

**THE  
WOODFORD WELLS  
CLUB**

**Annual Report  
and  
Accounts  
To 31 March 2015**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 151st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CLUB ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT 8.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. These Minutes have been published with the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2015.
3. To receive Accounts for the year to 31st March 2015.
4. To receive the report from the Chairman of the General Committee which has been published together with the Accounts for the year to 31st March 2015.
5. To consider and approve proposed changes to the Club Rules.
6. To consider and approve proposed increases in Annual Subscriptions.
7. To elect Club Officers and Committee Members.
8. Any other business.

**Carl George  
Hon Secretary**

**Notes**

Please ensure that any other Club Member in your household sees this Notice

A list on which nominations for Officers and Committee Members may be made will be placed on the Club notice board. This list will be withdrawn before the date of the Meeting in accordance with the Club Rules.

Junior Members are not entitled to vote at the Annual General meeting.

*The Annual Report together with the Accounts for the year to 31st March 2015 will be available for download from the Woodford Wells web site from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October or can be picked up from Club Reception from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October.*

## **Chairman's Report**

### **The 150<sup>th</sup> draws to an end**

In a year of economic upsurges and financial downturns, of rising political tensions, of deadly diseases and searches for cures, of Grexit and Brexit, austerity and asylum seeking, of horrifying plane crashes and emissions rigging, our Club passed its 150<sup>th</sup> calmly and with loyalty and friendship – Fidelitas et Amicitia – prevailing.

In May, our sesquicentennial year was brought to a suitably cheerful end with a party wonderfully organised by Lesley Morris, Angela Tervet, Jessica Betts and many others. Our President started the evening by cutting a charmingly decorated cake depicting all the Wells sports and wishing the Club another successful 150 years of life. The party go-ers enjoyed delicious food in an informal, chatty atmosphere and, for dessert, devoured the cake while reminiscing past activities and endeavours of many members on and off the field of play. Then the fireworks... A short but spectacular burst of colour that brought the 150<sup>th</sup> year to a close beautifully. It was little wonder the fireworks were so impressive because they were under the control of Fantastic Fireworks who, a few months ago became the British Champions!

There are very few sports Clubs in a position to celebrate such a milestone of existence and I suspect there are even fewer Clubs that could organise such a wonderful series of well-attended events. The Club needs to thank all its members who gave up their time to help with the organisation of all the 150<sup>th</sup> events.

### **Our President**

At the centre of these has been our President, Averil Murphy. Averil has been a dynamo in helping to run the Wells and generating camaraderie and spirit throughout the duration of her presidency. Focussed, committed and determined, Averil has been a first-class ambassador for the Club, gently and enthusiastically supported by Phil whose happy demeanour always shines through. She has been a valuable sounding board for members, and has represented all their interests at General Committee meetings taking time to highlight their views and wishes and presenting persuasive and cogent arguments. I had the opportunity to say a few words of appreciation of Averil at President's Day in July and concluded with a quote of Theodore Roosevelt – who was also a President of an organisation that is a bit bigger but no less difficult to manage – that I thought was quite apt. "Let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out." That sums up Averil's approach to life very well. I am sure you will all agree with me that Averil certainly did not stand stationary and rust, but had a dynamic presidency radiating dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty. Averil, we thank you. As one President takes her curtain call another waits in the wings. We are very pleased that Richard Harling has agreed to be the next President of the Wells. Richard has a long association with the Club and we all look forward to him taking over the reins and guiding the Club and its members in equally thoughtful and committed ways.

As you will see from the accounts the Club has just managed to keep on an even keel over the period March 2014 – 2015. Most of our running costs rise relatively gently and steadily year-on-year but last year we incurred large costs on drainage repairs, squash court overhaul and replacement of the boiler that heats the courts as well as work to maintain various windows and our flat roofs. These types of expenditure are in the exceptional category but inevitably, given the age of our Club

premises, this exceptional category will persist. The General Committee walks a thin tightrope, balancing improvements to our facilities with due consideration of our finances. Priorities are set but often change rapidly. The Committee has reviewed Club finances and will shortly be setting up a member loan scheme to provide for future planned major refurbishment and improvement projects. If you feel you can help out in this way then please speak with Trevor Woolmer.

To paraphrase Reg (John Cleese) in "Monty Python's Life of Brian", some members continue to ask "What has the General Committee done for us?" The answer is simple. General Committee members spend considerable amounts of their own time deciding Club financial priorities, assessing its income and expenditure streams, evaluating and steering sectional matters, discussing potential future projects, activities and events, and defining Club policies on a wide variety of issues from child protection to court bookings, tree cutting and insurance. The Club simply would not function without the time and commitment of members of its General Committee. It comprises three members elected from the Club membership, who are Paul Thomas, Cliff Woolnoth and Ken MacLeod with representatives of each section; Paul Murphy – Cricket, Paul Bewers – Hockey, Bryan Taylor – Short Mat Bowls, Kevin Pearce – Squash, John Caplan – Tennis and Roland Zaunmayre – Table Tennis; in addition to Carl George – the Club Secretary, Trevor Woolmer – the Club Treasurer and, ex officio, Averil Murphy – the Club President.

Andrew Pearson, Tony Moore, Dilip Jajodia and Kim Hooper also attend the meetings in ex officio capacities as Fundraising representative, Bar Treasurer, Chairman of the Management Committee and Grants representative respectively. They do not vote on any aspect of General Committee business but provide input from their various groups to assist the Committee in its deliberations. Along with the members of the various Section committees, we thank all of them for their time and enthusiasm. David Fulton was the Hockey representative at the start of the year but has since stepped down from the Committee. We thank Dave for his valuable contributions. Our thanks also go to our loyal staff, Fiona Robinson, Trevor Diner, Chris Tilley and James Sherwood for their greatly valued input into all our operations in the office, bar and on the grounds. If you want to stand for election to the General Committee then either get your section to nominate you as their representative or have two people support your nomination from the Club membership.

