Dear Fellow Member

What a joy to have summer with us, to have had so many good social events and in particular our 160th Celebratory Events. We have also been spoilt with a range of sporting events: Cricket, Golf, Football and Tennis tournaments from around the world and of course The World Cup all shared in the Bar.

Our regular events continue to recruit good numbers. Quiz nights (and afternoons), card playing on Tuesday evenings and coffee mornings on the first Thursday of each month.

The Young Wimbledon Artists (YWA) is now in its 4th year and is proving to be a huge success. The success is a tribute to the hard work put in by Mike Robbins. I do hope you all had a chance to visit the exhibition in the ‘Norman Plastow Gallery’.

Following the AGM a new committee is in place. I would like to say a big thank you to Phil and Maddy who served on the Committee for the last two years. I have listed out all the members and their roles elsewhere in the newsletter. We are there to make sure that The Club is there for you so if you have any suggestions please do talk to any member of the Committee or use the suggestion book that is kept behind the bar.

We also have a new S&G sub committee that looks remarkably similar to last year but minus Phil and welcoming Steve Burrows. I am sure they will be delivering another year of great events.

I would just like to thank our excellent bar staff James, Richard, Jane & Ross and the behind the scenes Rachel & Lance all led by our outstanding manager, Graham Martin.

John Huckle
Chairman
It was good to see so many at the AGM and it was very positive that there were so many Members who were passionately interested in The Club.

I will be listing some of the things that were discussed at the meeting but first of all I thought that it would be worthwhile reminding everyone of how the Committee looks after the inaugural meeting post the AGM.

**Graham Barnes:** Trustee & Director

**Steven Burrows:** S&G

**Jo Heath:** Vice Chair & S&G, New Members Interview Panel

**John Huckle:** Chair, Trustee & Director

**Ann Leighton:** Trustee & S&G

**Brian Mattock:** S&G

**Peter Shevlin:** Chair of S&G, New Members Interview Panel

**Roger Stevens:** Vice Chair, New Members Interview Panel

The trustees serve on the General Purposes Committee (GPC) and the Council of the Village Hall Trust. Directors hold the nominal role for Wimbledon Village Club Limited and Social and Games (S&G) is quite simply the most important sub-committee of the club.

Issues that were raised at the AGM for the Committee to consider included: data collection, getting photos of all members, a reduced membership rate for students, ratification of the affiliate member’s rule.

I would like to say that it is a privilege to serve as Chairman of the committee at a time when The Club is benefiting from the hard work and involvement of so many members and has a stable and hard-working staff under the very able stewardship of Graham Martin.

### 'Issues that were raised at the AGM for the Committee to consider........'

#### Your Committee for 2018-19

- **John Huckle**
- **Roger Stevens**
- **Graham Barnes**
- **Peter Shevlin**
- **Ann Leighton**
- **Brian Mattock**
- **Jo Heath**
- **Steve Burrows**

#### In Memoriam

We are sad to report that the following Members have passed away since the last newsletter.

- **30th January 2018**
  - Dermot Mulvihill
    - Member since March 2011

- **February 2018**
  - Jim Light
    - Member since August 2004

- **1st March 2018**
  - David Bruce Davies
    - Member since April 2017

- **1st May 2018**
  - Alan Foster
    - Member since August 2006
GDPR
No doubt you will have been inundated with reminders of various privacy policies and requests for you to stay on mailing lists.
All this comes about as a result of the General Data Protection Regulation which came into force on 25 May this year. This is a European wide law that replaces the Data Protection Act 1998 in the UK. The Club is covered by this legislation and we are trying our best to ensure that we protect your data and comply with the rules as you will have gathered from the missives sent out to you.

Dress Code
As summer comes upon us here is a small reminder of our rules:

1. Members and guests are asked to dress appropriately for a social club, vests or bare chests are not permitted. Soiled working clothes should not be worn after 7pm.

2. All disputes regarding Members’ or guests’ attire dress will be resolved by the Manager, the staff or any member of The Committee present.

To add to the above the committee have decided the following guidelines:

“Bare feet will not be acceptable”.

Reciprocal Club
Some time ago we were introduced to some members of the Glen Rock Athletic Club of New Jersey and agreed that we should have reciprocal visiting rights. We even exchanged an over-sized Wimbledon tennis ball for an undersized American football which you will see on the mantle piece.

We were recently visited by one of their members who had a splendid afternoon enjoying the facilities and conviviality of The Club. If anyone is thinking of visiting New Jersey don’t forget to call in on the Glen Rock Athletic Club

Trust Matters
Young Wimbledon Artists
Summer 2018

YWA is an awards scheme designed to promote art and artists for the future. Young people living or studying in Merton have the opportunity to enter for an award, and the scheme holds shows during the year at the Norman Plastow Gallery in Wimbledon.
The YWA Summer Exhibition 2018 is the fourth exhibition of original artworks produced by local young artists from 14 to 19 year’s old.

