



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

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CLUB NIGHT: 21 JANUARY 2010: 8.00 PM: THE ROYAL OAK, WHATLINGTON

As reported in my subsequent e-mail, it was decided at the December Club Night to cancel the Quiz Night scheduled for 6 January and to hold the quiz after the AGM, on 21 January, instead. I have agreed to set the questions, to give Nigel a bit of a rest and to give others a bit of a bit of a rest from some of his more obscure questions!

The agenda for the AGM is enclosed, together with the minutes of the previous AGM. Please remember to print copies and bring them with you to the meeting. I am not aware that anyone has volunteered yet to take over as Chairman or General Secretary at the AGM. Please consider offering to do a stint in one or other office, so that the Club can continue to function. Neither role is very demanding and I am even prepared to continue maintaining the Club website once I stand down, if neither the new Secretary nor another Committee member wishes to take on that particular task.

Voting on the changes to the Club Rules proposed by the Committee (which were set out in the December Newsletter) closed on 10 January. A total of 21 votes were received by the closing date. All were in favour of the proposed changes and none was against. The changes were therefore approved by the necessary two thirds majority of members voting on the matter and have now taken effect. A copy of the Rules as now amended is enclosed for your records.

Unfortunately Marcia and I missed the Christmas Party at Satinstown Farm on 11 December and I am grateful to Nigel for the following report on the proceedings:

We were all invited to John's farm at Heathfield for the Annual Christmas Party and a good turn out with sixteen members and two of Gilly's friends and of course Riley. As usual the table was weighed down with excellent food and drink and an awful lot of chatter took place, so much that we only had time for one game, provided by Nigel called 'What have we ear?', photograph's of various members ears. Surprising how many did not recognise their partner's appendages. This game represented a first for the Club being played on both sides of the Atlantic at the same time. However, those members in the colonies did not do any better!

A thank you to John and to Gilly for organising the evening.

Now more from Nigel about forthcoming events:

Bowling February

Another Ten Pin Bowling match is scheduled for Tuesday 2 February although in the past we seem to have preferred to play on a Thursday evening (Thursday 4 February) as more members are able to attend.

The lanes are not yet booked so please let Nigel know which day you would prefer and if you would like to partake in meal at Prezzo's afterwards. Cost depends on numbers of lanes and numbers attending, but it will be in the region of £5 per person.

UK Holiday 23 – 27 April

Hotel and Rally places have now been booked, but it may still be possible if you want to join in this event.

Finally, from Nigel, a reminder about annual subscriptions:

Have you paid yet? They were due at the beginning of the year. If not, it might be worthwhile doing so now before the new Committee meet as they may increase them!

Please make payment direct to the Club's bank account if possible (details at the top of the previous page) and either include your name as a reference or let Nigel know that you have paid, so that he can credit you accordingly.

That's all for now. I do hope that 2010 has got off to a good start for you and look forward to seeing you at the AGM and Quiz on Thursday 21 January.

Nigel

11 January 2010