



Lymm Wine & Beer Circle

Newsletter April 2011

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Editorial

Welcome to the April Newsletter and you also find as part of this newsletter the AGM minutes for **2010 and the 2011 Agenda for our AGM meeting** on our April Club Night. Would you please bring your own copies of these along to the AGM.

Subscriptions 2011/12

It's that time of year again when your subscription is due at the AGM. If you plan to renew, please can you hand your payment to Perpetua at the meeting. We are proposing to increase the subscription to £23 per member. If you pay by cheque, please do **not** include any other amount in the cheque (e.g. lottery subscription), to make the accounting simpler for our treasurer.

Our current membership is such that we are able to welcome a few **new members to join**. If you know of anyone who might be interested please have a word with them, invite them along to a meeting and they can see if it's for them.

Members are reminded that they are welcome to bring along a guest to a maximum of three meetings in a year, at a charge of £2.00 each, or £4.00 if it is a wine tasting.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the accompanying member to pay the guest fee, to Perpetua or any other committee member.

Would all existing members please advise Perpetua of any changes in their personal details if different from last year's, particularly e-mail addresses. And new members please make sure Perpetua has your up-to-date contact details (including correct post code).

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Lottery subscription of £5 is due in May. If you wish to renew, or join this group, please see **Jenny Brook**. The lottery is drawn each month with a prize of £10 and we hope this year our members will take up all the available numbers (1 to 49). Please see Jenny at the next meeting or give her a ring on 01925 602513.

Next Year's Committee.

A new committee will be formed in April and as always we are keen for new committee members who would bring along new ideas and fresh impetus. If interested please contact the chairman or any other member of the committee.

Programme 2011/12 (Provisional April 2011 to March 2012).

After a successful year of events and sustained membership our programme for the coming year will be similar, comprising a mixture of tastings and talks.

The committee would like to continue offering improved and balanced programmes year on year and to achieve this we **recommend increasing our annual subscriptions to £23 per annum.**

Regarding subscriptions they are due in April and **it would be of great assistance to Perpetua** if you bring your cheque books along on the club night and let her have your cheque.

The programme we are developing is as follows:-

- 2 member wine tasting.
- 1 commercial beer tasting.
- 1 progressive wine tasting
- 2 commercial wine tasting.
- 4 talks.
- AGM. and bread making competition.
- Xmas festivities.

Would you **please review our programme** which is a very similar approach to last year and advise Tony Quick or other committee members of your views by the **April monthly meeting**. We can then finalise our detailed programme in May.

Competition Programme 2010/2011

Now that the programme for the coming year is almost complete why don't you get brewing and baking for the last competition of the season.

Beer & Bread April 2011

Lottery.

The winning lottery number this month is 34 (TBA).

Forthcoming Events

April	May	June
27th AGM and Beer and Bread Competition.	27th Portugese Wine Tasting – Rob Jones.	22nd Our life in Spain- Hilary Williamson.
20th - 27th Caravan meeting-Stratford Race Course-Fred Aylin.	27th April- 2nd May Caravan meeting- Yate House Farm. Byley Middlewich. Cath& Derek Langley. 27th May-30th May Caravan meeting- Ye Horn's Inn Goosnargh Olwen & David Astbury.	
14th Garrick- Abandonment- Kate Atkinson.	2nd Garrick- The Railway Children- E Nesbit.	

If anyone else in the club wishes to give a talk or arrange a tasting we would be delighted to hear from them.

Walks.

See the Caravan meetings for walks in April.

If anyone is interested in leading a walk on the Sunday following a meeting **please contact Derek Waterworth.**

If you have any events or news items for inclusion in the next newsletter, or you wish to receive it electronically, please e-mail Derek Waterworth at derekliz28@talktalk.net

To ensure you receive your newsletter would you **advise me** when you **change your e-mail address.**

Derek.

Caravanning 2011

The caravan planning meeting took place and we agreed:

Easter

Wednesday 20th April-27th April Stratford Race Course organised by Fred and Hilda

May Day

Wednesday 27th April-2nd May Middlewich area Cath and Derek

Spring Bank

Friday 27th May- May30th The Horns ,Goosnargh. Olwen and David

August Bank Holiday

Southport area tba by Graeme and Betty

Everyone is welcome. There is usually b and b in the area.

Walks and barbeques for day visitors.

Sylvia and Albert

Stratford –On-Avon Racecourse Directions

Wardens: Colin & Audrey Richardson Tel:01789 201063

Hi Campers.

I will be providing those campers that have pre-booked for the Easter Meeting, a pack to include the site details, map of the site and route etc.. nearer the time.

However for any members who would like to visit us during our stay, here is a guide on how to find us.

Join the **M6** motorway and continue to the **M42** motorway

At Junction **3a** of the **M42** join the **M40**

Leave **M40** at junction **15** (signposted **London**)

Take **5th** exit at **Longbridge roundabout** onto **A46** (signposted **Stratford**)

Follow **A46** for approx **6.5 miles** and then at roundabout take **1st** exit onto the **A4300** (signposted **Stratford**)

At roundabout take **1st** exit onto **A3400** (signposted **Through Traffic**)

At **Traffic Signals** turn **right** onto **A4390** (signposted **Bidford**)

At **Traffic Signals** continue forward (signposted **Bidford**)

At **roundabout** take **2nd exit** onto Evesham Road B439 (signposted **Bidford**)

Turn **left** onto **Luddington Road**

Finish on **Luddington Road**.

