

Newchurch Social Club Chairman's Report

The Social Club has had a good 12 months, and I'd like to start by thanking the rest of the committee for all their hard work over the last year! If it wasn't for their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved then the facility would cease to exist. If this was the case then we wouldn't have the great nights in the club that we do. They put in a superb effort from the creative decoration on event nights to meticulous organisation to get us all to the dogs, along with the unseen work of keeping the accounts, writing up the minuets, stocking the bar and arranging for someone to serve us the drinks, even if sometimes they are doing the later themselves. This work is all done to improve the experience of each and every member.

In addition to the committee I'd also like to pass on my thanks to those individuals who assist the club in other ways, firstly, Val head for the cleaning of our facilities, also Jackie and Dickie Garske for the continuous flow of Ice each week.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the members of the club for their continued support. Without them we wouldn't be here.

The club is well represented in the pub sports communities with a darts team and 2 pool teams. I myself am a member of one of the Pool teams and we have just finished the season as runners up in our league.

The club was well supported over the year with some very enjoyable nights. The new marquee lining for events in the Village Hall works a treat and opens up many options for both the club and the Village Hall. This was successfully used for the last two Christmas' and will re-appear this December.

Sittingbourne Dog track saw the members of the club descend on it once more last year, with some very successful bets being placed and a few not so successful. But a good night again had by all.

Last year I had to report a financial loss for the club over the 12 months and the decision that the committee had taken to raise the bar prices to combat the down turn. The good news is that the club has bounced back from this and made a small operating profit this year of around 5%. Although this is a small margin, it is exactly what we aim for to ensure that the club can save for the future and still offer the community its facility and hospitality without charging Pub rates.

We've embraced technology this year, with the ability to set up standing orders for membership and even taking card payments. We are now even working on the installation of Wi-Fi in a joint effort with the Village Hall!!!!

That leaves me to once again thank all those who have supported us over the year and to encourage those who have not been able to join us, to come in and give it a go.