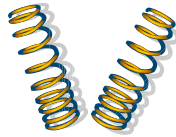


# NEWSLINK



The Newsletter of the  
Mudford Men's Club  
Spring 2010



## To print, or not to print

It's tricky to know when to produce a Newslink at this time of year. With all the Christmas activity, there's enough to fill an issue by February. But, in the current climate, nobody wants to spend more money than necessary so we decided to wait until March. Then there's Dinner Dance closely followed by the charity cheque presentations a couple of days later. Yes, it is the AGM next week, but we had to draw a line somewhere and so, here it is.

## 2009/10 charity fundraising.



The recipients of your charity fundraising

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 we once again presented cheques to the various deserving causes, as chosen by the members. A total of £4,000 was distributed on the day and this sum is in addition to other donations worth around £1,000 during the year.

- **Andy Hack** received the annual £250 donation towards the Mudford Lifeboat and explained that 2009 had been the station's busiest year on record.
- **Christine Payne** and **Mandy Forbes** collected £750 for the Twynham Tigers to buy equipment and pay the costs of hiring training facilities for a number of highly successful junior football teams.
- **Sue Bungey** received £1,000 for the Tulip Appeal which provides equipment for, and improves facilities in the Breast Care unit at Bournemouth Hospital.
- **Councillor Josephine Spencer MBE** received a £1,000 donation for the "Buy A Brick" campaign to raise the money required to rebuild the Drutt Hall. The new building will hold 150 people and will be available for use by the whole community.

- Finally, Club Committee member (and former Regimental Sergeant Major) **Ray Reddell** accepted a cheque for £1,000 to be donated to Help For Heroes. This sum is in addition to £854 donated by Club members at two previous fundraising events – The Pussyfoot Dinner and a Filmed Race Night in February.

The Club's President, **Laurie Wilkinson** thanked the members for their generosity at this difficult time, the organisers of the various fundraising events and the local businesses who donated lots for the Grand Boxing Day Auction.

## Some facts and figures about the fundraising:

The Grand Boxing Day Auction raised £1651.50.

The Balloon Race was postponed to 17<sup>th</sup> January after dodgy weather on the 10<sup>th</sup> (the best of the test balloons headed for the harbour and landed before getting there!). This year's winner was **Lynne Renault** whose balloon travelled to Dijon, a distance of 686km (430 miles).



Lynne Renault with her winner's cheque

Name the polar bear (Michael) won by **Jo Richards**.

Guess the amount in the bottle (£301.91) won by **Colin Bushell**.



Tom Smith receives his Honorary Life Membership

Finally, to round off a "good news lunchtime" the

President presented **Tom Smith** with an Honorary Life Membership, something which clearly meant a great deal to Tom and was very warmly received by the members.

### Christmas Draw

Another fantastic event – just take a look at the prizes!



### Annual Dinner and Dance – 5<sup>th</sup> March

The event was again well supported with in excess of 125 tickets sold.



This year, as a change, we altered the format. We did away with the comedian and used the money to pay for the **Swing Unlimited Big Band** who seemed to go down pretty well. They also provided a quartet to play some gentle music during the drinks reception.

Guests of Honour this year were **Dick and Jane Thorpe, Nick and Gillian Geary** and **Arthur and Ellen Smart**.

### We want your thoughts ...

Thinking ahead to next year, would you like to see the return of the comedy slot or are you in the group that believe a dinner dance should be just that – dinner then dancing?

If you want a comedian, would you prefer to have a stand-up performing during coffee whilst still at your table?



Gordon Nash attempts to ply young ladies with strong drink.

Finally, as you probably realise, the costs of the tickets is still heavily subsidised and this subsidy has to reduce. What would you be prepared to pay for your tickets?



"What do you mean you want to stand for Treasurer!!!"

Please pass on your thoughts to a member of the Committee or use the Suggestions Box in the lounge.

### Christmas Competitions

#### Sloe Gin

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Janet Bate (28 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Boulton (21)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hugh Jones (20)



Janet Bate receives her trophy from the Vice-President

to the Secretary!

### Sloe Brandy

1<sup>st</sup> Hugh Jones (24)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pip Langdon (22)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Parker/Jean Ellwood (14)

### Darts singles

Winner: Martin Wood  
Runner-up: Mark Grimes

### Darts doubles

Winners: Martin Wood & Peter Nightingale  
Runners-up: Luke Ramsier & Matt Ramsier

### Over 60s snooker singles

Winner: Ken Ellwood  
Runner-up: Roy Dupree

### Over 60s snooker doubles

Winners: Dave North & Roy Dupree  
Runners-up: Steve Hill and Paul Meade

### Cribbage singles

Winner: Don Tomkins  
Runner-up: Gordon Wallace

### Cribbage doubles

Winners: Mark Calder & Brian McKenna  
Runners-up: Jeff Arnold and Laurie Wilkinson

### Snooker

Winner: Harry Fenn  
Runner-up: Trevor Morgan

### Billiards

Winner: Rob Boulton  
Runner-up: Fred Lucas

### Dominoes singles

Winner: Gordon Wallace  
Runner-up: Jeff Arnold

### Dominoes doubles

Winners: John Warner & Don Tomkins  
Runners-up: Ken Ellwood & Norman Grindley

## Entertainment news

We've got some more new acts coming up in the next couple of months, starting with Pacific Heights Disco.

