

# NEWSLINK



The Newsletter of the  
Mudford Men's Club  
Summer 2011



## Can someone please explain ...

It's a funny old world. Barack Obama has to publish his birth certificate to convince people that he is American then he immediately starts drinking the black stuff and telling everyone he's Irish. Meanwhile, in Carmarthenshire, "The Plough" is offering three course doggy meals such as salmon & prawn stir fried noodles followed by rump steak risotto with green beans washed down by chocolate and marrowbone ice cream (£5). Strangest of all, 38 ladies sign a form asking for their own version of a Pussyfoot night and when a meeting is held to make the arrangements and collect a deposit, only a handful turn up. Someone pass me a Guinness, to be sure.

## Sports and games news

I feel a super injunction (or a slap!) coming my way ...

### Snooker

Once again, after the annual Frank Sellick two-leg snooker competition with the Southbourne Ex-Servicemen's Club, the bitter taste of defeat was on our lips.

Asked for a quote, team captain **Rob "Uncle Albert" Boulton** said "When I was in the Navy ..." and we stopped listening at that point.



Loosing captain **Rob Boulton** receives the **Eddie Carr Trophy**

To be fair to Rob, he did also win this year's Eddie Carr Trophy (a round robin tournament using just three reds) and was presented with his prize by **Paul Rogers**. Asked for a quote, he responded "During the war ..."

### Cricket

No doubt you will have seen the irritating moustachioed mock-Mexican wrestler advertising train travel on TV. He looks at animals for inspiration for his wrestling moves. Pillock. However, not to be outdone, **the President** has tried to bring this innovation into the game of cricket. Laurie's trick, known as "The Sea lion" is to catch a cricket

ball on the end of his nose. Unfortunately, the first public demonstration at New Milton Cricket Ground merely resulted in large quantities of spilt blood and the loss of a wicket for a certain unlucky bowler who still hasn't received a pint in lieu of the dropped dolly catch!

### Poker

**Mark Anderson** (right) won the recent poker league after a 13 week competition whilst **Lee Haskell** (left) took the cash for victory in the Final.



### Fantasy Football League by Paul Rogers

The Premiership came to its conclusion on the 22nd May 2011.

**Chris Nicholls** (right) became the winner of the competition, with **Jackie Goss** and **Dave Davies** second and third respectively. Chris came with a late run, taking the lead in Gameweek 36. Jackie and Dave contested the lead for most of the season with **Derek Ellwood** and **Adrian Prosser** taking the lead on occasion.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the managers for taking part, I for one am missing it already.

Keep an eye on the notice board for the next competition in July/August. We will be introducing an entry free of £5.00 for managers, but if you don't want to pay the entry fee, you can still take part, you just won't win the money if you come in the first three. Hopefully there will be enough managers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

If you require anymore information please contact me at 0780 693 9132 or email [website@mudfordmens.co.uk](mailto:website@mudfordmens.co.uk)

## Charity cheque presentations



found by "Frieda" (left) who subsequently went on to feature several times in our local press!

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> March saw our annual cheque presentations to local good causes. But before that, we had to award the prize to the Balloon Race winner. This year it was **Joyce Masterman** who's balloon got as far as Sassenberg (Germany) – although some arrived back after the closing date from even further afield! The balloon was

Most impressively, on receiving her winner's cheque, Joyce had no hesitation in donating it to "Help For Heroes" – a wonderful gesture.

The money raised this year was distributed as follows:

Mudford RNLI - £250  
 Headway Poole - £750  
 Burton Under 7s Football Team - £1,000  
 Prostate Cancer Network Dorset - £1,000  
 Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - £1,000  
 The Mayor's Charity Fund (which included Action For Youth In Christchurch) - £1,000  
 Help For Heroes (separate events and collections organised by **Ray Reddell**) - £600

A fantastic effort and thanks go to all those who helped and everyone who put their hand in their pocket to generate this amazing amount of money.

## Entertainment news

### What's coming up ...

Well, to be honest, July is just taking shape now so I won't be able to tell you much as we had to keep it blank in case there was a Ladies' Pussyfoot night to organise. Here's June and a bit of July though ...