### **Cricket week**

Despite changing work pressures making player availability challenging, the Cricket section organised and ran a full programme for cricket week that saw some close matches and excellent attendances particularly on the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the week. President's Day returned to the Thursday and Averil and Phil hosted an extremely enjoyable Day. After President's Day, Friday is emerging as the most popular day with lunch extending for many members well into the evening when most eventually succumb to the rigours of the occasion and roll, meander and drift in various directions homeward. Our thanks must go to Fiona Robinson for organising the Monday lunches, Helen Dryer for lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Brenda Thomas for her management of the catering operations during President's Day and to her large band of helpers for their time and energy and to Deepak Sinha and the rest of the cricket committee for their hard work during the week to make sure it was a success .

### **Summer Ball**

The Wells is synonymous with this event and we remain hugely grateful to Lindsey Kennedy for organising this spectacular and popular occasion. The weather was kind to us and the food, coffees and chocolates, various cheeses as well as the

return of the vodka luge made the evening memorable. Lindsey deliberately down-sized the event this year but the management and organisational skills to coordinate the evening required just as much dexterity and proficiency as her previous extravaganzas. Sadly, Lindsey has indicated that she does not wish to organise future Summer Balls so there is a key role for someone new to fill. We thank Lindsey and all her helpers over the years for the individual talent and flair that they bring to the occasion.

### **More events**

Coordination and organisation of our other Club social events throughout the year lies in hands of Tony Moore and his Entertainments Committee. The Club needs to host a good number and variety of events throughout the year to help maintain its income. Tony and his group should be congratulated for keeping the social calendar as full as possible. We are noticing a decline in member patronage at some of these events. It is critical that they do not make a loss so please try to support as many of them as you can.

### **Financial matters**

As stated in the Accounting Policy note, the basis on which the Club's accounts are compiled remains unchanged from that of recent years. However, in preparing this year's accounts it was apparent that the accounts for the previous year overstated the surplus of income for that year by £10,603. Accordingly appropriate adjustments have been made to the comparative figures.

Income increased by just over £24,000 with contributions from net profits of two major social events, the Music Gala and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance. Whilst the gross margin from bar sales increased significantly from 44% to 51% as a result of the alteration to the terms of the loan from the brewery, net income fell slightly due to higher staffing costs. There was a substantial increase in net income from junior sport events although some of this is matched by a commensurate increase in coaching costs, shown as expenditure, which cannot be fully attributed to junior coaching. Unfortunately there were a number of social events that were unprofitable and there was a decline in cricket match fees. These matters are being examined by the General Committee.

There was an increase in expenditure in the year of just under £49,000 primarily due to the exceptional costs incurred on drainage repairs, refurbishment of squash courts and boiler, and additional coaching costs referred to above. Total revenue income however exceeded expenditure by £1,055 which has been set against the (amended) deficit of members funds brought forward as shown in note 11.

The "Appeals Fund 2008" has been retitled "Capital Projects Fund" because there is only a small residue of donations now being received in respect of the 2008 appeal. This fund however has been fully exhausted by the expenditure set out in note 3 and was further subsidised by a transfer of £411 from members' funds. The purpose of this fund is to act as a "sinking fund" for future planned major refurbishment and improvement projects, matched by cash deposits, and will need to be replenished from future revenue surpluses and donations to achieve its purpose.

The accounts have been reviewed by the Club's independent examiner, Ian Brassington F.C.A., who has advised the General Committee that there are no matters arising that he wishes to be brought to the members' attention.

The General Committee should like to propose a small increase (by 2 – 3%) in annual subscriptions as detailed on the “Subscriptions” page of this report. The General Committee feels that these increases have to be made to balance growing staff costs and to provide for the new workplace pension scheme. Recognising the value to the senior sections of nurturing junior players, the General Committee is not proposing any increase in junior or intermediate subscriptions.

Whilst preparing our financial statement Trevor was passed a copy of the Club accounts of 1903 unearthed by Mark Thomas from his collection of Club artefacts. Trevor was concerned to note that the Treasurer of the time was required to put his hand in his pocket and donate 2 pounds, 8 shillings and thruppence to balance the accounts! Even in 1903 it appears Club officials still had problems with the late payment of subscriptions (8 pounds 18 shillings and sixpence) and had to pay for the “hire and keep of pony” – 4 pounds and 14 shillings!

### **Membership numbers**

We currently have 1271 members, slightly more than last year. Further breakdowns and comparisons are shown later in the report.

We are sad to have to report that the following members died last year.

John Brooker – Short Mat Bowls  
Brian Hamilton – General Activities  
Pat Deere – Squash  
Maggie Elliott – Netball  
Pippa Noble – General Activities  
Hameed Khan – General Activities  
L Tucker – Life Squash  
John Martin – Life Hockey

### **Sports section highlights**

*Squash (Section representative – Kevin Pearce)*

Membership of the Squash section continues to grow, undoubtedly helped by the various membership promotions on offer throughout the year, both at adult and junior level.

The Squash section committee gained 3 new members in the Summer; Mel Doughty, Paul Fennell and Stuart House each of whom bring their own areas expertise and new ideas into the fold. Some ideas are on a grand scale. For example, we are investigating if grant support is possible to allow an extension of the area at the back of the courts so they are in line with court 4. This would provide more space and improve the balcony area overlooking the courts. On a smaller scale Stuart is looking at more social events to bring the section even more together. Another member of the committee, Chris Day, had to step down due to work commitments and I would like to thank Chris on behalf of the committee, and also personally, for his help and support over the past two years.

Participation in the popular Friday night social is growing, and Dave Morse has restructured the leagues into a ladder to make them more competitive. Many thanks to him. The Committee has standardised the annual competition timings so that the first handicap squash tournament of the season will have taken place by the time you read this.

The Squash section joined forces with the Tennis section in September with Marc Thornley and Neville Evans running a very enjoyable Racketlon competition (involving Table Tennis, Racketball and Tennis) that saw 20 pairs from every section of the Club taking part. The competition was won by Marc. "Was this a fix?" I hear you cry. No, Marc won very fairly and was carried to victory by his partner.

The four Mens teams acquitted themselves admirably in the winter leagues with the 1<sup>st</sup> team jumping up two divisions in the Middlesex leagues. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams both gained promotion to Essex Division 1 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> team "pipping" the 2<sup>nd</sup> team by a point. The resulting e-mails were highly amusing but cannot be reproduced in this report due to language filtering being applied.

