



Lymm Wine & Beer Circle

Newsletter March 2010

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Editorial

Welcome to the March Newsletter.

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 Anna Head or any other committee member.

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

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.

Annual Dinner.

The dinner was attended by two thirds of our membership and once again the venue, meal, drinks and staff were excellent.. We would like to thank Fred for organising this most successful night.

Last club night.

Many thanks to Alan Hayhurst for a most interesting evening. Alan reminded us of how banking was an integral part of a community and moved a more refined and gentle pace which is somewhat different from today.

Lottery.

The winning lottery number this month is 34 (Dennis McAllister).

The winning lottery number last month was 12 (Steve Poskitt).

Forthcoming Events

March	April	May
24th Blind Tasting- Hilary Williamson. 7th Walk around Blakemere Moss,Delamere Forest Park see below for details.	28th AGM and Beer & Bread Competition. 12th Garrick- Whipping It Up.	28th Wine Tasting- Waitrose. 24th Garrick- Return to the Forbidden Planet.
5th March Annual Dinner Lymm Golf Club.	10th David's Big 70th Party. To be held at the Astbury's 8pm. Usual rules apply.	30th April -3rd May Caravan week-end at Thorntonhall Farm Near Skipton. See below for details..
8th Garrick-An Ideal Husband.	1st-5th Caravan week-end at Flagg, Buxton. See below for directions.	28th-31st Caravan week-end at Ty Maen Farm, Ty Maen. See below for directions.

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

Blakemere Moss Walk 7th March.

After a shaky start (cars parks full and people having to park in different car parks) eleven walkers and 2 dogs set off around the red trail at Delamere Forest, the weather was beautiful, very bright with a blue sky but lots of frost about. We circled Blakemere, which was teeming with all types of water fowl, walked into the woodlands and arrived back at the visitors centre, the going was good and a very pleasant walk was had by all, including Sophie, who despite the cold weather plunged into several icy ponds and drenched everyone passing by having a good shake afterwards.

For lunch we repaired to the Abbey Hotel, where an obliging land lord pushed tables together to seat eleven of us and a good lunch was had by all.

Thanks to David Astbury for help with directions.

Kath

Walk 28th March around Formby

The walk on 28 March is at Formby. To avoid people taking more cars than is necessary we are meeting at 11.00am at the Davis Way car park. We will then decide who is driving and who is being given a lift and we will go in convoy. If you are a National Trust member, bring your membership card so that you can obtain free entry. If you are not a member, the car parking charge is about £3. The journey takes about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour while the walk lasts about 1 1/2 hours.

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.

POST XMAS GARRICK PROGRAMME

Usual ticket prices apply. Two for the price of one (£10) except for "Return to the Forbidden Planet" - full price.

Monday 12th April

"WHIPPING IT UP" by Steve Thompson
Scandalously funny political satire. Blows the lid off the Despatch Box and reveals the true secrets locked in the Whips' safe. In the year of the General Election and without a word about EXPENSES this play is not to be missed!

Monday 24th May

"RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET" by Bob Carlton
Back by popular demand, this rock and roll musical has it all: Shakespeare, space travel and lots of your favourite songs from the sixties.

Contact Rita with any queries.

Caravanning 2010

**Easter 1-5th April The Duke of York Ashbourne Road Flagg Buxton.
Tel: 0129883345**

Directions:

From M60 Junction 1 (Stockport), take the A6 to Buxton. Then go on the A515 towards Ashbourne. After approx 5 miles you will come to the Duke of York on the left. Rally field is through car park to right of pub.

For none walkers there are interesting towns close by - Ashbourne, Bakewell, and Buxton with its unique "Edinburgh Woollen Mill". (couldn't resist).

B&B's

Farm - Andrew Edge 01298 83388
Cheshire Cheese, Chris 7 Lyn, 01298 83218
Jug & Glass, Paul & Linda, 01298 84848

Pauline and Bob.

MAYDAY Fri day 30th April – Monday 3rd May 2010

Thornton Hall Farm Country Park Thornton-in-Craven Nr Skipton

Directions from Lymm

M6 North to Junction 29

**M65 to the end. At the roundabout take 1st exit onto
A6068 Sp. Keighley. After Approx 1mile at the roundabout take**

A56 Sp. Skipton for Approx 5miles

Turn left at sign for Thornton Hall

Site on left in approx 500 yds.

The Country Park is very clearly signposted.

12 electric hooks up will be available

Caravan £9 per night including Electric

Awning and Gazebos £1 per night extra

Day visitors welcome

Toilets (7am-9pm)and cafe on site.

For more detailed information on facilities visit

www.thorntonhallcountrypark.co.uk

Hope to see you there please email jedutton@bulldoghome.com or telephone 0161 761 7262

Eric and Joyce

Spring Bank Holiday :

Location: Ty Maen Farm, Ty Maen. LL14 5AW

Tel: 01978 823184. Mobile 07773 209403.