New bands coming up are The Doghouse Boys doing what they describe as "early country with the dirt left on!"

Fast Company do more modern rock and pop with a female singer and the Shoestring Blues Band cross over into blues-rock covering such artists as ZZ Top and Cream.

And don't forget, the raised area in the lounge is available for parties for a very small fee. The Steward will be happy to provide a buffet and an extension can often be arranged if required. Interested? Write

<b>MARCH 13th</b>	<b>Mudford Crabs</b>
20th	<b>Pacific Heights Disco</b>
Sun 21st	<b>Robin Davis (lunchtime)</b>
27th	<b>DJ Langer</b>
<b>APRIL 3rd</b>	<b>Jason Dean (Easter, Ext)</b>
Sun 4th	<b>Bianca (lunchtime)</b>
10th	<b>The Doghouse Boys</b>
17th	<b>Race night (10 races, Ext)</b>
Sun 18th	<b>Laurence (lunchtime)</b>
24th	<b>Soul Baby</b>
<b>MAY 1st</b>	<b>Des Law Sounds (Ext)</b>
Sun 2nd	<b>Sunday music TBA</b>
8th	<b>Fast Company (Ext)</b>
15th	<b>Cookie Roadshow</b>
Sun 16th	<b>Sunday music TBA</b>
22nd	<b>Group 5</b>
29th	<b>Coroma Disco (Bank Hol Ext)</b>
<b>JUNE 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Race Night</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Shoestring Blues Band</b>



Yes, they do accept cheques behind the bar

## Coming soon ...

**March** – Election of Officers and Committee

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – Annual General Meeting 8pm.

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Egg Draw

**April** – Frank Selleck Trophy

**May** – Pussyfoot competitions begin

## Club website

Several members have pointed out that the Club website has become out of date. Paul Rogers has kindly volunteered to take this on so watch this space.

## Entertainments Committee

After the appeal for new members, **Judy Janes**

joined the Committee and is already making a great contribution – shifting nearly £100 worth of Easter Egg Draw tickets on the opening day. So well done Jude and, if anyone else feels inclined to help out, please speak to Roger Masterman or any other member of the Ents Committee.

### Your letters and emails

Apologies for all the contributions that we didn't have room for this time. The prize almost went to **Ray Watson** for his fascinating article explaining how a poor Scottish farmer saved a nobleman's son's life. The nobleman repaid him by educating the farmer's son at the finest schools. The son, a certain Alexander Fleming went on to discover penicillin which later saved the life of the nobleman's son – Sir Winston Churchill. A great story which alas turns out to be completely untrue and was described by Fleming in a letter as a "wondrous fable." So tough luck Ray!

However, we couldn't go for an issue without one of Ray's many age-related submissions, so here's a joke that wins him a pint ...

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied, "Arthritis."

And winning £10 to spend at the bar, **Tony Gabb** –

### Why I like retirement ...

**Question: How many days in a week?**

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

**Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?**

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

**Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?**

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

**Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?**

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

**Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?**

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

**Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?**

Answer: Tied shoes.

**Question: Why do retirees count pennies?**

Answer: They're the only ones who have the time.

**Question: What is the common term for someone who continues to work and refuses to retire?**

Answer: NUTS!

**Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?**

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

**Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?**

Answer: Normal

**Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?**

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

**Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?**

Answer: If you cut classes, no one can call your parents.

**Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?**

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

**Question: What do you do all week?**

Answer: Monday to Friday; Nothing, Saturday & Sunday I rest.

### And finally ...

**Comments overheard recently in the lounge ...**

An extremely funny (and mostly unprintable) cautionary tale from the President on the dangers of painting (with a paint tray) while cat-sitting a rather frisky animal. Needless to say, the carpet required quite a bit of scrubbing.

In the Tuesday night quiz, when a question required thinking of cities that have staged Olympic Games – "Has Greece ever held the Olympics?"

On the subject of starters on the Dinner Dance menu, specifically, the Brussels pate – "That sounds disgusting - pate made from sprouts."

As Ents Sec, I get a lot of bizarre mail through the post – everything from barbershop quartets to a Roy "Chubby" Brown tribute act, but surely nothing stranger than a letter and some leaflets that stated "one of the most iconic "props" in the advertising and marketing business is the classic campervan." Quite how this could be used for Club entertainment is unclear – any ideas?

### Contact Newslink

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