The fledgling 4<sup>th</sup> team finished a credible mid-table as did the ladies team and all the teams will be entering their leagues again this season. We entered two mens teams into the summer leagues and were second in one division and mid-table in the other. Thanks to Paul Fennel and Mel Doughty for their efforts with the winter teams, John Caton and Kevin McCormack for the summer team and Dawn White for the ladies team.

The section has also enjoyed success in the National and International scene with Zoe Mellis winning, not only the National over 35's racketball competition, but also the overall title, a tremendous achievement. Retiring Club President Averil Murphy won yet another world title. I've now lost count of how many titles she has but I wouldn't like to be her cleaner. Dusting in the Murphy household has been officially classified as heavy lifting! A good number of our players now regularly attend and compete in regional racketball events ensuring that the profile of the Club continues to rise and Wells members Pat Osborne, Marc Thornley, Mike O'Brien and Paul Fennell were part of the Essex team that regained the national title.

The future of squash and racketball looks to be in good hands with the junior section, run by Kevin Pearce and Adam Shepperson, seeing a big jump in numbers to around 45. This enabled us to hold an internal junior tournament for the first time in a number of years which was won by Brooke Smith who is now a regular England player and is ranked tenth in the country for her age group. Joe Shepperson and Daniel Caton are members of the Essex Squash boys squad and India Shepperson is in the girls squad. In the inaugural Essex Grand Prix event, for players just below county team level, Wells juniors won five of the six categories. The success of this inaugural event means that more will be held. Already the Wells has hosted one of this season's events with some success.

At the other end of the age spectrum Carl George's U3A (University of the Third Age) sessions are, like the ladies taking part, flourishing and proving that squash and racketball really are sports for all age groups.

We reflect on a very successful year for the Squash section, a success that we will build on to ensure that it and racketball remain integral and important parts of the Woodford Wells Club for the foreseeable future.

*Hockey (Croestyx) (Section representative and Chairman – Paul Bewers)*

The 2014/15 season was another important stage in the growth and development of the Hockey Section. The final League positions may have been disappointing but these do not reflect the overall progress made by all teams. The playing membership is in transition as more juniors progress into the adult teams and, with youth and talent in abundance, the future is very definitely bright and purple!

In the Mens Section, our thanks to Phil Walker who continues as captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> team, to Paul Murphy and Dan Gooch who retired as captains of the Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams and to Nick Gillett and Mike Fisher who have taken over. For the 2014/15 season, we were able to form a Mens 4<sup>th</sup> team under the guidance of Martin Foxall as coach and, although occasionally it was a struggle to raise a full side, this allowed more junior players to play competitive matches and a league entry has been made for the 2015/16 season.

In the Ladies Section, our thanks to Anna Lawes who continues as captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> team and to Chantal Pampellone and Vicky Britt for continuing as captains of the Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams. Their strong leadership with support from the vice-captains and coaches has enabled a successful progression and integration of younger players and this process is set to continue. Last season, the Ladies entered the Essex Indoor Tournament and finished champions of Division 2 with promotion to Division 1 for 2015/16 so our congratulations!

The Junior Section enjoyed its most successful season expanding from four teams to seven entering U14 Girls, U14 Boys and U16 Boys teams in the Home Counties Leagues. In the Essex Mini League, the U10 and U12 boys and girls teams moved from Division 2 to Division 1. The U14 girls won their league with the U14 boys finishing mid table. Seven teams were also entered in the prestigious Indoorhockey.co.uk indoor competition at U10, U12, U14 and U16 levels.

Jane Ridgway has taken on the role of Youth Co-ordinator and made an outstanding contribution in many areas. A number of administrative changes have been necessary to deal with the growth of the junior section including an online system for collecting subscriptions and training fees – if successful it is planned to extend this to the adult section for the 2016/17 season.

A number of Crostyx juniors represented Essex in matches at JAC (Junior Academy Centres ) level. Freddie Britt was awarded Best Player for Essex U14 Boys and Lucy Leel was selected as captain of the Essex U14 Girls team. Both Freddie and Lucy have since been invited by England Hockey to attend HIPAC (High Performance Assessment Camp) which is a great achievement.

A Juniors Awards Day was held in May combined again with the AGM and a VPs versus Club XI match on grass at the Wells. This was a great success with over 60 juniors and parents and a record attendance at the AGM.

As always a big thank you to our sponsors – Robert Gerrard for the juniors, Bournelodge for the Ladies Section and Foskett Marr Gadsby & Head for the Mens Section.

On the coaching side, Tim Watson decided to leave Crostyx at the end of the season to pursue other career opportunities. His contribution as a coach and player at Crostyx over many years has been significant, particularly with the growth of the Junior Section since its inception in 2008. His passion for hockey and technical skills as a coach will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in the future.

For the 2015/16 season, Steve Ashton has been appointed Head Coach for the Mens Section working with Martin Foxall. Simon Blockley will continue as Head Coach for the Ladies Section working with Neil Colton. Steve Ashton will oversee the Junior Section with Martin Foxall, Andy Moncur, Syed Jahan and Rob Harrison.

The Club's decision to seize the opportunity to use the new Lee Valley Hockey

Centre on the Olympic Park in 2014 has proved a great success and has helped to raise the profile of Crostyx in the local area. London Playing Fields Foundation were unsuccessful in raising funds for the long-awaited relaying of the artificial pitch at Peter May so the Club has taken an opportunity to move to the newly laid pitch at Ashton Playing Fields. This will be the main playing venue for home matches and is closer to the WWC clubhouse in Monkshams Lane.

The usual pre-season training with friendly matches started earlier than usual this year including entries to the Essex Cup (Men) and Rosebowl (Ladies) competitions at Redbridge Sports Centre – congratulations to the Ladies as Essex Champions and winners of the Rosebowl.

As always, growth, progress and success produces new challenges and for any club to operate successfully an army of volunteers is required. We are very fortunate to have so many who give up their time to help including those on the Section Committee, umpires, coaches and especially those parents who help at training and as team managers. Our thanks also to the WWC staff and General Committee for their support.

