

Newchurch Social Club Chairman's Report

The Social Club has had a steady 12 months, it has been well supported over the year with some very enjoyable nights. The ability to expand into the village hall and create multiple venue sizes by using the marquee lining has opened up many options for the club and the hall as it allows us to create an atmosphere fit for any event. This was been successfully used for several events through the year including Christmas and New Year to name a few.

Club members once again tried their luck with Greyhound racing last summer with this years visit moving to Crayford as Sittingbourne no longer hold Saturday evening events, however a good night was again had by all.

The clubs sporting representation has been mixed this year. We are still without a darts team, however the pool team has been successful in winning both the singles and the doubles trophy this season. Unfortunately the club was beaten comprehensively in short mat bowls this year against the Newchurch bowling professionals, however the club members redeemed themselves by annihilating the opposition in the return fixture, where pool, darts and table football where the games being played.

The Club has struggled financially over the year with the uncertainty of Brexit and the rising costs imposed by wage increases and stock prices. To counter this; the club has had to increase prices to reflect this which is always a difficult pill to swallow. The club has also taken action to restrict the rising cost by switching suppliers to ensure that any price increases are kept to a minimum and that we are still keeping them at a level that remain in the spirit of a social club.

The club continually looks to provide a range of entertainment and this year we have again had live music, bingo, and Halloween's murder mystery.

We have recently enjoyed a mini Beer festival with a local duo and this coming weekend we host our first Casino night.

As always I encourage all to come in and pay us a visit, as the club is here for the benefit of all.

Bruce Waitson