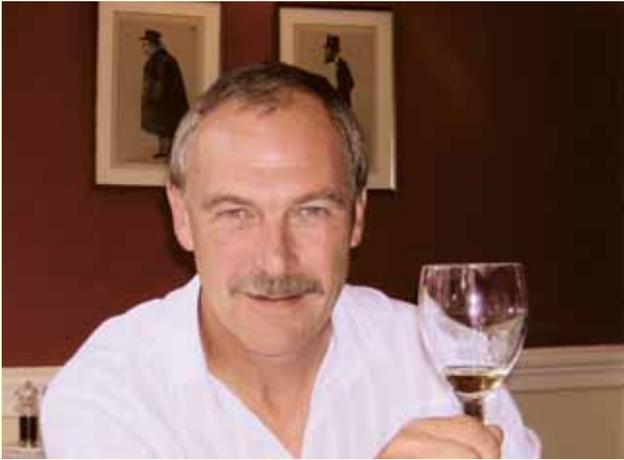
Annual membership renewals are due by Friday 29 September 2006. Renewal letters are enclosed with this newsletter and on receipt of payment you will receive:

- Your vouchers for use in the dining rooms and bar
- Your replacement car park stickers, valid from 1 October
- The revised security code for the front door, also valid from 1 October.

Please be sure to forward your payment by the due date so that the above can be distributed as early as possible.

'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 and he will forward a revised invoice without delay.



Bruce Murrill, Chairman, Wine Committee

WINE COMMITTEE

Bruce Murrill, Chairman of the Wine Committee, reports that following the success of the recent 'Champagne & Strawberries' evening (see back page for photos!), the Committee plans to introduce more 'premium' events for the coming year.

In October, 'Wines from the Vintage Years' will be sampled. The evening will include wines from the Club's exclusive reserve wine cellar plus a substantial buffet.

A 'Wine of the Moment' concept is to be introduced to allow purchase by the glass and, where appropriate, to enable members to purchase by the case for external consumption at a small premium to cost.

CLUB FUNCTIONS TO FEBRUARY 2007

Enjoy a sing-along at the 'Last Night of the Proms' supper, join our Halloween party or bring friends to a Speaker's Lunch. You could even get your antiques valued by Bonhams at an Antiques Valuation Day in October.

Early bookings advised for all the events – right through to February 2007 - listed in our new social calendar.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

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

This promotion replaces the 'Champagne' promotion advertised in our last newsletter.
Valid from 1 October 2006 - 30 September 2007

BRIDGE

Newcomers 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!

FAREWELL JOAN . . .

Our Assistant Chef, Joan di Mascio, has recently retired after 17 years' service here at the Club. Joan has been a much valued employee and will always be remembered for her friendly manner and cheerful disposition . . . not to mention, of course, for her excellent pies and puddings!

We miss you Joan! Farewell and happy retirement.



Joan di Mascio . . . retiring after 17 years



Friends, family and Club Members all came together to say farewell to Joan at her retirement party



**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 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

- 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
- All available at the best rates in town!

NEW MEMBERS

Mr Richard Brice, Mr Alan Shotton, Mr Christopher Wright, Mr Bernard Andrews, Mrs Alice Lorimar-Thomas, Mrs Karen Finch, Mr Michael Rockall, Mr Keith Cook, Mr Charles Harrison-Pinder, Mr David Featherstone.

We are also pleased to welcome the following Joint Members:

Mrs Hilary Andrews, Mrs Sylvia Shotton, Mrs Christine Allen, Mr Melvyn Finch, Mrs Gillian Rockall, Mrs Brenda Featherstone.

We regret to announce the death of our members:

Dr Daniel Lewis Thomas, Mr Brian Kitchener, Mr John Salter, Mr Ron Baxter.

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 joining the group's monthly meetings, speak to General Manager, Robert Coppin.



**ATTENTION ALL NON
 SNOOKER PLAYERS**

. . . who have not played since their teens/twenties, gave up years ago as there were no facilities, never have played but would have liked to and also any member who has just not got around to doing anything about it – I can resolve matters !!

The two tables are newly recovered and we have all the equipment necessary. There are members who are existing regulars and would be happy to provide basic tuition or practice. All that is necessary is to contact David Green by ringing 01473-226794 and I will do the rest. Go on, ring now!

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.



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PHOTOS - 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 a particularly successful Champagne and Strawberries evening, where a capacity crowd enjoyed a superb selection of eight fine wines plus a delicious buffet supper.

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



NORMANDY DINNER

Friday 9th June

Drinks before dinner . . .

. . . and after dinner entertainment



RESTAURANT NIGHT

Friday 26th May

Noel Fox getting to know . . .

. . . Robin Shurity



CHAMPAGNE & STRAWBERRIES

Friday 7th July

Bon-viveurs at the recent Champagne and Strawberries evening . . .

. . . Kim and Lorna Featherstone (right) with guests Mr Rod Day and his wife Ann



YOUR CONTACTS

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