Take M56 towards Chester, and then M53 towards North Wales. Exit onto A483 for approx 14 miles where it meets the A5. Take 2nd exit towards Llangollen. Turn right in about 3/4 mile onto B5605 signed Ty Maen (filling station on corner). The site is on the left in about 1/2 mile opposite Ty Maen Farm.

Let us know if you plan to join us.

Anna & Peter

August Bank Holiday 27th-August- 31st

This to be arranged by Cath and Derek Langley

Everyone is welcome to the caravanning week ends. They are all within a reasonable distance. Walks start at 11 and barbeques from 5.

You must let the organizer know if you are going in case we have to change the venue at the last minute.

Sylvia and Albert

Lymm Wine & Beer Circle
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
22nd April 2009

1) Apologies

David Cox, Peter & Barbara Thomas, Howard Rushworth, Joan Kitchen, Paul Scrimshaw & Joan McFarland, Chris & Norman Price, Sian Quick.
There were 48 attendees.

2) Minutes from Last AGM – 30th April 2008

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

3) Matters Arising

None

4) Chair's Address (Peter Head)

Once again it's time to review the activities of the Circle, a process which seems to come round sooner each year. I feel that it has been another successful year with a varied programme of activities which seem to have provided something of interest all. I would like to welcome anyone attending one of our AGMs for the first time. They are usually fairly quiet affairs where relatively routine and uncontroversial business is transacted. From some of the comments I have heard about the proposed amendments to the Constitution tonight could be somewhat different. However, more on that later.

Since our last AGM we have had four tastings, 5 talks, a Christmas extravaganza and an impromptu quiz night. All of these have been well attended with between 38 and 64 attendees. The most popular meetings were the Christmas one and the talk the previous month. There have been walks on the Sunday following many club nights, a full programme of trips to the Garrick and one off events, the day trip to Masham, organised by Sue Brookes, to visit the Black Sheep Brewery and fortuitously the sheep fair, and a memorable tour of Scotland and its Woollen Mill outlets organised by Barbara Thomas. The Committee is always anxious to receive feed back on the programme so please let us know if the you have any suggestions for activities or if you fee the balance is not quite right.

The year has been a good one for membership as we have had sufficient new members to replace those who chose not to rejoin and we thus end the year, as we started with 96 members. Here I have to again thank Chris Price for dealing so efficiently with all the membership issues and ensuring that subscriptions are collected in a reasonable time. As Chris is currently recovering from a knee replacement operation Anna Head has agreed to look after membership and subscription issues for the time being. Don't forget that you can make Membership Treasurer's life easier by paying your subscription promptly.

I need extend an extra special vote of thanks to Hilary Williamson dealing so ably with times when speakers either did not show up on the agreed night or were late for some reason or another. You can do without these extra problems on top of sorting out who should be approached for tastings or talks and when they should go ahead. One of the quizzes which Hilary brings to each meeting provided an enjoyable evening when we couldn't have a beer tasting because the brewer had got confused over dates.

Rita Cook has once again undertaken the task of booking visits to the Garrick Theatre. Thank you Rita for taking the hassle out of going to the theatre. Kath Ward has taken over the organisation of the walks

and we have been able to explore some interesting areas, in some interesting weathers. Thank you Kath for the time and effort you put into the research. Once again special event this year organised, once again by Barbara Thomas. Barbara's negotiating skills are legendary and obviously knowing that the Pound was going to nosedive against the Euro, she managed to arrange for a large group of us to travel to the Loch Lomond area for 3 days of all in Scottish entertainment, including a free bar, for scarcely more than the cost of a couple of nights B&B accommodation. Although the weather was not quite as good as on the previous trip to Aachen it was still very good for Scotland in February. Thank you Barbara.

The Caravan Section has been as active as ever with a good attendance at all the Bank Holiday weekend gatherings. We had a mixed bag of weather, including snow and high winds, and a last minute change of venue to contend with but the walking was enjoyable and the evening barbecuing and eating provided entertainment. Once again Sylvia Dixon took on the role of ensuring that venues were organised.

Following on from the success of the 2008 Annual Dinner at Lymm Golf Club the Committee decided to play it safe and return there for the 2009 event. Although the fall out from the recession and credit crunch made it more difficult to achieve the same level of food and drink as last year thanks to Fred Aylin and George Coombes for treating us to a bottle of wine per table we were able to do so. Once again gain congratulations George and Margery for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Having singled one or two of the Committee for thanks already I have to thank all the Committee Members for the efforts they have put in to making my job as Chairman extremely easy and providing you with a varied programme. I would like to thank Tony Quick – Vice Chair for standing in for me when necessary, Julie Fowler for looking after all the secretarial matters, Jill Cox for looking after our finances, Derek Waterworth for editing and distributing the Newsletter and lastly but by no means least, Anna Head for looking after the Website.