Date	What's on ...
Thu 02 June	Ladies Darts Presentation with disco, 11:30 bar
Sat 04 June	The Mudford Crabs
Sat 11 June	Filmed Race Night
Sun 12 June	Just Jeff, new act, lunchtime
Fri 17 June	Men's Darts Presentation with disco and late bar
Sat 18 June	Alpine Roadshow Disco with a late bar for a party
Sat 25 June	Pussyfoot Dinner (ticket holders only in the Lounge) with a late bar.
Sat 02 July	TBA – Typical, band cancelled just as we were going to press!
Sat 09 July	Coroma Disco with an extension for a party
Sun 10 July	Paul Hammond (lunchtime)

### Royal Wedding Day

I think it's fair to say that a good time was had by all! The children were allowed in as a one off and it was a great success with a fantastic atmosphere and some rather nice bar takings too!

Special thanks to members of the Entertainments Committee who were on hand at 8am to decorate the room, **Gordon**, who was around from 6:30am, **Paul Rogers** for his entertaining "Killer" competitions, **Jill Rogers** and **Liz Westall** who spent many happy hours serving up hog roasts, **Dave Hastings** for organising a Poker tournament, the band Blowin' Free and of course the Bar Staff who were kept pretty busy!

Next year it's the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we can do it all over again.

### Ladies' Night – Part 1

You may well have seen the emails, notices in the Club or heard announcements regarding Ladies' Night. A number of ladies expressed a desire for a version of Pussyfoot for the girls. A meeting was called to make plans with the proviso that if 40 ladies paid a £10 deposit then the event would go ahead.

Come the day, there were two ladies members along with the four who sit on the Entertainments Committee present. So, no go for this year. It doesn't have to be a meal or a theatre trip – with enough demand both could be done.

If ladies particularly want this event in the future, there are certain logistical problems to be overcome. Volunteers make the Men's event happen. There is a lot of seafood to be prepared along with a lot of salad and eggs. Prawn cocktails have to be prepared. The waiting is all done by volunteers as is setting up the room and the fetching of the chairs from the Village Hall. If you want an event like this ladies, then you will need to recruit a decent sized workforce although I'm sure that some of the chaps will be pleased to help out too.

And before anyone else asks the question, no you can't have nude male waiters!

### Ladies' Night – Part 2

The good news is that Sharon has negotiated a great deal for the girls and the discounts she has obtained are improved still further by a nice little subsidy courtesy of the Treasurer.

So, on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** you can enjoy a trip to the Pavilion to see **Calendar Girls** featuring Lesley Joseph, Ruth Madoc and many others. You get this for just £20 including coach transport which is considerably less than the people around you will pay just for their theatre seats!

What's more, if it is a late finish, the Club will be kept open so you can have a post-show drink. Tickets go on sale on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30** in the Lounge.

### Easter Egg Draw – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April



This event was a great success with some lovely eggs to be won and thanks to some hard work from the like of **Judy Janes** and the Bar Staff, we were able to put over £300 into the Charity pot.

**Paul Lyne** won the big egg and generously put it back to be auctioned. **Kevin Robinson** then paid £30 for it.

### Vouchers for schools

Again we've got a huge pile of vouchers to donate to local schools. The offer ends very soon so please get any vouchers you may have down to the Club ASAP.

## The refurbishment

As everyone must now be aware the Club is undergoing a bit of a transformation at the moment. We've got new ceilings and lighting, a new paint job and a re-varnished dance floor. The new blinds, curtains and furniture should appear this month, probably after Pussyfoot, so that it doesn't get immediately stained with fishy juices.

Also, did you know that the Club is now a **WiFi hotspot** so you should be able to easily access the web and email from your laptops or phones.

## MMC website – by Paul Rogers

It is now a year since I became the Administrator of the Mudeford Men's Club Website. I will be changing some of the pages, these may appear under different buttons. This work will be ongoing and I will let members know when it has been completed. When you come to the Club for an event, take photos telling me what event, who the people are in them. At some stage I want to have galleries on the website. Send your photos to [paul.c.rogers@sky.com](mailto:paul.c.rogers@sky.com).

## Book sales

**Ray** "Play your cards right" **Watson** has taken on the task of organising second hand book sales on occasional Sunday lunchtimes. All monies made on sales will go towards the charity fund.

So, keep an eye on the Notice Board for details of upcoming sales and, if you have any books you no longer require, please consider donating them.

## The Mickey House Trophy

At the time of writing, our opponents (The Con Club) seem a bit unenthusiastic about getting a team together for this year's event. I wonder if that could have anything to do with the score last year?????

## Club catering

If you haven't been in recently then be aware that normal service has been resumed with **Gordon and Jacky** again running the kitchen and providing a range of great value meals and snacks. It's for your benefit, so take advantage!

## Coming up ...

### Pussyfoot Dinner – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June

A sit down dinner, entry by ticket bought in advance. Still a few tickets left (£27.50). Ask at the bar or see **Richard Leyshon**.

