



# DEVIZES AND DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB

## CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020  
8 pm start in the Function room

*6 Committee places will be contested, as well as the positions of President,  
Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary*

*Nominations are now sought from fully subscribed Ladies and Gentlemen to  
serve as Club Officers  
or as Committee Members*

*Nomination Slips are available from the notice board in the entrance foyer and  
must be returned to the Secretary by placing them in the Tontine box in the  
front bar by closing time on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September*

*Voting for Committee places (if required) will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September, lunchtime and evening,*

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September during the evening and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 7  
pm until voting closes at 8 pm when the AGM will commence*

*Voting for Club Officers takes place at the AGM*

*Questions and Proposals (which must be duly seconded) to be raised at the  
AGM must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
2020.*



# AGM

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
8 pm in the Function Room

“Opportunity to join your Club Committee”

Have you used the Club facilities?

Did you attend the bingo sessions or other activities?

Are you interested in Club life?

Do you enjoy popping in and having a chat?

Can you work as part of a team?

Yes ... then it could be you we are looking for!

With six committee places being contested, as well as the positions of President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary you will be most welcome to join our dedicated and diverse team.

You will fit right in as we are always grateful for the time that you can spare to keep the numerous activities at the club going.

Monthly Committee meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (often these are less than an hour long) it is key that you will be able to attend on most, but not all, occasions - a duty rota on a volunteer basis covers most other duties.

Think about it – this could be the start of something new.

Collect your nomination slip from the foyer.

## Treasurer's Report

We have now been successfully open for two months following our enforced closure due to Coronavirus. We welcomed back our members to a quite different club due to social distancing, and were rather apprehensive as to the overall response. We are pleased to report that trade has continued to improve week on week as you, our members, become confident that everything that is possible, is being done at the club to prevent the spread of the virus.

The August numbers briefly look as follows: -

Wet Sales £8699

Gross Profit £5746

Additional Inc £3634

Total Gross Profit £9380

Overheads £9544

Net Loss £164

Whilst acknowledging that this is only one month's trading, we are encouraged by the fact that we are gradually approaching our break-even position. We have not included July numbers as they include significant reopening costs. We are making progress on a number of fronts with our first catering event (individually plated buffet) completed last week. Enquiries and bookings are now being received again for various meetings. We have also held our first quiz and bingo in the lounge since lockdown. I believe we are gradually seeing a modest return to some form of normality. This would not be possible without all the hard work from Carol, her staff and committee members who strive to maintain social distancing, along with other Covid-19 secure measures, providing all our members with the confidence that we are maintaining a safe environment for them to visit, time after time.

Further financial details will be provided at our AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. I look forward to seeing you then. A special thank you, to you our loyal members, for your ongoing support, it is much appreciated, please do continue to call in and see us.

Regards to all

Chris Treasurer

## August Quiz Winners

Thanks to Chris Jones for organising a very enjoyable quiz evening on the 22nd. The picture round was certainly a challenge, while general knowledge questions presented an opportunity to gain a few



extra points before the last section, the “wipe-out,” which definitely caught a few teams out and was a twist on our usual order of play. Well done to Liz Day’s team of 3 who won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £15 and runner’s up with £10 were the Snooker Boys, captained by Mike Roberts.

## Club Snooker Knockout Competition



This competition was started before lockdown and several players have already completed their first round. The snooker room is now open again, with covid-19 secure measures in place, so we ask the remaining first round players to arrange their matches so that we can move on to the quarter

finals and beyond. Please check the fixtures list on the passageway noticeboard for the status of play. We are grateful for Idris & Lorna Griffiths for arranging the competition.

## “Play Your Cards Right” in the Lounge

**“Always a lot of fun”**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

From 9 pm in the Lounge

Just £1 a go - £10 to every lucky winner plus a “FREE” chance to win the

“Golden Envelope” if you are the member chosen at random – you must be in to win!



## Thursday Lunches

The Chefs and the Staff would like to thank everyone for continuing to support our Thursday lunches. Hot meals and sandwiches are served between 12 noon & 2 pm and are as delicious as ever. Ingredients are locally sourced and are of the best quality. **Pop in and give us a try.** The menu can be viewed on the specials board or you can order on-line by visiting



[ddcc.bytable.net](http://ddcc.bytable.net) when we open for business.

## Future Club Bookings

We are now taking room hire bookings again for small meetings (in-line with Government guidelines) in 2020 as well as any function for 2021, please email Carol at [devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com](mailto:devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com) for more information.

Available Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Christmas Draw Sheets

# Christmas Draw

**20p a number or £40 for the whole sheet**

**Please ensure you get your entry countersigned by the bar staff or a committee member.**





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**Contact Tim or Frank to discuss your requirements.**

**"These guys have done a great job at the club – would highly recommend."**

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