

# Club Sandwich

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If you have any questions, comments or articles, then please feel free to contact us, preferably via 'newsletters@theworthies.com'.

## Did you know??

- The club has the full range of Sky Sports and ESPN matches, and are able to show different matches simultaneously
- The club has both \*free\* internet access and a free internet cafe
- Members get a massive discount on hiring the club for parties etc.
- We have a great website with lots of up-to-date information at [www.theworthies.com](http://www.theworthies.com)
- 'Club Sandwich' is available via email to your inbox and also available on our website (where all previous versions are also available)

## A Word from our President: Derek Sweetenham

Can I just say what a welcome addition the Club Sandwich has been for the members, for those that read it. It does provide an insight into what is happening, and an up-to-date programme of all of the events at the club. For my part I am delighted with the way the club is going at the moment; there are still areas that need to be addressed, and this will be done in due course, but I do applaud the committee for their commitment and dedication, always willing to tackle all manner of jobs, giving their time freely, which saves the club having to foot the bill. We also have the assistance of members, and I cannot thank them enough, it is very much appreciated.

With my other hat on, I'm also delighted to welcome the Squadronaires on October 8th, from the Royal Air Force Central Band. I have talked about this on Fridays before the event, the funds raised will go to welfare for the lads returning from Afghanistan. How lucky we are to walk to the club and enjoy the evening, something which some of these lads will never be able to do again. I ask you to support this very good cause one hundred percent, I feel certain that you will.

On a very sad note I have to mention the passing of Gareth James. Gareth and I met back in 1966 during the amalgamation of the club, served as officers of the club for many years, and were great friends. Gareth was also a club trustee, and was always on hand to talk to about various items that came to light every now and again. He will be sadly missed, and our sincere condolences go to his family. Unfortunately, I have to also report the passing of Phil Cox. Phil was a fine fellow and had suffered a few setbacks over the past few years, but still came back smiling. Nothing was too much trouble for Phil; always willing to help, right up to the last few days. Outside of committee, he earned his life membership and was very proud of it. He, like Gareth, will leave a void in our lives. A lovely man and will be sadly missed. Thank you to all members that are supporting the club during what still remains a difficult time for us all; the club is here for us to enjoy, let's all make the most of it and be proud of our membership..

**Why not have your party at the club — have a chat with Carolyn for more details...**

### Please Note:

- You must have paid your membership fee to be able to enjoy the full rights and privileges of the club
- Membership starts 1st October and is just £15 per person (£7.50 for over-60s)
- Random membership checks can be made at any time, so please ensure you have your membership card with you at all times in the club

## Royal Air Force Association

We had our Spring Social on Saturday 10th April. Instead of the normal evening function with music we tried a lunch-time get-together with fish & chips delivered to the Club. A raffle, a quiz and plenty of chatter proved to be an excellent formula. It was most successful with just over 70 members attending. On Saturday 10th July we held our Annual Garden Party/Picnic. The weather was kind to us and we managed to hold the event outside. A good number of members came and enjoyed a wonderful buffet provided by the ladies. A raffle and various games took place and all too soon it was time to pack up and say our goodbyes. Our thanks to the staff who once more looked after our liquid needs most adequately. We look forward to the 8th October when we have the RAF Squadronaires playing for us. Derek and I are delighted to be able to bring them to the Club and we know that it will be an enjoyable and memorable evening for everyone. Pip Iles (Honorary Secretary)

## Did you know...

The expression 'popty ping' is Welsh for microwave oven and has its roots in the 16th Century... Danny can tell you more...