*Tennis (Section representative – John Caplan)*

The 2015 tennis season has been very successful from a competitive point of view with respect to teams representing the Wells in inter-club events. As always our senior women's team under the captaincy of Pat Wire continues to achieve at a very high level and will be representing GB *in the European Championships* at La Manga in Spain at the end of September. Pat, who is the reigning national doubles champion, will lead our team against other clubs from Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Turkey. Congratulations to Dianne Jones on reaching the singles semi-final in her age group in the British Seniors' Closed Grass Court Championships held at Wimbledon.

Our men's 1<sup>st</sup> team won the Essex Senior Cup in July defeating Virgin Active Clearview at the Connaught Club by a convincing 4-0 score. This is the first time since 2008 that we have managed to win this most prestigious trophy and congratulations are in order to Sam Pedder and all of his first team squad. In the local SW Essex division 1 our joint captains Marcus Rana and James Springett engineered our men's team winning the top division. Our mixed team, captained by Amit Arora, were edged into second place by just half a point! In May, our men's team hosted the RAF and enjoyed a win against a team captained by former club member, Flight Lieutenant Jon Bond.

Our juniors have done well this year and Anthony Wright and Tibet Hanedan have both caught the eye in the U10 age group. Anthony reached the quarter finals of the U10 Nike winter national tour finals and more recently he was runner-up in the summer National Tour Finals held at Bournemouth in August. In addition to our top players we also have many juniors playing on the courts after school during the week. We greatly value their presence and thank our coaches for their commitment to this vital age group. We now have 49 competing juniors, 32 of which are classed as RCJs (Regularly Competing Juniors).

We held a very successful finals day in July and enjoyed a feast of tennis with players completing in age groups from U8 to over 55. Our thanks go to all those who assisted in the organisation of this tournament.

Last October we held our biggest ever Open tournament. Blessed with good weather the club hosted 300+ competitors in what was the biggest tournament in the county.

This involved a big effort from many club members and we thank them for their efforts. Anyone who is able to assist this year please let us know. We would be delighted to hear from you.

This year we have looked to revitalise weekend Social Tennis. With the summer season approaching, we re-launched Saturday Social Tennis with the hope of attracting more participants and making members aware of tennis that is available during the weekend. Our re-launch had a great turnout of 25 playing members and the weeks following continually introduced numerous new players to Social Tennis. We thank our sponsors, Holly House Hospital and The Coriander Indian Restaurant for their generous assistance this year to the tennis section.

Finally, by the time you read this, work will have been completed on the surface refurbishment of courts 3 and 4 and complete re-surfacing of courts 1 and 2. All of these courts now have ITF standard Plexipave© surfaces and we do hope you like the "US Open" colour scheme. We are extremely grateful to the Essex LTA for the excellent support they have provided to enable us to bring this project to fruition. For those of you that think playing on acrylic courts is tough on the joints, do give them a try, we think you may be pleasantly surprised.

*Cricket (Section representative and Chairman – Paul Murphy)*

I am sure from my report last year, you will all recall how we measured ourselves against our objectives, some of which we achieved, and some that we didn't. New objectives were set for 2016, and we knew what we had to do as a Committee to achieve these objectives, and I can confirm that there was much hard work in the cold months, not least to attract some top quality players to the club, as well as increase overall playing membership.

The season began well for all teams, and especially for the first team. The club didn't seem to have problems putting out five competitive sides (and for the first time, five **league** sides), and this included some newcomers to the playing staff. To name but a few, we had Brenton Thompson, a player from NZ via Gloucestershire, Gareth James, Alex Sharpe, Lewis Phillips, Matt Nobes and Maurice Chambers who all helped to make a difference in the top two sides.

The main objective was always to return the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to the Premier League, and ultimately we failed in this. Losing 8 of the last 9 games through chronic unavailability due to injury and holidays almost sent us down. This is not an unfamiliar story. We have been here before and heard it before. So what is the answer? How do you gain more commitment from a group of skilled players? What do other clubs do? Well, I will say that the Wells are bucking the trend in increasing its playing membership, while other clubs have been fighting the tide. Yes, we need to do more to get the 1<sup>st</sup> XI into the Premiership, but let's not forget the successes of all the other sides, both adult and colts. Joe Johnson battled tremendously hard as 1<sup>st</sup> team skipper, and there were some excellent performances from various individuals. Next year however, if we start the season as we ended this one, we will go down. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI under skipper Nick Sims sat comfortably in the Premier League, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, a team of veterans, looked on course for greatness but ultimately failed in their quest for the title at the end of the season, also in the Premier League. The 4<sup>th</sup> XI were also comfortable in their Herts & Essex League, and the 5<sup>th</sup> XI, in their first ever league season, won promotion with amazing performances from teenagers and golden oldies alike. A tremendous effort from all involved.

Cricket at the Wells was played in the Spirit of Cricket with an excellent disciplinary record up to the last game. In the club's 150<sup>th</sup> season last year, we were proud to

announce the best ever league batting and bowling performances, both incidentally made at home. This year, the best ever league batting performance was broken again, as Rahul Patel made an unbelievable 245 in the Herts & Essex league. Plans for next season are already in full swing, with new players being courted, and a focus on bringing through yet more of our developing talent from the junior section.

The junior section have done extremely well once again, and should be congratulated on their appearance at the County Ground. I am just sorry the result didn't go our way. The 2014 report did not mention the contribution of one individual to the junior section for countless years, as his decision to take a well-earned rest came after the reports were submitted. But suffice to say that Ken MacLeod's enthusiasm and devotion to all young cricket players should be both acknowledged and honoured. I would like to personally thank Ken for all he has done, and note that it will take a number of other committed fathers or mothers to fill the void.

Cricket week remains a highlight in everyone's social calendar – this year the cricket was truly excellent with a full week played, and Thursday and Friday's games ending in ties. It's always a tough week to put together, so thanks to all those involved in the organisation and day to day running of this week. I mentioned last year that the success of this week is key in ensuring that the Wells maintains a good revenue flow for the Club as a whole. It continues to be a marvellous networking event, and many friends, old and new are both acquainted and re-acquainted. These weeks have been shortened, or indeed lost, at other clubs, and the Wells is proud to continue to run such a successful event.

The annual cricket tour abroad goes from strength to strength, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row – with Lanzarote again on the cards for 2016.