Additionally I need to thank a number of non-Committee members who also make such a valuable contribution the smooth running of the Circle, notably Kath Hough, Cath Langley and Joan Kitchen (and others whose names I didn't note at the time) for organising the raffle, Jenny Brook for looking after the lottery and Frank Smith for organising the dinner list, which results in so many pleasant evenings of wine, food and conversation.

The Committee feel that the current blend of core activities is a successful one which can be sustained from subscriptions and that one off extras should pay for themselves, but we always open to feedback and welcome members' suggestions.

All I need do now is say that I have enjoyed my third year as Chair and feel it is time to stand down to give others a chance take over the reins.

5) Treasurer's Report (Jill Cox)

For financial year ending 31st March 2009, the Club showed a surplus of £210.27.

Thanks to Chris Price for a very successful year recruiting members as we met our target. We had fewer guests than budgeted for. Thanks also to Kath Hough and Cath Langley for the raffle, we nearly made our target. We received Interest of £53.65, which wasn't bad considering the current economic climate.

Total income was £2,448.19 compared with £2,513.68 in the previous year.

The Programme was not over budgeted, in fact under by £338.68.

Other expenses include such things as the cost of the Domain name, which is now registered for 5 years and the website for 2 years, gifts and our Annual Membership to the NFWAWS came to a total of £176.60. This is a little higher than in previous years.

The Annual Dinner came in at £2,040, a shortfall of £50, which was mainly due to the higher cost of drinks. A Wine Buffs tasting cost £192 and broke even.

The Budget for 2009/2010 has been slightly changed. Income and Expenditure expected is £2,410

The Committee recommends that the subscriptions remain at £21.

Thanks to Frank Kerkham for the spreadsheet.

6) Auditor's Report

David and Olwen Astbury have examined the accounts, approved them and are happy that they are a true record.

Frank Smith proposed that the accounts be accepted and he was seconded by Derek Brook.
Carried.

7) Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Joke told by Peter Head

Background – there is no hidden agenda to oust the current President. An opportunity was seen for newer members to take an interest in and participate in the running of the Club. A proposal was mooted to reduce the President's term from 5 to 3 years after the current President's term. The President would be elected prior to the AGM. The current Vice Chair (AQ) is a lawyer and was tasked with looking at the Constitution and making some suggestions. The President gets copies of all the committee meeting minutes and the current President had even made some proposals himself.

Proposed changes:

a) Presidential Term – Section 6
President's term be reduced to 3 years.

Graham Hughes proposed that the Presidential term be for Life as opposed to 3 or 5 years.

Kath Hough asked why 3 years.

b) Other Changes

Derek Waterworth pointed out that no changes to the proposals could be made unless a new resolution had been proposed with proper notice.

Frank Kerkham suggested that the membership put forward proposals during the year, which would be circulated and then voted on at the next AGM.

Frank Smith asked that the President help out.

President said that membership should vote on the proposals made tonight.

Yvonne Poskitt mentioned that in the Honorary membership section there were still sexist references to he/his and shouldn't they be changed to they/their.

Tony Quick replied that there is nothing in the changes which inhibits a lady being made President. It was implied that references to him etc included references to her.

Perpetua Jones proposed that the Constitution should not be changed.

Chair advised that any proposed changes to the Constitution need to be sent to all members 7 days before a meeting to discuss.

Vote carried

8) President's Address (Tony Bone)

Likened the committee to a shop. The members of the Club are its customers. No owners, no shop.

The Lymm Wine and Beer Circle is a good social club, for which you need a good formula and we have the right formula so far and it will be the same in the year ahead no doubt.

If it's not broken, don't mend it.

Cost. A bargain membership. The room hire is 50p per member. Good value for money.

Thanks to Peter Head as Chair. He has worked hard and with a good committee. Confident we will enjoy another good year in 2009/2010.

9) Election of Chair

Chair – Tony Quick proposed by Rita Cook and seconded by Derek Waterworth.
Carried.

Comment made that previous Chair (Peter Head) did not officially notify the membership that they were standing down. The past Chair (Rob Jones) said that he had not done so either. It was pointed out that there was nothing in the rules to require this.

10) Election of Officers

Vice Chair – Hilary Williamson proposed by Derek Waterworth, seconded by Anna Head. Carried
Secretary – Julie Fowler proposed by Liz Waterworth, seconded by Yvonne Poskitt. Carried
Treasurer – Jill Cox proposed by Hilary Williamson, seconded by Tony Quick. Carried

11) Election of the Committee

Derek Waterworth, Kath Ward, Anna Head, Peter Head, Rita Cook
Proposed by Tony Quick, seconded by Hilary Williamson
Carried

Sian Quick - Proposed by Peter Head, seconded by Tony Quick. Carried
Frank Kerkham – Proposed by Rob Jones, seconded by Perpetua Jones. Carried
Perpetua Jones – proposed by Hilda Aylin, seconded by Yvonne Poskitt. Carried.

12) 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 Hilary Williamson. They have agreed.
Carried.

13) AOB

None.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.