

Stanstead Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Stanstead Village Community Centre & Social Club report

During the previous year the Management Committee have been busy delivering a number of events including regular weekly activities:

- The snooker team continues to be a regular fixture.
- There are three Pilates classes, and one Zumba following a consultation exercise with Babergh Fit Villages Scheme.
- Unfortunately, the Darts Team no longer exist.

Other events and functions include regular food vans, bingo, quiz nights for charity, the Beer Festival, Halloween party for children, BBQs, Family fun day, Curry evening, Casino evening, Christmas Day drinks and a New Years Eve party with live music.

Roy Weedon has decided to stand down as chairman at the AGM, Roy had been on the committee for the last 9 years and chairman for the last six years.

The club continues to be financially viable, despite recording a net loss of £2,843 in 2023 compared with a net profit of £8,341 in 2022.

The majority of operating costs are comparable between 2022 and 2023 in respect of turnover, bar sales and year-end stock value. However, no government grants were available in 2023 which highlights the difference in net income.

The main income has been from bar sales, social events and hall hire.

The biggest impact is in expenditure beyond the control of the committee. The high cost of living has impacted the cost of utilities, namely electricity and water/sewage systems, causing an increase of approximately 50% in 2023.

The Management Committee have made every effort to reduce these increases. We have changed electricity supplier and installed a new modern A/C unit at a cost of £2,820 which is already showing a much-reduced usage as this unit runs 24/7.

Currently the Management Committee are focussed on the following:

1. The introduction of a new constitution. An Extraordinary General Meeting has been called for Tuesday 4th June at 7pm with the intention of proposing a new constitution for the Community Centre & Social Club.

The purpose of the new constitution is to:

- ensure the Governance Document is up to date and fit for purpose.
 - to address issues of liability for the Management Committee.
 - to ensure the Management Committee are able to successfully apply for grant funding.
2. The refurbishment of the Community Centre including alterations to the bar area.
 3. The planning of events over the summer including the beer festival, new food vans, a social games evening, BBQs, bingo and a family fun day.

Over the next year the Management Committee have agree to adopt Project 100 which will focus on:

1. Raising awareness and celebrating 100 years of the current Community Centre & Social Club.
2. To continue a review of the current Governance of the Community Centre & Social Club including becoming an Incorporated Organization and exploring the possibility of achieving Charitable Status.
3. The feasibility of installing environmental improvements and cost saving measures specifically Solar Panels.