

House Report- September 2012

House is responsible for the operation, maintenance and development of the club's buildings and their environs. This is mainly the clubhouse/locker block and the immediate surroundings. I am the House Chairman and I am supported by a small team of enthusiastic members, namely Judith Stanistreet, David Anderson, Howard Johnston, Gareth Moore and Jagdish Ranshi. We are still short of up to two people and if anybody is interested in helping with the work please contact myself. (Tel No -01619282512).

The following is a list of the work carried out over the last 12 months and the plans for the future

1) Buildings & Equipment

During the last year we have:-

- a) Redecorated the dining room which includes replacing the floor covering.
- b) Redecorated the gent's toilet in the clubhouse, the entrance hall, stairs and landing and the rear hall.
- c) Installed a 10KW solar power system on the locker room roof.
- d) Replaced the boiler in the upstairs flat and redecorated one bedroom.
- e) Expanded and modernised the trolley storage rooms.
- f) Replaced all the ceiling lights in the Richard Burton Room and Mixed Lounge with very low energy LED bulbs.
- g) We are progressively changing all the bulbs in the chandeliers in the entrance hall and dining Room with very low energy LED bulbs.
- h) Rendered two walls in the cellar.
- i) Replaced two hand dryers with more powerful units.

- j) Replaced the Decarboniser unit in the kitchen.
- k) Filled the cavity walls with insulation in the locker block.
- l) Insulated the lofts and pipework to current standards in the clubhouse and locker block.
- m) New suspended ceiling fitted in the Pro Shop.
- n) Insulation of the water cylinder in the locker rooms increased to current standards.
- o) The Joanne Morley showcase installed in the Richard Burton room.
- p) Permanent dance floor installed in the Mixed lounge.
- q) Table tops replaced in mixed Lounge.
- r) Perimeter fixed seating replaced in Mixed Lounge.
- s) Charging point for the buggies installed on the pro Shop patio.
- t) Replaced the dual fryer in the kitchen.

2) Clubhouse Environs

The triangular area between the clubhouse putting green and the back road was cleared by the greenstaff and re-seeded with grass/wild flower mixture. The wild flowers have not been very noticeable this year but we hope for better things next year.

A new evergreen tree screen has been planted in this area to further screen the patio from the back road/Metrolink line in the longer term. This has been funded by 200 club draw winners - the Captain (Peter Middleton), Ian Jordan, Les Price, and Karen McBride.

Additional blue slate chippings were applied to the ornamental gardens around the clubhouse putting green and this has considerably reduced the need for weeding as well as presenting a very attractive appearance. More plants have been added to the garden alongside the locker room wall. It is planned to continue

with the application of blue slate along this area over the next few years.

3) Operating Issues

The solar power system has performed faultlessly since its introduction on 28th November 2011. The power generated to date is 6700 KWH and this is slightly below expectations but this is understandable considering the very poor summer. The forecast is 8000KWH+ for year 1. We have received two payments from EON for the 'feed in Tariff' and export payments.

Cask beer was introduced and has been an outstanding success. It is now the biggest selling beer in the club. One of the possible drawbacks of cask ale is that once the first pint is pulled it must all be use within 4 days. Careful management will be required during the winter when bad weather can play havoc. We will try to keep cask beer available throughout the winter but there could be some short term non-availability to avoid wastage.

We have 4 electricity contracts and with the help of our energy consultant we standardised them all with EON at an attractive tariff.

4) Future Plans

Firm Plans for the balance of the year are to complete the refurbishment of the Mixed Lounge, redecorate the Richard Burton room, re-paint all the woodwork on our two houses and the clubhouse and install the controlled access barriers in conjunction with the re-location of the entrance.

Less developed plans include replacing the water main from Rifle road, re-surfacing the main car park, re-introducing shoe wiping sinks in both changing rooms, re-opening the door from the kitchen to the middle hall and installing a second trophy cabinet on the ground floor of the clubhouse.

5) Social

The social events last winter were outstanding and therefore it was surprising that it was necessary to cancel this winter's first event due to lack of support. These socials are well organised, with excellent entertainment and food at a very attractive price. I would urge all new comers to try one. I am sure you will have a great night. The next event is a celebration of Nelson's famous victory at Trafalgar on Saturday 20th October.

House Chairman

Derek Chadwick