This year’s summer awards has seen a record number of entries and schools taking part. Best of Show award went to a pupil from Ricards Lodge with awards going to one independent entry and 7 other schools across Merton.

“The year’s summer awards has seen a record number of entries…..”

The Preview of the awards was very well attended including the new Mayor of Merton, Mary Curtin, the new Deputy Mayor of Merton, Geraldine Stanford, and Stephen Hammond MP. Also teachers, pupils and parents from many Merton schools with Mike Robbins, the coordinator and founder of the scheme, presenting the awards.
The WVC at 160

Our 160th Birthday Celebrations

On the 3rd March we all had an excuse to put on our glad rags as we celebrated 160 years of the WVC with a special party in the Village Hall. While our social occasions are always supported by club members this was exceptionally well attended. In fact, tickets were sold out well in advance showing that there are all keen to join in the first of four special events organised to mark the anniversary.

Taking over six months to arrange by the Social & Games Committee, with help from both the Club Committee and the Trust, the whole of the Wimbledon Village Club pulled together to make it an evening to remember.

A record 108 people attended, with food cooked and served by outside catering company Green Fig, giving S&G members the night off from the usual running around on the night. This proved a great success with everyone impressed by the choice on the menu and level of service.

Entertainment was supplied by piano player Kwaku, who was as fantastic as ever. Kwaku has quickly established himself as a WVC favourite and we will be seeing him again later in the year, his choice and tempo of music while people dined and chatted through their meal was perfect. After a quick speech from our chairman that was met with applause there was spontaneous singing when John pointed out it was local legend Rosemary Nolan’s birthday! There was birthday cake as well, made by double WVC Bake Off winner Jo Roachford, which was of course delicious as always.

Three piece band Command Performance then took centre stage with a mix of pop and soft rock classics ably assisted by a glamorous saxophone player, who managed to get the most reluctant of Members up on the dance floor having a bop. It went on until past midnight and all agreed it was a great night!

We also enjoyed the Summer Garden Party in the Emmanuel Church grounds on Saturday 23rd June. Thankfully the weather Gods were on our side and we were able to make the most of this special arrangement with a Hog Roast provided by Scotts of Carshalton and a bottle bar across the road. We arranged closure of Lingfield Road with Merton Council and used marshals to ensure the safety of our members. Music was supplied by our old friends The Outswingers so traditional jazz was the order of the day.

Early August brings the third event on the calendar to commemorate our 160th: a Thames river trip on Turk’s Kingston Royale. Numbers will be limited to 75, with fish and chips plus a veggie option on the menu. Music will be brought to us by the popular Kwaku. Tickets are available now, so see noticeboards in the Club for details. This is where you will also find all our latest news and details of all upcoming shows and concerts.

Our fourth and final special 160th event is a Variety Show by the Wimbledon Light Opera Society which will be an ‘Edwardian Music Hall show in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December. Make a note in your diary as it’s bound to be a wonderful night.

Of course these birthday celebrations are in addition to the usual Club events that we continue to have throughout the year, which I hope you find varied, value for money, and of course fun.

I hope you have enjoyed our celebrations so far this year - and here’s to the next 160!

Peter Shevlin
S&G Chairman.
Social and Games

The main events this year have been the 160th celebrations as reported on the previous page plus the usual range of Club events.

As a reminder:-

21st January saw blues legend Papa George rock the main bar. Assisted by Val Cowell on guitar and vocals and Pete Stroud on bass. This free event was one of many financed by members continuing to buy tickets in our weekly raffle.

Never Mind the Bongos entertained us in the Bar in February plus a music afternoon with the Alexandra MacLean Jazz Duo in April.

The Dirty Spoons entertained a full house in the Hall between samples of beer and wine at our Meet The Brewer night on 21st April. The “Spoons” gave their usual dynamic folk mix, culminating in a truly memorable finish.

July to December Social Events

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Poker Night - Every Tuesday of the Month
Quiz Night - Third Thursday of the Month
Coffee Morning - First Thursday of the Month

Keep an eye on the notice boards or website for details

Snooker

Veteran John Ahern was a surprise but popular winner beating John Horner in the Singles (Handicap) snooker competition in March - John is seen here with S&G Chairman Peter Shevlin.

The doubles (Handicap) tournament was won by Jim Tait and Ian McCann, well done to them both, who managed to beat Jim Collins and James Dacie in the final.

Don’t forget to check out the noticeboards for news of upcoming snooker events, as all members are encouraged to join in regardless of standard and experience - and perhaps like John, you may end up winning it!
Honours Boards

Unless you play snooker you probably wouldn’t know about the honours boards displayed in the snooker room. There is also a board recognising Wimbledon Village Club Members who served in His Majesty’s Forces during The World War 1939 – 1945. This is not a memorial board. It is not clear whether all these men returned.