Thanks as always go to the grounds men, (Jimmy and his men), the Wells Office and Bar Staff, (Trevor, Fiona, Chris, Lisa and team), Umpires & Scorers, (Frank, Cyril and Freddie, Frances and Ash), Coaches, (Donovan and team), Colts Organisers, (James, Freddie and their team of supporters – but we do need more managers next year!), Tea ladies (Bob(?), helped by Fiona and Jenny), Sunday morning breakfasts (Joe Peddy, Janine Best, Juliet Elliott), General helpers (Bob, Ash and Ferret), the whole Committee, and especially Deepak, the ever hard-working Secretary (Honorary as he tells me). We must also thank all three of our Sponsors, and we hope they will continue their sponsorship for 2016.

So, there are many positives to be taken in to season 2016. We have the playing membership – and although I must sound like a broken record, availability will decide our success for next year. I will end by saying that it continues to be a great honour to be part of this fantastic club. And look forward to achieving more success next year.

*Table Tennis (Section representative – Roland Zaunmayre)*

In the 2014/15 season, the Woodford Wells Table Tennis section had five teams in the West Essex league and two in the Ilford league.

In the West Essex league, the A team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the B team 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 1. The C, D and E teams finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively in Division 2.

In the Ilford league, the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 2.

In the West Essex tournament, we provided winners in the Veterans doubles and both finalists in the over 60 singles. We also had runners-up in both the over 40 singles and the restricted singles.

In the Ilford league, our only success was winner of the handicap singles.

*Short Mat Bowls (Section representative – Jean Allen)*

The star achievement of the year was the Wells winning the United Friendly Triples Final, held at Bantham Ongar and beating the holders, Bantham & Ongar. Our team of Ann Lovell, Norma Cracknell and Cathy Lee doing us proud.

The intersection triples was won by Knights.

The mens singles (for the John Brooker Trophy) was won by Ken Rogers, the ladies singles (for the Vera Stanbury Cup) was won by Irene Owen and the Ernie Shaw random triples was won by Ann Lovell, Pam Fletcher and Ella Dougherty.

The Fun Day was won by Jill Leiper with the wrong hand competition being won by Bryan Taylor! Once again the ladies beat the men in the annual match though the four mats were shared 2:2. On scores the ladies won by 42-30.

Our United Friendly League is in progress. As usual we struggle but have taken points from Upshire, Abridge, Bantham & Ongar and North Weald.

*Netball (Section representative – Jo Peddy)*

The netball section is a small group of ladies. Until recently we had about 10 members. We have recently recruited another 10 members to the section allowing us to enter two teams into the Winter League.

In the summer league the Woodford Wells team was in Division 5 and we finished mid-table having played ten matches, losing seven and winning three. For the winter league we have one team in Division 3 and one team in Division 4.

We are looking at the possibility of creating a junior section with our coach because we have been receiving a lot of requests about a netball section for youngsters.

RJK Security have also provided us with sponsorship by providing the team with new kit.

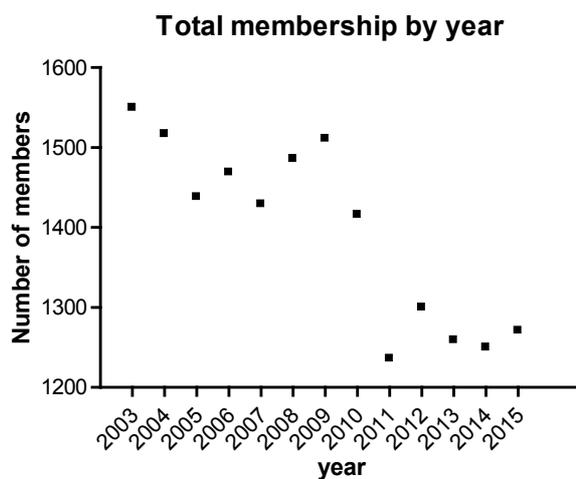
This brings to an end my Chairman's report for the year. As you can tell, the Club is in good health but this vigour depends on the same individuals giving sometimes disproportionate effort. It is your Club and its long-term viability is completely dependent on your input. Please become involved even in some small way. With member commitment and engagement the Wells will be well on its way to existing for another 150 years. I hope you enjoy your sport and Club friendships in the years to come.

Ken MacLeod  
Chairman  
General Committee

### Membership breakdown 2014 – 2015 (as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015)

Category	Life	Adult	Student	Intermed	Junior
Primary	134	240	52	47	237
General & FPM		247		5	
Off Peak Tennis		56			
Off Peak Squash		39			
Cricket Only		26			
Hockey Only		35			
T/Tennis Only		30			
Netball Only		6			
Short Mat Bowls		52			
Other		65			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Grand total</b>					<b>1271</b>

### Year-on-year membership comparison



**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

Revenue Account	Note	Income	<u>2014 (restated)</u>			
			£	£	£	£
Subscriptions & fees:						
		Membership subscriptions	170,799		167,307	
		Tennis court fees	12,137		11,590	
		Squash court fees	12,062		12,398	
		Match fees - Cricket	2,016		2,779	
		- Hockey	6,441		5,367	
		- Short mat bowls	1,620		1,616	
		- Tennis	2,506		2,436	
		- Squash/racketball	2,101		517	
		Visitors	<u>662</u>	210,344	<u>971</u>	204,981
Net income from events:						
		150th dinner dance	8,181		-	
		Summer ball	-		9,513	
		Music gala	2,654		-	
		New years eve	2,377		1,504	
		SMB quizzes	842		1,264	
		Junior quiz	-		750	
		Jazz nights	1,472		-	
		Food nights	555		1,230	
		Hockey quiz	552		-	
		Crostyx cocktails	-		500	
		Christmas 100 club event	-		549	
		Other (net costs)	<u>(2,183)</u>	14,450	<u>(659)</u>	14,651
Net income from bar	1			35,925		36,676
Net income from reception sales				4,498		1,150
Net income from junior sport (coaching, events)				52,705		31,835
Hall lettings and daytime activities				14,546		14,775
Donations from members designated for:						
		Cricket	1,998		6,128	
		Hockey	2,566		3,323	
		Other	<u>1,108</u>	5,672	<u>139</u>	9,590
Advertising & sponsorship				13,299		13,093
Playing area hire				4,992		5,370
Grants				2,010		2,100
Sundry income				550		740
Total revenue income for the year				<u>358,991</u>		<u>334,961</u>

Income from donations and events designated to fund capital and exceptional expenditure is reported in the Capital Statement and in Note 2.