### Marrow Competition – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Get planting now. There are rumours afoot of a "Dress a wooden spoon" competition. Watch this space.

### Ascot trip - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Tickets for Ascot will go on sale in the Club **on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm**. Tickets will be priced at £30.

The cost includes your coach travel, entry fee to the course and a buffet. All enquiries to **Sharon Morgan**.

## Committee elections and AGM

As seems to be the case most years, everyone seeking re-election got back in. **Kim Nicholls** stood down after serving two years and he was replaced by **Paul Sadler**.

At the AGM, motions were defeated that would have

- a) allowed children in the Lounge on Party Nights and
- b) Had yearly elections for the job of Secretary.

There was considerable hushed sniggering caused by a slip of the tongue which resulted in Paul Rogers' excellent Club Website referred to as "the webshite."

## Your letters and emails

Not only a fine selection of jokes this month but a **real letter!** We now have so many jokes from the last five years, it might be an idea to print a booklet for a couple of quid a pop for Club funds. What do you think?

From **Phil Oliver**, and, as one of our only ever serious submissions, it wins the £10 of drinks over the bar.

What a BRILLIANT band!

Dr Strangebrew were awesome last Sat but unfortunately ruined by a complete lack of judgement on the part of whomever decides what time to shut the bar.

The band were obviously up for a late one, proven by the fact that they were still playing at 11-20. Unfortunately you guys still think that pubs shut at 11, they don't. Pubs shut when the Bar staff or lastly the punters have had enough. Our club needs money, so stay open & get it.

Gordon made a big deal of getting a 1AM licence back when new Labour changed the licensing laws but, apart from Xmas it's never used! It's not an extension, its legally permitted opening hours.

We didn't need 1AM on Sat but we also didn't need 11, would 1130 been too much to expect?

I love the club, but really, get a grip! Make the place somewhere people want to go, it'll be packed & we'll all be better off.

Yours,  
Phil O

**The Committee was asked if it would like to respond and they requested that I do so, so here goes ...**

Unfortunately it is very difficult to predict numbers on Saturday nights. Yes, we do get nights when an unexpectedly large crowd turns up but it really isn't fair to expect the bar staff to then work additional, unsociable hours without any notice.

On a "normal" Saturday, if it's not a Bank Holiday or a tribute act and nobody has booked a party then we can sometimes have quite a small crowd and the economics of longer staff hours and longer hours for entertainers become an issue.

This year, in the Mar/Apr/May period we had 8 late bars out of 13 on Saturdays. The previous three years were all 4 or 5 so I think we are becoming more flexible in this regard. Whenever it is known in advance that a good crowd is likely, a midnight bar is organised.

If there is an easy solution to this problem, I don't know what it is. Perhaps someone has some ideas?

### **From Dave Hastings (wins a pint) ...**

Mr Cadbury met Miss Rowntree on a Double Decker. It was just After Eight. They got off at Quality Street .

He asked her name. 'Polo, I'm the one with the hole' she said with a Wispa. 'I'm Marathon , the one with the nuts' he replied.

He touched her Cream Eggs, which was a Kinder Surprise for her. Then he slipped his hand into her Snickers, which made her Ripple. He fondled her Jelly Babies and she rubbed his Tic Tacs. Soon they were Heart Throbs.

It was a Fab moment as she screamed in Turkish Delight. But, 3 days later, his Sherbet Dip Dab started to itch. Turns out Miss Rowntree had been with Bertie Bassett and he had Allsorts!

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Before the 2001 inauguration of George Bush, he was invited to a "get acquainted" tour of the White House. After drinking several glasses of iced tea, he asked outgoing President Bill Clinton if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Clinton 's private toilet, he was astonished to see that President Clinton had a solid gold urinal.

That afternoon, George told his wife, Laura, about the urinal. 'Just think,' he said, 'when I am President, I too could have a gold urinal. But I wouldn't do something so self-indulgent!'

Later, when Laura had lunch with Hillary at her tour of the White House, she told Hillary how impressed George had been at his discovery of the fact that, in his private bathroom, the President had a gold urinal.

That evening, when Bill and Hillary were getting ready for bed, Hillary smiled, and said to Bill: 'I found out who pi\*\*ed in your saxophone.'

### **From Ray Watson (also wins a pint) ...**

Church Ladies With typewriters . . .

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'  
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow..

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

## **Contact Newslink**

Write to **Newslink** via the Club.

E-mail via the Club web site.

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