

Social Committee report 2014-15

This has been a busy year for the members of this committee.

We have a very committed member in charge of the bar and it is working well despite a small increase in prices last October.

Our Almoner has been keeping a close eye on those needing support and those who have been unwell.

We decided not to appoint a catering officer as it was felt not to be necessary with the present catering facilities at the club. Catering for weekend events has been ordered to be collected on the day and appears to have worked well. The subject of supplying biscuits with coffee was also dismissed as biscuits are available for purchase at the bar!

In July we held a Summer party to celebrate the first year of becoming a CIO and also to make presentations to two retiring longstanding committee members Sandy Constable and Esme Alden. We had relaxed duplicate bridge with tea and cakes in the afternoon followed by drinks and the presentation before evening bridge. It was a lovely day and we were able to be outside in the garden.

The Club was very nicely decorated by a small group from the committee with fresh greenery and a real Christmas tree in early December and we held a Christmas event with mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls the following week. This was preceded by relaxed duplicate and followed by the usual bridge evening. During the drinks a very good Ladies 'Barber shop' choir entertained us with a repertoire of songs and carols which was greatly enjoyed.

During the last six months we have been planning a Café Bridge event to be held in Summertown on 10th June 2015. We have organised five restaurants within walking distance of OBC where we will meet for coffee and biscuits and then disperse to the various Café venues to play bridge. We will move around each venue and have lunch at one of them and return to OBC for prize giving, tea and cake. This is an all-day event starting at 10am and ending by 4.30pm. The cost is £60 per pair with profits going to Rosy – Respite care for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters.

My thanks go to my very able and supportive committee for all the effort that they have made to make this year a great success.

Pat Lewis

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