

Seend Trust and Community Centre – summary of key events 2022/23

Maintenance and improvement of facilities

- Only essential maintenance has happened during this last 12 months, mainly because of need to rebuild cash stocks due to lack of income post covid.
- Grass cutting continued (thanks to Michael Johnson) and outside area kept tidy (thanks to Tessa, John, Fritz and many others)
- Maintenance tasks include renovating and painting exterior woodwork and gutters, repointing the patio.
- We have now installed computerised booking system and remote control of our heating system
- We are currently in the process of upgrading: the tables in the centre, a new honour boards for the skittles teams and thank you to Frank Teasdale for volunteering to create a new updated outdoor sign to replace the deteriorated one in situ
- Looking ahead, the plumbing is now starting to need more urgent attention to allow better heating controls in the winter along with looking at energy efficiency measures such as lighting.
- (Side note – thanks to Frank as we now believe that issue with the lack of water in the taps that occurs with high traffic at the beer festival has hopefully been identified and rectified!)

Finance

- Huge thanks to David Purdy for handling the finances over the last 12 months.
- Bar trade has continued to recover this year gross profit has increased thanks to Tom Redman's skilled negotiations with suppliers. Both the club and the trust have now recovered the minimum cash threshold Max Boulton recommended (many years ago) that we keep at all times as a safety buffer in case of emergency - however we are looking to increase and maintain this threshold by 15% for inflationary reasons.

Events (both in-house and external)

- Regular private users are returning, Dance, Yoga, Alzheimers etc
- Summer Barbecues
- First Friday Coffee mornings
- Nosh and Natter lunches
- Summer breakfasts
- Jubilee Celebration (June 22)
- ABBA Sensations tribute band (September 2022).
- New Years Eve Band (Dec 2022)
- Village pantomime (February 2023)
- Beer Festival (April 2023)
- Coronation (May 2023)
- Oktoberfest planned (Oct 2023)
- Rural arts, NYE etc.

We give thanks to the Parish Council for the donations towards entertainments costs for the Jubilee and Coronation which were both well attended events.

People

- Tom Redman continues to be our resident Bar Manager and still continues to be very proactive in organising a keen programme of events to suit all tastes as well as keeping a laser focus on product purchasing stock control as well as staff recruitment.
- We are pleased to welcome Julie Watkins and Kevin Waylen to the committee. However we really need new committee members. Please spread the word.
- We give a huge thanks to Richard Whitehead for his many years of being secretary. We are lucky and grateful that Dawn Smethurst has taken over the role.

- Our Treasurer David Purdy has also resigned and intends to stand down from August 2023 which could leave us in a precarious position. Contingency plans are currently being discussed unless a new treasurer can be found.
- As you are aware I am still Acting Chair – a position I agree to take on for 6 months has now continued to over 12 mths. No signs of a replacement stepping forward yet!
- We would like to record thanks to our long standing cleaner Rose Dick who has decided to hang up her duster at the end of the month. A replacement is currently in training
- **This has continued to be a challenging 12 months**

Thanks are due to everyone on the Committee, All that continue to help us from the sidelines. But we cannot do it all alone. We rely on lots of other people, not only for suggestions for improvements and events, but more particularly in providing the help to make them happen and supporting them by attending.

Jenny Dalton
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