

Stowupland Sports and Social Club

After coming out of the pandemic the previous year I am pleased to say business has picked up but other challengers have come to the forefront.

The cost of living has spiralled including gas and electricity which meant us being very cautious with switching everything off when not in use, we have also decided to have a minimum membership fee of £1 and kept prices down so we are not hitting the pockets of playing members who allowed us to survive in previous years. We hope prices will fall during the spring and summer to a more realistic rate but we do have a buffer in case of difficult times.

Wifi is much needed in the clubhouse for our card readers which is being sorted soon as well as a new system for paying at the bar which will be quicker and easier.

We have welcomed Pop Chorus into our club who practise on Thursday evenings and tried to support local charities including Suffolk Sight and AJ Legacy.

We have also purchased a new pool table in the hope of entering a new pool team in the near future.

Cricket and Football have gone from strength to strength and we thank them for their help supporting the club and giving their time up for running the bar on match days.

I won't go into too much detail as they have their own reports but it's great to see both clubs getting along nicely, grants have helped both clubs greatly which has also improved the smooth upkeep and improvement of our playing surface.

There is exciting news with the much needed development of the club on the horizon, the club has struggled with a leaking roof, lack of space and tired fittings over the last few months this will not only help freshen up the place but make it a thriving facility and hopefully bring the village together in using and enjoying what we have to offer. This will mean we won't be spending on items that may be covered by the development apart from the repairing and servicing certain things in the short time.

I'd like to thank everyone over the past year for their support.

Mark Dye