There are also three old snooker boards. The W. Rayner Cup Handicap competition showing winners from 1953 – 1985, The W. Martin Cup - handicap 1954 -1980. These two competitions ran in parallel on alternate years, quite why is not clear and the Copleston Pairs Cup showing winners from 1965 to 1986. The main singles competition winners were recognised with an engraved plaque on the club shield.

There are also the current boards which were inaugurated in 1999 these are updated regularly with the winners of the Open and Handicap singles and doubles competitions.

The four older boards have some interesting names – from the WW11 board, Drake – Was he a sailor? Eccles – that takes the biscuit! Fielder – any relation to Fielders the shop in Wimbledon Hill Road? Holmes - Relative of Robert Holmes? Morgan any relation to the current Morgan members? Redman is shown twice C.W. & C.R. Lipscombe. Any relation to John? a long standing member? And finally from this board - Sambrook maybe a relation of Duncan Sambrook who founded Sambrooks Brewery.

Turning to the snooker boards. Names to conjure with. A. Cooper (presumably not Alice) G. Wilson - Surely not the village tailor and once Club secretary. Couldn’t be! The W. Martin Cup has names such as N Armstrong in 1955 – maybe he later became an astronaut? J. Pharoah

A country member from Egypt? C. Croissant a French baker?
The Copleston Pairs board stimulates the mind to wonder…C. Breeze did he live near the coast? C. Curry a local restaurant owner? T. Carpenter – he wasn’t a carpenter but a cricket groundsman. M. Holland – a relative (Nephew?) of the owners of the Hand in Hand before Young’s brewery bought it in the 1970’s In those days it was an ale house and did not sell spirits. W. Hermitage did he own a museum in St Petersberg or live a solitary life??

So if you know anything about any of the people mentioned on these boards please let me know.

Roger Stevens

Six Nations Rugby

This year we decided to re-introduce the Six Nations prediction competition which was run so successfully by Peter Nichols for many years. Our thanks to Martyn Wright who wrote a programme to help us track the results.

In the past a share of the ‘pot’ was donated to The Wooden Spoon children’s charity but for 2018 we decided to support Prostate Cancer UK.

The competition was to predict the winners of each match so fifteen correct answers were possible. There were 42 entries each with up to three predictions for £5.00 A tie breaker was based on predicting the total number of points in the competition. A £25 prize for anyone predicting the correct number of points regardless of their match results was offered but this was not won so the £25 was added to the donation. The total number of lines was 119. The prize pot totalled £190.00

In the early stages there were many contenders (35 correct answers after three matches) but as the competition progressed this number dwindled down to four who correctly forecast fourteen correct results so the result was decided on the tie breaker. Total points scored was 682.

Sadly we were not able to change the referees or TMO decision on a disallowed try (nearly) scored by Wales against England despite prostrations by one entrant who we cannot name.

The winners were

1st Prize Richard Sollis £42.25 Tie breaker 642
2nd Prize Jim Chambers £24.75 Tie breaker 635
3rd Prize Ian McClelland £16.50 Tie breaker 605

Donation to Prostate Cancer UK £107.50
Wine, Beer and Spirits

Wine List

Look out for our new updated wine list with monthly specials from Dan at Majestic

Previous monthly special was a very popular Pinot Noir from California enjoyed by Harry & Meghan at their wedding party

New Draught Beers

With Marston’s now the owner of the brewery that brews Young’s beers. We have trialled two new draught beers Shipyard an American pale ale at 4.5% and Warsteiner a German Pilsner at 4.8%

Favourite Spirit

With the change in recent years of peoples choice of their favourite spirit. The pie charts below shows the changing sales from vodka to gin in the last four years at the Club.

Currently the Club stocks ten Gins
Any recommendations please let us know!

Spirit sales 2014

Spirit sales 2018

Alcohol Free

Warsteiner fresh and Heineken Zero are the new choice of 0% beers

We also stock Seedlip Spiced gin a 0% spirit

Ten Gin Bottles

pouring at the bar

Newsletter produced by G.Barnes
Membership Cards
Have you collected your membership card for 2018?
Next time you pop in to the Club. They are in the file boxes on the Bar
Thank you

Facts & Figures
After more than five years since the installation of Uridan Waterless urinals. The total water saved is 793,200 litres
Some estimates suggest a quarter of the world’s clean water is flushed down toilets

Have you moved home or changed your email recently?
If so please let the Secretary know your change of details so we can keep our database up to date.
secretary@thewvc.org.uk

CO₂ Shortage
“Limited purchases allowed at biggest Wholesaler of Beer and fizzy drinks due to CO₂ Shortage”

With problems through out food and drink manufacturer’s, including meat packaging and crumpet production.

We thank the Real Ale drinkers who enjoy their Bitter and require no CO₂ in brewing or packaging into firkins and hand pull engines to pour their pints.

Green Efforts
The Club has changed over to paper straws after recent news about polluting the oceans
We also have recycled for many years all glass, plastic, cardboard and paper with a weekly collection
Over 26,000 bottles in 2017 recycled from the club

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