

## **Horsmonden Social Club Committee meeting**

**Tuesday 1st October 2024**

**Present:** Lindsey Chave / Tim Coyne / Jimmy Webb / Anthony  
Hacker / Janet Norton / Richard Edmed / Nick Miller / Neil  
Allan / Lawrence Arscott / Jordan de Saa

**Apologies:** Jo Beach / David Watson / Danny Russell / Bridgette  
Walsh / Ben London / Paul Lawson

September minutes with amendments to be circulated

### **Refurbishment update**

Final estimate including painting/decorating £50,429

Lighting including labour and parts £8314

Total £58743 net (VAT reclaimable)

Grant application: Panel meeting 29/10/2024 with closing date for applications 8/10/2024. Tim has all documents and a draft application completed ready for submitting. Should hear whether grant approved within a few days after the closing date.

Maximum grant awarded is 50% of £50k

Flooring. Discussion re changing the carpet to complete the project as the existing carpet is over 10 years old. Agreed to get quotes and to look at sourcing funding.

Solar farm project may give up to £5K towards insulation. To investigate.

### **Events**

Olympic Games. Well supported. Good village community event.

Food sales £226.50 Food costs £197.34 profit £29.46

Bar takings up £400 on a normal Saturday Eve.

Notes for next year or repeat event to have more medals for children (plastic ones)

Jess Nelson. Not as well attended as expected. She was very good and is already booked for New Year's Eve. Better advertising by sharing on FaceBook

George Michael tribute act October 12th is showing lots of interest and tickets are selling. Free to members, £5 non members.

Men's breakfast. Decision taken to cancel as Anthony won't be available. To possibly hold a family brunch in December instead. Note to be included in the weekly notice sheet for those already paid to have their money refunded.

Whisky tasting Nov 22nd. £10pp to include 3 whiskies, cheese and biscuits and an Irish coffee. Live entertainment booked. Good value evening. Event to be advertised on Facebook and website.

Christmas opening. Possibly open for 2hrs Christmas Day lunch time and Boxing Day to be discussed next meeting.

New Year's Eve. Jess Nelson booked. To be a family party with children able to come as well but NO children allowed at the bar.

### **Treasurer's report**

Current account balance is £37,805.64

Out going's:

£900 Defibrillator

£2773.89 HMRC VAT

Sales £5,431.61

Cost of stock - £2886.13

Sales slightly down but lost whole weekend sales with Horse Fair weekend closures.

### **New members / renewal**

Deferred until next month as David unable to attend this meeting

New forms for renewal with increase in subscriptions prepared.

New members joint after 2nd week in October subscription paid will cover 2025

### **Bookings.**

Several this month. All now on calendar

Agreed booking request received today for 13/10/24 3-6 pm use of bar for children's party on the green. To be added to calendar.

### **Bar Staff**

Most October shifts are covered.

### **Any other business**

Invitation to St Margaret's Church October 13th 3pm - 4.30 to celebrate completion of the project to build new kitchen extension and toilets.

New look newsletter well received.

Web site to be updated with more photos of recent events.

Facebook page. Jimmy and Dave Watson to be added by admin and Nick Belton to be removed. This will enable 3 or 4 people that can add posts.

Need to increase the frequency of advertising various events by all sharing posts.

Defibrillator training to be arranged.

Old defibrillator. Suggested that it might be donated to St Margaret's church. Janet to ask PCC.

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday** 6th November at 7:45pm