



DEVIZES AND DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB

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NEW “The Long Street Sunday Carvery”



The Long Street Carvery is in the process of being set up by the Club Management, Chris & Carol, with full backing from the Club Committee Members.

This new food service will be offered every Sunday between 12 noon & 3 pm and will be **pre-book only**. Tables can be booked in the garden, lounge, front bar or seminar room with the function room in use for large group bookings.

The aim is to offer a top-quality traditional carvery at a reasonable price, catering for all appetites & dietary needs. An extensive selection of drinks will be available provided by waitress service in this friendly establishment, a place where you can relax and enjoy quality time with friends and family.

Meat will be of the best quality sourced from a reputable local farm supplier and fresh vegetables obtained from a local grower.

A selection of delicious homemade desserts can be enjoyed alongside assorted flavours of the delightful Rowdey Cow fresh ice-cream made from their own cows' milk.

The Long Street Carvery will be quality ... a take-away service will also be provided.

The Carvery will be available to book for weddings, parties, any event ...

For an opening date and further details see the
March Newsletter



Treasurer's Report

My last update was for period ending October 20 and you may recall that we had achieved a profitable trading performance (excluding furlough funding) under the restrictions placed upon us. This was as a gradual build-up of wet sales as confidence recovered. This is an excellent achievement.

Thereafter, under Tier 2 we were not able to provide a substantial meal and have remained closed since early November. Inevitably our financial position has deteriorated with no wet sales and limited hire income from our function/seminar room. See below for a brief summary of our trading performance since lockdown.

	November	December
	£	£
Sales	1573	93
Additional Income	2979	2634
Total Gross Profit	2653	2724
Staff	4033	4153
Overheads	6614	6255
Loss	7994	7684
Furlough/Grant	2685	3708

Over two months our net cash outlay of £9285 is clearly a concern.

Having reviewed and reorganised our overhead costs the projected monthly losses are reduced to between £2500/3000 taking furlough grant support into account. There will inevitably be additional stock losses over the next few months.

We have now received grants funds totalling £3000 relating a to period of 6 weeks post 5 January. In addition, a one-off grant payment of £6000 has been received. We still await grant proceeds for period 16 December to 5 January which have been delayed. Cash balances are currently at £96793.

Overall, therefore taking grant monies into account, we expect to hold our own over the next 3 months which is a significant achievement in the current environment.

Regards

Chris
Club Treasurer

In Honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore

Our President, Robin Drake, requested that our Club flag fly at half mast to remember the World War II veteran who raised nearly 40 million pounds for the NHS. He was a remarkable man who said in an interview before he was famous, "*One little soul like me isn't going to make much difference.*"



It's looking positive



It really feels like we have turned a corner and hopefully the worst is over. All the pandemic figures are on a downward trend now and the Government's road map to opening will soon be announced. Hospitality will probably be one of the last groups to open but at least we will have a date to welcome you all back. 🙌

Wiltshire Council Residents News Update

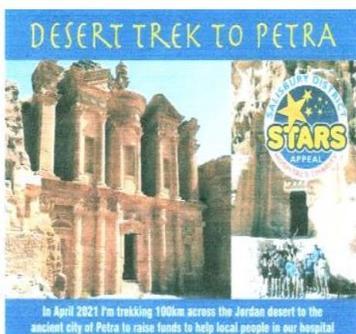
For all the latest resident's news from Wiltshire Council on covid-19 cases, vaccination appointments, Council Initiatives, election voting, local planning and more, click the link below.

[Latest news and advice for residents on COVID-19 and more \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp)

If you would like to join us this year and get ahead with saving for Christmas, please place your money in an envelope marked "Tontine" with your full name and put it through our letterbox at number 30 Long Street. This will be collected by the Secretary and deposited in the bank by the Treasurer. The Club has successfully run this tontine scheme for many years. You can pay in any amount, for assistance on getting started just call or text 07929923433 or email devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com

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Charity Trek to Petra



John Lindsay would like to thank all club members for their generosity in supporting his trek.

Anyone still wishing to make a donation can access: - www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-lindsay15

This page will be closed down around the 14th February 2021.

Remember that 100% of your contribution will go to the charity.

The Club Committee wish John a safe & enjoyable trip.

Smiles Corner



The Chief Executive of one of our largest companies hated flying but needed to get to Scotland urgently for a key meeting, so he agreed to go by plane.

Whilst very apprehensive at take-off (has a stiff gin) he is wondering what he was worried about as the plane smoothly gets up in the air.

The pilot comes on the intercom as the plane reaches its cruising altitude saying, "This is your pilot speaking and I am working from home today."

Italian Mother

Giuseppe excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love and that he is going to get married.

He says, 'Just for fun, Mama, I'm going to bring over three women and you can try and guess which one I am going to marry.' The Mother agrees.

The next day he brings round three beautiful women to the house sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while.

He then says, 'Okay Mama, guess which one I am going to marry?'

Mama says immediately, 'The one on the right'.

'That's amazing, Mama, Your right. How did you know?'

Mama replies: 'I don't like her'.

Here are five rules for Men to follow for a happy life that Russell J Larsen had inscribed on his tombstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win....'Coolest Headstone' contest.

1. It is important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It is important to have a woman who makes you laugh.
3. It is important to have a woman who you can trust and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you.
5. It is very, very important that these four women do not meet each other or you will end up dead like me.

Hopefully the above will have made you smile. If you would like to share a joke with your fellow members then please forward them to devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com.

All jokes will be vetted so keep them respectable.

Submitted by Chris Jones

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