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STANFORD SOCIAL CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Issue #2

Message from the Chairman

Sad to report Jim Fitzgerald has passed away. Jim was an active committee member for many years and helped with maintenance jobs in and around the Club. Also became a Trustee when he retired from the committee. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

As always this is a Social Club that depends on its members so if you want to play an active part by joining the committee, please get in touch by popping along during opening hours or sending your interest to editor@stanfordsocialclub.com

The Club is available for functions to any member, if you have a date in mind and would like to check availability just get in touch.

If anyone has time to do any maintenance jobs in and around the Club let us know, we are grateful for all volunteers.

Urgent need for new bar staff

We really appreciate the members that currently volunteer to do bar shifts. But to avoid possible closures or the same people having to do more shifts we'd really love to expand the list, even if you can only do 1 shift a month any help would be greatly appreciated. It really is a great way to get to know more members and keep up to date with what's going on. No experience necessary as training will be provided. Bar staff get 3 free drinks per shift to sweeten the deal. As you can see from the opening times below each shift is usually only 3-4 hrs in length (split shifts at weekends Saturdays 4pm-7.30pm, 7.30-11pm and Sundays 2pm-4.30pm and 4.30 – 7pm). If you can help, please contact Malcolm.

Revised opening hours from February

Mon - 8pm-11pm

Tue & Wed - Closed

Thursday & Friday - 8pm-11pm

Saturday – 4pm – 11pm

Sunday will be 2pm - 7pm.

These will be revisited in the Spring, and we'll keep you informed.

The Club is dog friendly, if you fancy popping in for a drink after your walk, we just ask that they don't get on the furniture.



We've recently upgraded to a new 75" smart screen and televise sporting fixtures available from Sky subscription. We have two dart teams; Monday night is Faringdon League and Thursday night is Wantage League (Fixture lists are on the notice board in the club).

Monday is also Wantage Crib League, if anyone is interested in joining, please come along any Monday or Thursday night.

We have a pool table @ only 20pence per game, yes that's right 20p!! and there is a free music system with a variety of genres to choose from.

We run a Thrift Club open to members to save up for Christmas. You can pay in as much or as little as you like on a Saturday evening between 7.30-8.30 pm.

Our monthly meat raffle is drawn on the last Saturday of the month, tickets for the raffle (£1 each) can be bought anytime just ask the bar staff when you are next in.

Upcoming Events



Six Nations Rugby games showing throughout February & March

| Saturday 25 th February | WALES v ENGLAND | 16.45 |
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| Sunday 26 th February | FRANCE v SCOTLAND | 15.00 |
| Saturday 11 th March | ENGLAND v FRANCE | 16.45 |
| Sunday 12 th March | SCOTLAND v IRELAND | 15.00 |
| Saturday 18 th March | IRELAND v ENGLAND | 17.00 |

14th - 17th March - Cheltenham Races

The club will be open outside of usual business hours during this week to show the Races, please come along. (Tuesday – Friday from 1pm-4pm).

Thursday 16th March - Open Mic Night

From 8-11 pm, please come along and listen to some great music or join in. A welcoming environment to show case your talents whether it be singing, playing an instrument or why not practice your best standup?

Friday 24th March - AGM

8.30pm

This is the meeting to come along and have your say as it is your club and tell us what you would like us to do or volunteer for committee and OR bar work.

After the AGM we'll begin taking membership renewals and hope to get all remaining GDPR signatures we may have missed. The committee has taken a view that with current cost of living constraints the membership fees will remain the same for 01Apr23 – 31 Mar 24 and we'll review again at a later date.

Annual Membership Fee: Junior (16 up to 18) £5.00 Full Member £7.50 Senior (over 65) £5.00

Friday 31st March – Bingo



Eyes down at 7.30pm. Mix of prizes and cash for the winners. Usually, a busy affair so get down early to make sure you get a table – good luck everyone!

As Malcolm said we welcome the feedback we have received, one of which was for more Bingo nights. We have taken this onboard, and these will be organised, further dates To Be Confirmed

Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend – (6th-8th May) – Live Music

We are arranging a family BBQ and live music for the Coronation Celebrations, dates and act to be confirmed.

We've also had interest from other Groups who would be willing to play at the Club so more live music nights will be booked in due course, dates to follow so please keep reading the newsletter or pop in and check the noticeboard.

Food nights

Another suggestion members would like to see happen more. Next month we'll have a list on the noticeboard in the Club please register your interest and we can arrange a date/cuisine based on responses