Total Miles approx 115 Approx Time 2 hours

Please note that all visitors will need to check in at reception before entering the site.

Thanks Fred

Directions to Middlewich

Hi THERE you HAPPY CAMPERS and anyone else who cares to join us .

The new venue for the May day bank holiday has moved from Morton –in –Marsh to :-
Yate House Farm caravan park ,
Byley ,
Middlewich,
CW10 9NS

Emergency phone . 01606 833125.

Our hosts are MR & Mrs Atkin.

Now HOW TO GET THERE.

Take M 6 south to junction 18 then take A54 towards Middlewich . After 2 miles take a RIGHT at round/bt onto B5309

[signed Northwich]. At next roundbt turn RIGHT then after 1/2mile turn RIGHT at traffic lights and then after ¾ mile turn

RIGHT into YATE HOUSE LANEnearly there ... {the road name sign is a little behind you ! ! } . After 1/4 mile take

a LEFT into the farm lane and then the yard . Unless you are the first one there you will have passed the camping field as you approach the farm lane so you will know where to go .

It's really easy to find with such excellent directions so there will be no excuses ,or P,,,,, taking Mr Hough.! Journey time is

an easy 30 mins .Fees are £13 a night including H/U and we are booked from Friday 29th April through to Monday 2th May but early

arrivers and late leavers can probably be accomodated if you let us know in advance . This is not ,as far as the farmer is aware a wine

club rally but a gathering of our personal friends 'cos I don't think they "do" rallies . They tend to be noisy drunken and BBQ a lot. !!

Direction to Goosnargh.

Ye Horn's Inn
Horns Lane
Goosnargh
Preston PR32FJ
Tel 01772 865230

Leave M6 at junction 32 onto M55
Keep in left lane
In about ¼ mile leave at junct 1 onto M6 (Garstang).
In ¾ mile turn right onto B5269 (Longridge).
In 2 ¾ miles at right bend continue into Carnforth Hall Lane (sign post Hillchapel & Chipping).
Site on left within 2 miles immediately before Inn.

B & B available.

Olwen & David.

**GARRICK PLAYHOUSE NEWS
PROGRAMME AND PRICES
2011 SEASON**

MONDAY 11th APRIL - **Abandonment –**
By Kate Atkinson

MONDAY 2nd MAY - **The Railway Children**
By E.Nesbit

PRICES:-

As previously all tickets 2 for 1 - i.e. £8.85 for two (senior citizens).

N.B. EXCEPT "Fawlty Towers" - £9.85 EACH

Annual General Meeting

27 April 2011

Lymm British Legion

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Minutes of last AGM**
- 3 Matters arising**
- 4 Chairman's Address**
- 5 Treasurer's Report**
- 6 Auditor's Report**
- 7 President's Address**
- 8 Election of Chair**
- 9 Election of Officers – Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer**
- 10 Election of Committee**
- 11 Appointment of Examiners of the Accounts**
- 12 Any Other Business**

Lymm Wine & Beer Circle
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
28th April 2010

1) Apologies

David Cox, Peter & Barbara Thomas, Howard Rushworth, Joan Kitchen, Paul Scrimshaw & Joan McFarland, Frank & Natalia Kerkham, George & Margery Coombes, Helen & Derek Clark, Frank & Jean Smith, Sue Brookes, Harry & Sue Walton, Denis & Carol McAllister, Kath Ward, Steve and Yvonne Poskitt.
There were 36 attendees.

2) Minutes from Last AGM – 22nd April 2009

Acceptance of Minutes from the last AGM was proposed by Derek Waterworth and seconded by Anna Head.
Carried.

3) Matters Arising

None

4) Chair's Address (Tony Quick)

I believe we have had another successful year, combining interesting talks with tastings and a Christmas extravaganza. The average attendance for talks has been 48, while the average attendance for tastings has been 46. There have been walks on the Sunday following many club nights and trips including one organised by Barbara to Tenby which provided great value for money. If you have any comments on the programme, please let me or any other member of the committee know.

We started the year with 96 members (including 2 honorary members) and the final figure is 92. Some of the non-members who went on the Tenby trip have expressed an interest in joining. The committee is conscious that the more members we have, the greater our subscription income and therefore the better the programme we can arrange for members. We will keep the number of members under review and, if necessary, advertise for new members. I would like to thank Anna for dealing with membership issues. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so promptly. Administration is easier if we do not have to spend time chasing people about their renewal.

I would like to thank the Committee members for the time and effort they put in to help the Wine & Beer Circle run smoothly. Hilary has been very helpful as Vice Chair and as a replacement for me when I have been unable to attend. Jill keeps tabs on the

finances very efficiently and thanks are due to Julie for handling secretarial matters, Derek for editing and distributing the Newsletter, Perpetua, Sian and Frank Kerkham for organising the programme, Rita for organising the theatre visits and Kath Ward for organising the walks. I have already mentioned Anna and it only remains for me to thank Peter for his assistance.