## Squadronaires: Fri 8th Oct



## Overheard at the bar...

"There's a lot of new members from Kings Worthy" – Brenda (membership secretary)

## Club Infrastructure Projects Update

The Club is in a much stronger financial position than it was a year ago and as such we find ourselves in the fortunate position of being able to initiate an infrastructure improvement project which is designed to improve the facilities and overall look and feel of the Club. We've split the project into 2 categories based on priority and cost. The first of these categories are the higher priority "Major" projects such as replacing the bar dishwasher and bottle coolers both of which are in need of some TLC! Pipeline projects in this category also include a smoking shelter and a rejuvenation of the benched seating area in the main bar. Other less costly and urgent projects are also underway including new vertical blinds for the main bar windows and dartboards, the installation of a new plasma TV for the kids room (to allow us to move the Wii out of the lounge) and a re-painting of the main bar areas. Many of the projects mentioned here would not have been possible to plan or complete without key contributions from Committee and Club members alike and if you are one of those involved I'd like to pass on my thanks. I'll keep you updated via the Club Sandwich but if you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to speak to me or any member of Committee. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Martin Thompson.

## What's happening?? (or 'What the Committee did next...')

The Committee is now quite large and we are pleased that everyone is working together for the benefit of the club. A lot has happened since the last Club Sandwich, but one of the most exciting items is our decision to extend the club's opening hours such that we are now open from lunchtime all day every day. This idea was initially started as a short pilot coinciding with the closure

of the Winchester Snooker Centre and the start of the summer holidays. It has proved so popular and profitable that we are delighted to make the change permanent.

We are also pleased that we now have an adult male football team playing for us as our team, along with the two ladies teams. It is good to see the sports aspect of the club growing.

In response to your comments, you will now hopefully have seen the changes to the Kids' room with their own TV (and Wii games from the lounge) and the tidying up of the snooker room.

If you feel willing and able, we would welcome any support or assistance from members for many of these tasks, as we strive to continue improving the club's facilities.

### Advertise here

Our new electronic notice board allows us to offer local businesses the opportunity to advertise to our members. We have a very cheap rate of just £50 per year for members or £100 per year for non-members. See Sim or Peter for more details...

### Membership

We have now passed the 500 mark in the number of members and Brenda is still processing new applications. The new membership starts in October, and current fees are just £ 15.00 per person (£ 7.50 for those aged 60+). See Brenda for more info.

### Quiz Winners

Congratulations to David Bilcliffe and Mo Kemp who won Martins' Quiz this year.

### Overheard at the bar...

"The Great Fire of London was started by an electrical fault" - Duncan

## What's On at the Worthies (your handy guide)...

### October

Sat 2nd: Disco (evening)  
 Fri 8th: RAF Squadronaires (evening)  
 - Ticket Only  
 Sat 9th: Gasoline Alley (evening)  
 Sat 16th: Brian's Disco (evening)  
 Sat 23rd: Bumble's Karaoke (evening)  
 Wed 27th: British Legion A.G.M.  
 - Lounge  
 Sat 30th: Outer Limits Disco (evening)

### November

Sat 6th: Mindz Eye (evening)  
 Sat 13th: Worthies Festival Launch  
 Party - lounge, and then,  
 Wonston Churchills (evening)  
 Sat 20th: Bone Idle (evening)  
 Sat 27th: Hattie Jacques' Playlist  
 (evening)

### December

Sat 4th: tba... (evening)  
 Tues 7th: A.G.M. (provisional)  
 Sat 11th: Bumbles Karaoke (evening)  
 Sat 18th: Legend (karaoke)  
 Fri 24th: Andy Osman (evening)  
 Sun 26th: Brian's Disco (evening)  
 Fri 31st: Children's party (afternoon)  
 Outer Limits Disco (evening)

**Please look at our notice board for more details about Christmas and New Year entertainment...**

### And...

See the notice boards or website for televised football matches and other sports.

**For up-to-date information:** Visit the 'What's On' page of our website at [www.theworthies.com](http://www.theworthies.com).

If you have any suggestions for events, or can recommend a band or vocalist, please speak to Carolyn.

...and don't forget you can have that special party here at the club!!

### New Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 12.00 to 23.00  
 Saturday: 12.00 to midnight  
 Sunday: 12.00 to 22.30  
 [Now open from 12.00 all day every day]