

# Caroline Street Social Club

## Newsletter

### *Season's Greetings Everyone!*

We recognise it has been some time since the last newsletter and can only apologise for what has been an extremely busy period with lots of changes taking place all very positive you will be glad to hear.

#### **EGM**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September an Extraordinary General Meeting was held where we consulted with members on a proposed change to the club name. A vote was taken and members present gave permission for a name change. The most popular name suggested on the day was "Carolines" and the committee are evaluating this amongst other options available at this current time. We will come back to you in the New Year on this decision but would however like to take this opportunity to thank those people who attended the EGM for their participation and voicing of their views – they were welcome.

#### **Growing the Top Line**

You may recall at this years AGM we talked about 2010 being predominantly about bringing the costs of the club into line to ensure solvency. Having achieved this we then went onto explain our biggest area of concern was the continuing decline of club turnover particularly over the last 3 financial years. Whilst there are a number of social and economic factors that have clearly had an impact on the licensed trade and our club turnover in particular the time for empathy and reflection must come to an end.

We are blessed with such a fantastic membership whose efforts are invaluable. However taken in isolation those efforts alone are not enough to support the overheads of the club.

To ensure the club remains sustainable in the long term the number 1 priority and focus area of the committee is to **grow our sales.**

Throughout 2012 the committee will be working hard on plans to raise awareness of the club within the locality with 2 very clear objectives:

1. Increasing the current membership base
2. Increasing the usage of the club

In January 2012 we are undertaking a new membership drive and must take this opportunity to target new audiences and raise the profile and awareness of the club within the surrounding areas. As a management team we are determined to make the club a success, please give us your support and ensure that new members and audiences at future events are made most welcome in the club.

### **Good Local Tradesmen Wanted !!**

We are trying to put together a list of preferred suppliers/tradesmen for ongoing general maintenance and repair work the club is constantly incurring. If you know of local tradesmen who provide good quality workmanship at competitive prices please can you provide their details to either a member of the committee or our steward Kevin.

Joiners/Plumbers/Electricians/Builders/Roofers etc. Local tradesmen only please we are not looking for "big" building companies.

### **Signage**

Improving the visibility of our signage is one thing we need to make happen and are currently engaged in conversation with our World Heritage Site Officer regarding our options on the most appropriate way to do this whilst being respectful of the fact we are located within a conservation area. We hope in the short term at the very least to have a parish council style notice board situated at the top of our steps which will allow pedestrians on Caroline Street the opportunity to view information about the club.

### **Website**

Development is now underway on the club website which will hopefully be unveiled in the New Year. If you don't have access to the internet or have never experienced the internet why not have a go? It's the future and is here to stay - the ability to access it is becoming cheaper and cheaper. Requests to Santa might just get there in time!

### **Membership**

I am sure you will be pleased to hear the committee have decided to keep the membership fee for 2012 at £7.

### **Room Hire Policy**

Concert Room hire will continue at £60. For those who have been members for greater than 1 year the hire of the concert room will reduce to £30. You will note this is a recent change to our room hire policy but a change which we believe to be in the best interests of the club and its members.

### **Membership Card System**

In January 2012 members will be issued with a new plastic membership card, pretty similar to the shape of a bank card. The membership card will be activated on receipt of your 2012 membership fee.

When paying for drinks please present your card to the bar person who will then swipe at the till and discount your drinks to the members price.

We recognise this is a completely new way of working for everyone so if you are unsure about the new card system please speak to a member of the committee.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY)**

### **Winter Band Stand is off and running! 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**

You may be aware the club is now playing host to a Winter Band Stand from October through to May of 2012. The first Band stand was held in October and proved successful and enjoyable for all, it must be said there are a fantastic mix of bands large and small singing Jazz & Folk throughout the calendar and I would really encourage you to come down and see for yourself. The Winter Band stand takes place on the **2nd Sunday of every month with musicians playing from 2pm until 4pm.** *Please note the 11<sup>th</sup> March performance commences from 12:15pm with Rainbow Morris dancers.*

8<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm – 4pm, **Cocorico** (Jazz)

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4pm, **Den Miller / Roger Davies**

11<sup>th</sup> March – **12:15pm** – 4pm, **Rainbow Morris Dancers / Fairfax Concert Singers / Hot Aire**

8<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm – 4pm, **Tim Moon / Reuben & Sarah**

13<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm – 4pm, **Otra / Gerry Cooper**

Admission is free (with a collection for the musicians)

### **Salsa Night (Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan & 10<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

The first Salsa night held at the end of November was extremely popular and very well attended. The evenings are open to anyone regardless of whether you have danced before or are a complete beginner.