The Annual Dinner was held again at Lymm Golf Club House and I would like to thank Fred again for his efforts in putting together a very successful evening, which represented excellent value for money.

There are also a number of non-Committee members who make an important contribution to the smooth running of the Wine & Beer Circle, Kath Hough and Cath Langley in organising the raffle, Jenny Brook in looking after the lottery and Frank Smith in organising the dinner list. A few people have tried to devise a computer program to choose the dinner partners but they have not succeeded and in the end the success of the Dinner List has depended on the time and effort put in by Frank. Many thanks also to Sue for her hard work behind the bar and for preparing the tables for each meeting and to Barbara for organising the trip to Tenby and for keeping us in the picture in relation to some good offers on line by Marks & Spencer.

If I have omitted to thank anyone, it's totally due to inadvertence on my part, it was not intended.

The caravan section had another enjoyable year. The bank holidays were spent at Ellesmere, Shropshire, Congleton, Ribchester, Rhos on Sea and an extra one at Marbury. Thanks are due to the organisers. Walks and barbecues took place although not so many people managed long walks due to heart and knee problems, hopefully now better. The weather was fine and people sat out under awnings drinking and sorting out the world's problems until nearly 9.00pm or 10.00pm at night (it used to be until the early hours but time moves on).

I and the other members of the committee, apart from Frank Kerkham, would like to stand again for the coming year and the elections will be held later on this evening. As a result of Frank resigning there is a vacancy on the committee.

5) Treasurer's Report (Jill Cox)

For financial year ending 31st March 2010, the Club made a net deficit of £483.32.

Anna Head had a successful year recruiting members. We were only £14 down on Membership, which was covered by Guest Fees. Our income is dependant on our membership.

The raffle brought in just over our estimate at £388.06, but interest on our accounts was disappointing. We had a total income of £2409.61. Not a lot difference from 2008.

We spent £1985.71 on the programme. This year notably we have tried to spend a bit more on the programme. Other expenses include insurance, postage and cards etc.

The Annual Dinner and Events are self funding. The Club paid for the after dinner drinks at the Annual Dinner. We have a new Sub Committee who has planned and costed the new programme.

Thanks to Fred Aylin for calculating the costs of the Annual Dinner and for collecting the cheques. Thanks also to Jenny Brook for the lottery income.

Next year Hilary Williamson will also act as Treasurer's Assistant. As a full time worker it is sometimes difficult getting a second signatory for cheques and paying money into the Post Office. Apologies for any delay and we hope this move will speed things up a bit.

The Budget for forthcoming year has slight changes and would give us an expected income of £2400 and expected expenses of £2420.

We recommend that subscriptions stay at £21 and preferred method of payment would be by bank transfer.

6) Auditor's Report

David and Olwen Astbury have carefully checked the accounts and found them in good order and well looked after. They approved them and are happy that they are a true record.

Fred Aylin proposed that the accounts be accepted and he was seconded by Rob Jones. Carried.

7) President's Address (Tony Bone)

Re: article in the Warrington Guardian about the British Legion and the Youth Club's land being sites for sale to plug the hole in the Council's funds. The British Legion Branch owns the land where the Club is and it will not be sold.

(The British Legion Branch is responsible for the Poppy Appeal and money raising activities. The British Legion Club is a social club).

'How to Kill an Enterprise' was written by a Frenchman. A number of the principles contained therein are:

- Do not go to meetings, if so arrive late
- Criticise the work of the organisers
- Get annoyed with committee members
- Never think of inviting new members to join

This is not true of Lymm Wine and Beer Circle. We are a very positive Club. We have good attendances of 45-50 on a par with other clubs. We have a satisfactory balanced programme. We are very lucky that we have volunteers to help and I thank them. We appreciate them. Thanks to all for supporting the Committee and the Chair and for supporting me too.

There is a lot of canvassing going on at the moment. Tells story of Politician and Heaven and Hell.

8) Election of Chair

Chair – Tony Quick proposed by Olwen Astbury and seconded by Derek Waterworth.
Carried.

9) Election of Officers

Vice Chair – Hilary Williamson proposed by Peter Head, seconded by Anna Head.
Carried

Secretary – Julie Fowler proposed by Peter Head, seconded by Anna Head.
Carried

Treasurer – Jill Cox proposed by Peter Head, seconded by Anna Head.
Carried

10) Election of the Committee

Derek Waterworth, Kath Ward, Rita Cook and Perpetua Jones
Proposed by Chris Price, seconded by Derek Langley.
Carried

Anna Head, Peter Head and Sian Quick - Proposed by Chris Price, seconded by Derek
Langley.
Carried

No one came forward to replace Frank Kerkham

11) Appointment of Examiners of the Accounts

David and Olwen Astbury were proposed by Fred Aylin to stand as Auditors for
2009/2010 and seconded by Liz Waterworth. They have agreed.
Carried.

13) AOB

None.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.