

November 2021 Newsletter

Following our latest Committee meeting, and with December fast approaching, it's time to write to you to let you all know about the exciting plans we have in place for the festive season and beyond!

Firstly, a big thank you to all those Members that continue to support the Club, week in, week out. Your support is really greatly appreciated, and is needed more than ever at this current time. From our entertainment nights, to football games, weekdays and weekends, thank you for coming out and supporting us.

Entertainment continues throughout the rest of November, with the sensational new **Gel Duo** performing live on **Saturday 27th November** from 8:30pm. Members are free and Guests entry is £5 on the door. We also have two more regular Bingo sessions on Thursday 18th November and Thursday 2nd December.

Our festive period kicks off on **Saturday 11th December** when we welcome back the incredibly talented and hugely popular **Neil Duncan** with his show Legends and Laughter, a tribute to Elvis Presley, Tommy Cooper & Dean Martin. If you've seen the show before, you'll know how good it is, and if you haven't, you won't want to miss it! Due to the popularity of this show, it will be a **TICKET ONLY EVENT**. Tickets are priced at **£5 per Member**, and **£10 per Guest**. Members are only permitted to purchase **one Guest ticket**, and Guests cannot purchase their own tickets. There will be no exceptions. All tickets must be purchased in advance from the bar, no reservations or telephone sales. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 22nd November at midday. Tickets cannot be reserved or purchased over the telephone. Tickets will be named, and are non-refundable and non-transferable. Doors will open at 7:00pm. Due to the ticket event, and a private function taking place in the Pelly Bar, at 6:30pm, the **Main Bar will temporarily close to all those who don't hold tickets**. At this point, all non-ticket holders will be asked to leave.

We will be hosting a Christmas Meat Raffle on **Sunday 12th December**, with tickets being on sale in advance. We are proudly supplied by Bosworth's Family Butchers in Loughton, and we are looking forward to our weekly Sunday Meat Raffle returning in January 2022.

On **Thursday 16th December**, our **Christmas Blingo Bingo** returns, one of the highlights of our calendar year! We go all out and get all blinged up for a fun filled night, with cash and spot prizes, and a guaranteed snowball up for grabs. It's the final bingo of 2021, and it's another one not to miss. Members and Guests are welcome, with ticket sales opening at 8:00pm, and eyes down at 8:30pm.

Following this, on **Monday 20th December**, we have our ever-popular **Children's Christmas Party** in the afternoon, followed by our **Grand Christmas Raffle Draw** in the evening. Our Children's party starts at 1:30pm in the Pelly Bar, with locally famous children's entertainer, Papalarny, and special guest, Santa. The children will be treated to two hours of jam-packed fun, followed by a visit from Santa, where they will be presented with a small gift. Our Children's party tickets are on sale now, at a cost of **£5 per child**. Members and Guests children are welcome. Tickets will sell fast, so we advise you to get in quickly! Babies in arms are free, though they will not receive a gift. Later on in the day, back in the Main Bar, crowds will gather for the draw of our Grand Christmas Raffle, commencing around 6:00pm. With a vast array of prizes up for grabs, including a large cash prize, this event always pulls in the crowds. Make sure you buy your raffle tickets in advance from the Bar, they're on sale now, with the top prize being £500 cash!

On **Christmas Eve**, we host a relaxed evening where Club Members can come along and enjoy a festive tippie, with the jukebox playing and the Christmas lights twinkling. We're open **until 11pm**. It's a great night to bring the family out before the chaos of Christmas day begins, or meet up with friends to enjoy that well-earned festive drink!

On **Christmas Day**, as usual, we'll be open from **12pm-2pm**, so pop along whilst the turkey is in the oven, and bring your family and friends too. It's a great couple of hours to spread some Christmas cheer, and we love seeing you all.

On **Boxing Day**, as usual, we're open from **12pm-7pm**, showing the Boxing Day horse racing, as well as a selection of football games. Bring the family out for another traditional day of fun.

New Year's Eve is the biggest night of the year, and this year is no different. As usual, we have two fantastic venues to choose from. Taking to the stage in the Main Bar, we have **Andrew & Allan's Electric 80s**, whilst the Pelly Bar will be entertainment by the equally as incredible soul and Motown duo, **LA Divas**. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 22nd November from the bar, there will be no reservations or telephone sales available. **Members tickets are £10 and Guests £20. Children aged 12 and over are £5 each, and children under 12 are free.** Members are able to purchase their own Members ticket, and **one Guest ticket each**. Guests are not permitted to purchase their own tickets. Children's tickets are unlimited. Families with children are asked to use the Pelly Bar. We politely request that all Children remain in the company of their parents at all times. Children are not permitted to loiter in the hallway, stairwell or foyer, and any misbehaviour will result in families being asked to leave. Once tickets are purchased, ticket holders are not permitted to swap bars. Your tickets are valid only for the bar in which they are purchased for, and coloured wristbands will be issued on the night. This is due to capacity limits. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable, and will be named. Doors open at 7:30pm, having closed at 4:00pm from the daytime trade. We advise ticket holders to arrive early to secure a seat. Our entertainers will be taking us through the evening, and seeing in the New Year with us, until 1:00am. Carriages 1:30am.

From **Monday 22nd November**, our bar tariff will be increasing, in line with our increased buying and running costs. Draught beers and spirits will be increased by 20p, and soft drinks by 10p. This increase is necessary in order to maintain the financial stability of our Club.

We are excited to announce that we will be trialling a new **Happy Hour** scheme, twice per week, commencing on **Wednesday 24th November**. Our Happy Hours will be held on **Wednesdays between 5:00pm and 7:00pm**, and **Sundays between 5:00pm and 8:00pm**. Members will receive **20% off of bar purchases**, saving you around 80p per pint! This is our way of saying thank you to our loyal, supporting Club Members.

As well as this, another new exciting promotion for our existing Club Members is being introduced for 2022 bookings and beyond. For Club Members with a minimum subscription of one year, we will introduce a **discount on the Pelly Bar hire fee**, subject to bar spending. The full fee of £350 will be taken to secure your date, but after your function, you will receive some/all of this hire fee back, subject to your bar spending. If you spend more than £900 over the bar, you'll receive £50 back, more than £1,200 earns you a refund of £150, more than £1,500 gives you a refund of £250, and if you spend more than £1,800 on the bar, you'll receive your full £350 hire charge back. Hire charges will be refunded 48 hours after your event, once Officers have signed off the deposits.

As a reminder, all Members subscriptions become due on 1st January 2022. Subscriptions for 2022 are as follows;

Full Members (aged 18-59 on 31/12/2021) £45

Senior Members (aged 60-79 on 31/12/2021) £30

Honorary Members (aged 80+ on 31/12/2021) £0

All new Members will be subject to a £10 joining fee, on top of the above-mentioned annual fees. We anticipate Membership reopening to new Members in February 2022, subject to vacancies.

We have a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks, and we can't wait for the festive season to get underway. As always, your support is gratefully received.

If you have any queries based on anything within this update, please do get in touch!

In the meantime, wishing you all the very best for the festive season ahead.

Take care,

Dan

Manager