

Functions Report AGM 24.10.2022

The year started off slow as members were still very aware of the covid situation due to this quite a few functions we would normally have didn't happen.

Trying to get members back into the club for any event has proved rather difficult this year, we held craft fairs on a few Saturdays where the first one we did was very successful the next 2 or 3 had hardly anyone attend this again was because Covid rose its ugly head again.

The opening of the green saw quite a few members coming back as they could obviously start playing outside with less risk of covid.

We put a stall together at the Friends of the Park to try and recruit new bowlers we had a few people take interest and came to the club to have a try at bowling but I don't think any of them joined.

We tried to introduce an umbrella evening this started well but then members stopped coming down and it died a death.

Through the summer we had glorious weather and everyone enjoyed their bowling the club came back to life.

There are many events on the board to take us up until new year and beyond this is where we need you the members to put your names down and come to the events, the entertainment, no matter who we have, cost money, members do not realise these acts/entertainers are booked over a year in advance we cannot just call them a week before, we have to book them so far ahead we have to pay deposits, now if you don't support these events and we have cancel due to not having the numbers then we lose that deposit and also a cancellation fee which cost your club.

If we do not get the support from you the members the club social side of things will not exist, all the social team are volunteers for any event we do they are working sometimes from 9am in the morning until 11pm at night this is kitchen staff, bar staff, people decorating the club house setting up tables putting the chairs out, again this is not just one day it could be over several days to get things in order, then they have go to get all the food and bar stock, to make sure everything is there for members. On that note I would like to thank all the social team (Kitchen Staff bar staff etc) for their support over the last few years.

We need to try and make more use out of our club with the heating and electricity bills rising to extortionate rates if we do not support the events your club will not survive, the bar is open Monday – Friday evenings at the moment we are lucky to sell 2/3 pints of an evening with the cost of the utilities we will probably have to turn the heating to the club room off only open the bar when we have an event on a weekend.

There have been a few suggestions that could happen through the winter months like a soup and a roll lunch time and music with dance classes this we could open to non-members to try and raise a few coppers for the pot also an afternoon bingo session this would be open to non-members again this could raise a bit for the club also we would be doing our community bit for the town.

The club room is let to a craft club every other Saturday which can bring in a small amount of revenue, we also have the walking group that come in once a week where they purchase tea coffee and biscuits this again brings a small amount of revenue.

At the end of the day your club needs you to support any of the events we try to organise if you don't there will be no events and what a waste of a club room that would be.

As you will all know this is my last year of being Functions Co Ordinator, I have really enjoyed doing this over the last 4 years, again I would like to thank Alan Moore and all the bar staff for their help over this time also Margarett Nichols, Angie Moore, Janet Lovell, and all the rest of the social team for all their hard work.

I will still be organising the Torquay tours which we have one booked for March 2023 and also an outside tour booked for September 2024 at Torquay.

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