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

<b>Revenue Account</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b><u>2014 (restated)</u></b>	
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries & national insurance:					
	Administration	53,165		51,686	
	Grounds	30,155		29,192	
	Reception	<u>30,849</u>	114,169	<u>27,426</u>	108,304
Coaches			31,190		18,122
Grounds maintenance & pitch hire			50,839		38,300
House maintenance & repairs			47,811		47,024
Squash courts/boiler refurbishment			9,343		-
Drain repairs			12,954		-
Rates & insurance			11,730		11,118
Utilities			25,300		25,460
Affiliation & competition fees			12,187		12,257
Playing equipment			4,000		3,708
Office expenses			14,432		13,436
Bank & credit card charges			6,554		6,005
Loan interest payable			210		-
Sundry expenses:					
	Advertising	1,159		1,903	
	Guest cricketer costs & fees	-		1,859	
	Music licence	1,015		1,360	
	New computers	-		2,514	
	Projector & screen	-		795	
	Unrecoverable input VAT	14,465		12,385	
	Other expenses	<u>578</u>	17,217	<u>4,620</u>	25,436
Total revenue expenditure for the year			<u><u>357,936</u></u>		<u><u>309,170</u></u>
Surplus of revenue for the year			<u><u>1,055</u></u>		<u><u>25,791</u></u>

Expenditure incurred on capital and exceptional costs (inclusive of unrecoverable input VAT) is reported in the Capital Statement and in Note 3.

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

Note

**Accounting Policy**

The Club has historically compiled its accounts in a format appropriate to a trading entity. The Club should more appropriately be compared to a residents management entity, something that may be familiar to those who have ever owned a leasehold flat. The Club meets its day to day expenditure from its subscription income, bar trading surplus, and various other regular sources of income. The day to day expenditure consists of its running costs and includes the maintenance of its sporting facilities and its premises. In addition to routine maintenance the Club has also to periodically undertake major maintenance of its sporting facilities and its premises, and also works to improve its existing facilities, or for the construction of new facilities. To do this the Club has to raise funds or obtain loans, which have to be repaid over a period of time. In recent years the surplus that the Club has achieved on its day to day activities has not been at a sufficient level to fund anything other than small amounts of capital expenditure, and therefore major expenditure has to be funded by specific fund raising activities. It is considered that preparing accounts in the format of a trading entity is not appropriate. Future commitments and desired expenditure have therefore been shown separately from the day to day activities which highlights the need to raise substantial funds to meet known, or desired future expenditure. As the membership does not have an interest in the Club's equity, assets acquired by the club are not capitalised in the balance sheet and are expended in full in the year of purchase.

	£	£		£	<u>2014 restated</u>	
					£	
<b>1 Net income from bar</b>						
Sales		238,411			236,140	
Cost of sales		(117,899)			(131,566)	
Gross Profit		<u>120,512</u>	50.53%		<u>104,574</u>	44.28%
Staff costs	(71,383)			(62,483)		
Other expenses	(13,204)	(84,587)		(13,397)	(75,840)	
		<u>35,925</u>			<u>28,734</u>	
Brewery loan write off (note 7)		-			7,942	
Net income		<u><u>35,925</u></u>			<u><u>36,676</u></u>	
<b>2 Additions to Capital Projects (Appeal) Fund</b>						
Donations & gift aid		8,840			15,146	
Auction of premises & raffle profit		-			17,389	
Transfer from 300 Club		-			4,890	
Bank interest received		16			23	
		<u>8,856</u>			<u>37,448</u>	
<b>3 Capital expenditure financed from Capital Projects (Appeal) Fund</b>						
Cricket nets (net of grant)		19,896			-	
New web-site		5,548			-	
Tennis court lighting		-			12,132	
Corridor refurbishment		-			3,834	
Bar refurbishment		9,510			30,327	
Central heating & boiler refurbishment		-			9,626	
		<u>34,954</u>			<u>55,919</u>	
<b>4 Debtors &amp; prepayments</b>						
Future event expenditure		1,150			9,477	
Other debtors		5,306			2,923	
		<u>6,456</u>			<u>12,400</u>	

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

Note

5	Bank balances		
	Barclays current accounts	8,793	34,622
	Barclays deposit accounts:		
	Revenue funds	88,910	79,200
	Capital funds	-	10,687
		<u>97,703</u>	<u>124,509</u>
6	Creditors & accruals		
	Trade creditors	4,186	23,069
	Accruals	35,731	7,943
	Members' swipe card balances	17,596	18,973
	H.M.R. & C.	5,457	5,675
	Income received in advance	8,643	23,498
		<u>71,613</u>	<u>79,158</u>
7	Loans		
	The loan from the principal supplier, Shepherd Neame PLC, is repayable in monthly instalments by December 2018. Interest at 1% p.a. over base rate is chargeable on the outstanding balance, which at 31 March 2015 amounted to £38,244.		
	The loan is secured by the personal guarantee of 10 members.		
	During the year a loan was obtained from the English & Wales Cricket Board to facilitate the construction of new cricket nets. The balance outstanding at 31 March 2015 was £11,902.		
	The loan is repayable in quarterly instalments by August 2019, is unsecured and interest free.		
	In September 2015, the Club received a loan of £22,600 from Essex LTA towards the finance of the cost of refurbishing tennis courts 1-4. The loan is unsecured, repayable over 5 years in half yearly instalments and is interest free.		
8	Committed expenditure within next twelve months:		
	Loan repayments	(15,161)	(10,000)
	Tennis court surface replacement	(45,000)	-
	Bar refurbishment/patio furniture	-	(8,750)
	New web-site development	-	(9,000)
	Cricket nets renewal (net of grants)	-	(6,775)
	Drains/water mains repairs	-	(15,000)
		<u>(60,161)</u>	<u>(49,525)</u>
9	Planned expenditure over next five years:		
	Tennis court resurfacing (Courts 1-4)	-	(43,000)
	Roof renewal	(18,000)	(18,000)
	Hall windows and doors replacement	(34,000)	(34,000)
	New web-site development (phase 2)	(5,000)	-
		<u>(57,000)</u>	<u>(95,000)</u>
	Loan repayments	(57,585)	(38,291)
		<u>(114,585)</u>	<u>(133,291)</u>

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

Note

10 Life membership fund  
 Life membership subscriptions received after 1984 are credited to reserves and amortised over a period of 10 years.