You don't need a partner either so if you are interested please come down and take advantage of some lessons. The cost is £5 on the night and there is always a live band playing. The band for the next one is a local band called **Salsacomoloco** which translated means **Salsa like crazy !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb are the next ones. If you are still unsure whether this is for you give Dave a call on 07974 198720 who can provide further details as necessary.

### **Snowgoose Theatre Writing Group (Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

**The first of its kind I believe at Caroline Street Social - *Page to Stage***

Script in hand performances of short pieces of new writing, by members of the Snowgoose writing group followed by a discussion with director, author, actors and audience!

Got a script you'd like to hear read?

Why not submit it to Page to Stage for the chance to see your words come to life, with a discussion about the piece afterwards?

To submit email [hall\\_jonathan@hotmail.com](mailto:hall_jonathan@hotmail.com)

Note the audience element so even if you are not submitting a script you are welcome to come down and attend the evening.

## **New Members night (Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

We will shortly be providing a night of entertainment as part of a new membership drive. Details will be published within the wider community shortly but the line up will consist of,

- Richie Penrose (Quality & Class Soul/Motown)
- Mike Kelly (Popular comedian with Bradford Roots)
- Freshly Squeezed (Girl Duo to finish the night with Fun & Dance)

Further details about the night will be released over the course of the next couple of weeks.

## **Cabaret (17<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

Squinty McGinty (agent to the stars) is working on his next cabaret line up at the club on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012. If you haven't experienced a cabaret production by Squinty yet you are missing out on some really exceptional entertainment at such a fantastic price.

The line up will soon be confirmed but if you are eager for further information in advance of tickets going on sale please contact [squintymcginty@czeztikovbrothers.com](mailto:squintymcginty@czeztikovbrothers.com). Alternatively you can visit [www.czeztikovbrothers.com](http://www.czeztikovbrothers.com) for details of past productions which includes some very entertaining pictures of previous cabaret evenings.

We can't emphasise this enough.....should you be considering going in February please get in early to avoid disappointment as historically all of the shows have sold out. Tickets are always priced competitively and are available from Fannys Ale House & the club. Please note we do not have a credit card facility at the club – cash only please. Worth noting the cause of funds raised from the cabaret evenings going towards the Soteria Network. To understand more about the Soteria Network you can visit [www.soterianetwork.org.uk](http://www.soterianetwork.org.uk)

## **Actors Community Theatre (28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Mar)**

We are delighted to say the club has recently taken a booking from Actors Community Theatre who will be delivering a theatrical performance at the club between Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar & Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. This is new territory for the club and both Caroline Street Social and ACT are really looking forward to making this a success. We will keep you posted once details about the performance are finalised.

## **Line Dancing**

If your New Year's resolution is to take up line dancing then you are in good hands at Caroline Street Social Club. For further information please contact the club the class times are as follows,

Mondays 7.30pm – 10pm,

Tuesdays 1.15pm – 3pm

Every 3rd Sunday of the month - 2pm - 5pm.

## **The Welcome Project – NOTHY CLUB (Tuesdays 10am)**

Every Tuesday from 10am there is the NOTHY club which is a little bit like a youth club for the over 50s. The benefits of attending the group is helping to stay active in mind and body as well as meeting new friends. Activities range from Wii Sports to pub games and dancing the overall aim is to encourage members to create support networks to make life easier as they get older. There are many other benefits too and we would really encourage you to give this a go as it's grant funded and completely free. Tea/ Coffee and buffet are provided and transport can be arranged for those living locally who are struggling with mobility. Further info contact Shona on 01535 647675.

### **Happy Christmas!**

For the Christmas entertainment we have 2 great acts, Daniel J King, on Christmas Eve and Dave Stevens on New Years Eve.

A really big thank you to Nancy & Ray Cowling who are once again organising a Christmas raffle with some fantastic prizes.

***Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. Please look after yourself over the festive period and continue to drink responsibly!***

***Warm regards***

***Dennis, Anne, Malcolm, June, Dave & Dorothy***