

Welcome to the March edition of the Rolleston Club newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to inform members of the upcoming AGM. This is scheduled for Wednesday 8th April at 7pm. This is subject to the accounts being completed and returned by our accountants. All members are welcome to attend and support the committee in the running of the club, so please put the date in your diary, and try and turn up if possible.

There are some committee vacancies to be filled at the AGM and the nomination forms have been posted on the club notice boards. There are vacancies for the position of secretary, and also for two committee members. All members are entitled to apply for the positions as long as they are proposed and seconded by other members.

On Monday 17th February the bowlers held their AGM. It was nice to see a large number of trophies on display that had been won by the various participants over the last season. Well done to all the winners, and let's hope for a few more next season! The team captains for the coming season were also elected on the night.

The Vets teams for the coming season are listed on the notice boards so please check them out.

John Brandon informed the members that there were two plaques to be presented to both Len Torr and the late Barry Hyde in recognition of their services to the club's bowls section. These are to be mounted on the pavilion under the veranda.

It was announced on the night that the provisional date for the opening of the bowling green this season is 3rd April, but this will depend on the weather between now and that date.

If you haven't noticed, there is a shed base being constructed on the spare ground behind the pavilion. Once this is finished, we will be installing a 12' x 10' shed to increase our storage area around the green. We hope to get this finished in time for the start of the season.

Along with the bowls, our other sports teams are doing well. The snooker A team are around the middle of division 1, so are doing well. The B team are currently top of division 2 and looking favourites for promotion into division 1. The C team are 5th in the division and doing reasonably well. The D team are struggling a little at the moment, but it is their first season as a team, so hopefully they will be able to improve over the course of the season. Good luck all!

The darts team is sitting 3rd in the division at the moment, so it's encouraging to see them doing well. Good luck for the rest of the season.

The crib 1st team is challenging for top spot in the league. Good luck in trying to retain the title! The 2nd team are enjoying the experience of playing in the league. Good luck to those too!

The club is still awaiting a decision from the planning department of ESBC regarding the six projects we have in the pipeline. As soon as we have the relevant permissions, we will be starting the building work.

Have you noticed the main room floor? We have recently had it sanded, sealed and polished, and it has made a great difference to the room. If properly maintained, it should benefit members attending functions for a good few years. We have also ordered ten new tables for the main room as some were old and damaged. We hope this will improve our customer experience!

Café news now. Sean has added 2 new dishes to the menu; scampi, chips and peas and sweet chilli/garlic mayo chicken wraps & chips. We hope that they prove very popular. Why not give them a try? On a more unfortunate note, due to the notification of a pending wage increase in April, and also an increase in product prices, we have had to review, and increase some of our prices. We do endeavour to keep prices as low as reasonably possible to ensure we remain competitive, but some increases are inevitable. There will be some small increases on a few items, although some will remain the same. We hope you continue supporting our very popular café.

You may have noticed a bit of water around! The club did avoid the majority of the flood damage that can be seen around the village, although we did have mud and flood residue which had to be cleaned from the club's frontage and car park. Apart from that, we survived without incident, fortunately.

We have the usual selection of guest beers to complement our regular brews. By the time this newsletter is published we should have Double Maxim for you to sample. Following that, we have the ever-popular White Shield, and then it will be Masterpiece. We hope you enjoy the selection.

That's all for this month, if you have any items that you would like included in a newsletter, please email us at secretary@rollestonclub.org.uk and we will make sure we publish them.

Burnside Café

Burnside Café is open from 9am Tuesday to Saturday. Specialist fresh coffee, including decaffeinated, and light lunches are also available. If you have a party of five or more, it would be appreciated if you could ring the club with your order prior to arrival to avoid unnecessary delay. If you have a special birthday, anniversary or special occasion to celebrate, Sean has created a Champagne Breakfast for £20 a head, minimum two people, 11am – 2pm Tuesday to Friday. This includes Eggs Benedict, small English breakfast, fruit scone with jam and butter, tea or coffee, plus a glass of prosecco per person. A £5 deposit is required at time of booking. For functions or parties, the club can provide catering arrangements and contact can be made with Fran, Sean or Ann, who will cater to your requirements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays: Pilates 10.45am - 12.45/U3A Singing Group 2-4pm Line dancing 7pm
Tuesdays: Pre School / Jazz Club 2pm / Fitsteps – 2 classes from 5.30pm / Crib from 7.30pm / Darts
Wednesdays: Dru Yoga 2pm / Pilates 7.30pm / Quiz 9.00pm with prize, and "Play Your Cards Right" - teams of up to 6 players welcome. You can even come along on your own and fit into another team
Thursdays: Pilates 11am-12noon / Whist 7pm
Fridays: Pre School / Bingo 8.30pm

Last Wednesday of each month: The Antiquarian Club from 9am to 12 noon
Third Friday of each month: Doveside WI 9am to 12 noon

We also host a lot of other events, such as RoDSEC, booked by members, so keep an eye out for the posters.

ENTERTAINMENT

7th March – RoDSEC event, 'An evening of magic'

14th March – Ruby Bridge, a 5 piece covers band playing pop, soul & dance.

21st March – Soullston, Northern Soul & Motown, £5 on the door

28th March – Boppin’ the Blues, rock-n-roll trio playing the music of Elvis, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Cliff Richard and more.

29th March – another RoDSEC event, ‘Forget me not’ the Alzheimer’s whodunnit written and performed by the comedian Rob Gee. Tickets are £10 and are available from RoDSEC members, and the newsagent.

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