11	Members' funds: deficiency/(surplus)		
	Balance brought forward	4,395	15,186
	Surplus revenue in the year (as previously stated)	(1,055)	(36,394)
	Prior year adjustment	-	10,603
		<u>3,340</u>	<u>(10,605)</u>
	Transfer to capital projects (appeal) funds	411	15,000
		<u>3,751</u>	<u>4,395</u>

12 The Club is registered with H.M.Revenue & Customs as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

13 Tenure  
 The land used by the Club in Monkams Lane is held by trustees under a deed dated 5th August 1924. Should the Club leave this land it passes to the residuary beneficiaries named in the trust deed.

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**  
**CAPITAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

2014

	Note	Capital Projects Fund £	Loans £	Total £	<i>Appeals Fund</i> 2008 £	Loans £	Total £
Fund at the beginning of the year		25,687		25,687	29,158	-	29,158
Additions to fund	2	8,856		8,856	37,448	-	37,448
Transfers to fund from Club's normal activities	11	411	11,902	12,313	15,000	9,651	24,651
Expenditure incurred in year	3	(34,954)	-	34,954	(55,919)	-	(55,919)
Loan repayments	7	-	(11,902)	11,902	-	(9,651)	(9,651)
<b>Balance of fund at end of year</b>		-	-	-	<b>25,687</b>	-	<b>25,687</b>
Committed expenditure within next twelve months including loan repayments	8	(45,000)	(15,161)	(60,161)	(39,525)	(10,000)	(49,525)
New loan finance and transfers from Club's normal activities	7	-	22,600	22,600	-	-	-
Anticipated Surplus/(Shortfall) in funds within next twelve months		(45,000)	7,439	(37,561)	(13,838)	(10,000)	(23,838)
Future loan repayments to be made later than next twelve months	9	-	(57,585)	(57,585)	-	(38,291)	(38,291)
Planned expenditure over next five years	9	(57,000)	-	(57,000)	(95,000)	-	(95,000)
Shortfall to be met from future fundraising activities or from surplus on Club's normal activities		(102,000)	(50,146)	(152,146)	(108,838)	(48,291)	(157,129)

**THE WOODFORD WELLS CLUB**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>Note</b>				<b>2014 (restated)</b>		
		<b>Revenue</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Capital</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Revenue</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Capital</b> <b>£</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>£</b>
Current assets:							
Bar stock		9,763		9,763	8,127		8,127
Reception/kit stock		2,000		2,000	1,984		1,984
Debtors & prepayments	4	6,456		6,456	12,400		12,400
Cash in hand		4,774		4,774	4,906		4,906
Bank balances	5	97,703		97,703	98,822	25,687	124,509
		<u>120,696</u>		<u>120,696</u>	<u>126,239</u>	<u>25,687</u>	<u>151,926</u>
Current liabilities:							
Creditors & accruals	6	(71,613)		(71,613)	(79,158)		(79,158)
Loans	7	(13,111)		(13,111)	(10,000)		(10,000)
		<u>(84,724)</u>		<u>(84,724)</u>	<u>(89,158)</u>		<u>(89,158)</u>
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		35,972		35,972	37,081	25,687	62,768
Amounts due over 1 year							
Loans	7	(37,035)		(37,035)	(38,291)		(38,291)
		<u>(1,063)</u>	-	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>25,687</u>	<u>24,477</u>
Representing:							
Life membership fund	10	2,688		2,688	3,185		3,185
Capital projects (Appeals) fund			-	-		25,687	25,687
Members' funds	11	(3,751)		(3,751)	(4,395)		(4,395)
		<u>(1,063)</u>	-	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>25,687</u>	<u>24,477</u>

T. J. Woolmer  
Hon. Treasurer  
K. T. MacLeod  
Chairman  
October 2015

**PROPOSED SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016**

	<b>CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 (27 and over)	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED SUBSCRIPTION</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 (27 and over)
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> (payable on joining or re-joining the Club)	<b>20.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIP</b> (see ** below)			
Individual	<b>323.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>331.00</b>
Spouse/Partner of Member	<b>323.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>331.00</b>
Plus Section Membership			
Tennis	<b>72.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>74.00</b>
Cricket	<b>24.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Hockey	<b>24.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Squash	<b>24.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Table Tennis	<b>24.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Netball	<b>30.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>GENERAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
Individual	<b>85.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>87.00</b>
Spouse/Partner of Member	<b>85.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>87.00</b>
Former Playing Member	<b>60.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>62.00</b>
<b>RESTRICTED CATEGORIES</b>			
Off-peak Tennis	<b>133.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>137.00</b>
Off-peak Squash	<b>108.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>111.00</b>
Cricket Only**	<b>236.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>242.00</b>
Hockey Only**	<b>236.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>242.00</b>
Table Tennis Only	<b>99.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>102.00</b>
Short Mat Bowls**	<b>123.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>126.00</b>
Netball**	<b>117.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>

	<b>INTERMEDIATE</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 (19 to 26 Incl)	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 (19 to 26 Incl)
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> (payable on joining or re-joining the Club)	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>PLAYING MEMBERSHIP</b> (see ** below)			
Individual	<b>172.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>172.00</b>
Spouse/Partner of Member	<b>172.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>172.00</b>
Plus Section Membership			
Tennis	<b>44.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>44.00</b>
Cricket	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Hockey	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Squash	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Table Tennis	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Netball	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<b>GENERAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
Individual	<b>85.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>85.00</b>
Spouse/Partner of Member	<b>85.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>85.00</b>
Former Playing Member	<b>60.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>RESTRICTED CATEGORIES</b>			
Off-peak Tennis	<b>133.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>133.00</b>
Off-peak Squash	<b>108.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>108.00</b>
Table Tennis Only	<b>95.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>95.00</b>

	<b>Junior</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015	<b>Change</b>	<b>Junior</b> From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Individual – Single sport	<b>57.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>57.00</b>
Individual – All sports	<b>90.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>90.00</b>
Son/Daughter of Member	<b>57.00</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>57.00</b>

**Woodford Wells Club**  
Proposed Rule changes AGM November 2015

Rationale:

Change E5 to allow, when appropriate, the Hon Treasurer and General Committee to set up loan terms.

Existing Rule

E.5 The Club Treasurer, together with the Finance Sub-Committee and subject to the control of the General Committee, shall deal with all matters relating to the financial planning and control of the Club, the arrangements for receiving and recording of subscription and other income and the arrangements for making payments. They shall keep the accounts of the Club. At least one Treasurer and one other member of the Finance Sub-Committee shall attend all meetings of the General Committee.

Change to read

E.5 The Club Treasurer and the General Committee, shall deal with all matters relating to the financial planning and control of the Club, the arrangements for receiving and recording of subscription and other income, and the arrangements for making payments and for any borrowings. They shall keep the accounts of the Club.

Rationale:

The Finance Committee now in effect is the Club Treasurer and the General Committee. This system of operation provides a wider input into financial matters and allows sections an opportunity to shape financial decisions. Delete reference to a Finance Committee/sub Committee in Club Rules

Remove rule E3(h)

Rule E3(h) states: At the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the General Committee shall appoint a Finance Committee which shall consist of up to five members, at least one of whom shall be drawn from outside the General Committee.

Existing rule

F.3 Minutes of proceedings of all meetings of the Management and Finance Committees shall be taken and made available to the General Committee.

Change to read

F3 Minutes of proceedings of all meetings of the Management Committee shall be taken and made available to the General Committee.

Rationale:

Smoking can now only take place outside Club premises.

Existing rule

G.32 Smoking is not permitted in the playing hall at any time.

Delete rule G.32 and change to read

B.10 Smoking is not permitted within Club buildings at any time.

Proposed John Caplan  
Seconded Trevor Woolmer



150<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
The Woodford Wells Club  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
8pm

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**Present:** Averil Murphy, Ken Macleod, Carl George, Trevor Woolmer plus 27 members.

**Chair: Averil Murphy**

The meeting was opened by Averil Murphy who welcomed everyone in attendance to the 150<sup>th</sup> AGM and requested a minutes silent's in memory of all those who had passed away during the year; Alf Howell (Life Member, Vice President), Ernie Shaw (Short Mat Bowls President), Betty Pentecost (Life Member), Diane Taylor (Tennis and past Squash Secretary), Mike Ward (Life Member Squash).

**Agenda Item**

**Apologies:** Paul Thomas, Brenda Thomas, Tim Ducat, Rosemary Ducat, Kevin Pearce, Mike Barnes, Val Preston, Andrew Barnes, James Bowyer, Jo Peddy, Guy Peddy, Roger Pratt, Janna Pratt, Sue Woodhouse, Angela Tervett, Jill Leiper, Bob Pearson, Olga Pearson, John Hopkins, Vince Ranson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> AGM approved with amendment to section 5, adding Mr Pryor and Pat Davis who sadly passed away. Proposed by Andrew Pearson. Seconded by Kath Woolmer.

**Accounts:** Trevor Woolmer reported a change in the format of the accounts which hopefully makes them clearer. Although the balance of income and expenditure is positive, due to maintaining a tighter control on running costs there is still the need to continually raise monies for improvement repairs and maintenance of the Club.

Bill Miller asked about note 7, "Do we have a penalty for early repayment if we wanted to move to another brewery?" Tony Moore and Trevor Woolmer replied that there is a relatively small penalty (£1000) for early repayment compared with the overall loan figure.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Tony Moore and seconded by Bill Miller.

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman of the General Committee pointed out that the General Committee have major aims and objectives regarding Club maintenance but these seem to change on a daily basis due to the lack of regular maintenance in past years. For

example, the Club has sustained in the course of a week, a sewage leak onto the tennis courts 5, 6 & 7, a burst water main and large amounts of water leaking into the building from a rainstorm. On investigation we have found blockages and collapsed drains which will cost considerable sums to repair. These types of incident make it very difficult to implement already agreed plans.

Adoption of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Ann Miller and seconded by Paul Bewers.

**Subscriptions:** The General Committee proposed a small subscription increase approximately in line with inflation, a 2% - 3% increase. The proposal was supported by the meeting. Proposed by Graham May and seconded by Ted Noble.

**Election of Club Officers:** Vice Presidents; Mrs C Davies, T Dawlings, T Ducat, V Irvine, Mrs L. Kennedy, Mrs J Leiper, J Martin, Mrs R Pearson, Mrs L Pratt, R F Pratt, A Pearson, D K Jajodia, A J Moore. Proposed by Ken Macleod and Seconded by Sheree Campbell

General Committee; Elected Members;

Cliff Woolnoth, proposed by Bill Miller seconded by Tony Moore,

Paul Thomas proposed by Wendy Macleod seconded by Ann Miller

Ken Macleod proposed by Ann Miller seconded by Linden Pratt

Hon Sec: Carl George proposed by James Bowyer seconded by Paul Brewers

Hon Treasurer: Trevor Woolmer proposed by Wendy Macleod seconded by Ann Miller

Independent Examiner: Ian Brassington proposed by Bill Miller seconded by Tony Moore

Block vote for the committee proposed by Neville Evans and seconded Bill Miller

The above will form the General Committee along with section chairs and any other member that needs to be co-opted at the next General Committee meeting.

**A.O.B** Dilip Jajodia noted that he was pleased to see a small surplus at the end of the financial year and the General Committee were proposing an increase in subscriptions because the Club is in need of funds. He requested that the Club look into the idea of promoting legacy arrangements. Many other clubs are doing this. Paul Bewers added that this approach was being adopted by his old school and thought it was an excellent idea for us to pursue because it was very tax efficient.

Sheree Campbell commented that if the bar refurbishment had been a huge

improvement to the Club and congratulated all those involved in helping to improve it.

Ted Noble gave a vote of thanks on behalf of members to the Chair, President and General Committee for the work they put in during the year.

Meeting closed 8.30pm