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Welcome to the Third Dartmouth & District Conservative Club Newsletter. You always know when you are in trouble when your brother phones up from Sandbach in Cheshire telling you he is disappointed that there hasn’t been a newsletter uploaded since July, sorry everyone. Some of the newsletter will look familiar as I haven’t changed the data security or most of the horse racing night info as it remains as pertinent today as it did last time, so don’t worry you are not going mad. Well lots to update you all on so here we go. First of all, for those that haven’t been in the club recently, the second (front) Snooker room has now been converted into a games room with the pool table and darts board relocated up there. I personally think this has been a huge success and allows the club to be represented in the best possible light in both local leagues, not forgetting that the Snooker Team have begun their league matches as well this month. Fixture lists are posted on the club’s main notice board in the foyer and if you would like to support the teams on their respective games night have a browse and pick your date. Obviously with both pool and darts sharing the same room we have asked both teams to respect each other’s match nights and as such only pool will be played on a pool nights and darts on a darts night. A big thank you to all involved and a special thank you to those members of the ANZAC club that facilitated our Club in purchasing numerous items including the pool table to make the transformation such a success. Notwithstanding this, we do recognise that the closure of the ANZAC club has been a traumatic event for the members and we really do share in their sadness and disappointment.

Just before I launch into the social programme can I take a minute or two to remind members of some of the etiquette we expect to be followed by not just ourselves but by the friends and family we sign into the club. Foul language is one of the most obvious topics and it is one that we, the committee, get to receive the most complaints about. I must admit that going into some of the local hostelries around town I am mortified by blatant use of not only the f word but even more abhorrent terms and language. That may be acceptable in a pub, although I personally, don’t think so, but it is certainly not acceptable in a private members club, and if you witness such abuse of the club’s laws feel free to complain and you will have the full backing of the Club, Committee and Chairman. Secondly the majority of us know about mobile phones and their use and I have got to be honest the discipline shown by most of us is particularly pleasing however please ensure our guests respect our ruling with regards to the use of mobile phones and ensure calls are made or taken in the foyer, thank you.

Okay so to coming events, well this Saturday after the Meat Draw, the Members’ Tote Pot should be over 200 pounds, so don’t be shy in coming forward, pop into the club pick your 10 pairs of numbers between 1 and 40, fill in the envelope then slide it into Audrey’s Box. Fingers crossed you never know, it could be you.

Saturday night sees the return of ‘New Daze’ a Torquay based Folk/Pop duo that have wowed the members in the past so be there or be square. Incidentally I know a number of members were very disappointed when Matt Sellors failed to turn up on 13 October. The Secretary has been in communication with him and a copy of their email exchange is posted on the social notice board. Cut to the chase, he double booked us and as such failed to turn up for which he is extremely sorry, we will look into this further and tighten up our booking regime.

I almost forgot to mention, sorry Alix, but our new weekend Chef started this month and to date we have been twice for a Sunday Roast, absolutely delicious and her gravy is something else, so why not give it a go, get your names down for this weekend and ENJOY. Don’t forget food is also available every lunch time throughout the week, courtesy of Caroline.

The Social Programme has been updated below. The planning for the horse racing night continues with the first race – The John Stokes Buy One Get One Free Fantasy Stakes is set to commence at 7.30pm on Saturday 24 November, so plan on getting in early. It is proposed to provide food during the evening, if there is sufficient support, probably Pint Pots but once again we need to know numbers so can you add your names to the list that will be posted at the end of this week. I know lots of the horses are in serious training especially for Race 3, The Jim Not Always Right Committee Hurdle, with Audrey’s Box looking in good condition. Race 6, the Bar Staff Selling stakes looks like it should be hotly contested and one to look out for there is The Manager, a feisty little filly that no one should underestimate, although Bernard’s Bride is in form and responds well to the whip. Mikey the Jockey Jones, Trevor the Brains Dixon and Ozzy The Odds have all been booked for the night so bring lots of dosh. Thatcher’s will be on special offer 2 pound a pint (I can’t find the pound sign on this computer).

In addition to the horse racing you can have a go at guessing how much is in the Guinness bottle on the bar, one pound a guess and winner takes half with the remainder going to Rowcroft Hospice. Just be aware that it is only 2ps and 1ps in the bottle so bear that in mind when you select your amount. The 17 programmes already bought for the horse racing will be returned to those buyers on the night and the money raised from the selling of the programmes (50p each) supports the free raffle for a bottle of wine. Any monies left over going from the programmes will be added to the amount raised by the horse racing itself and donated to the Dementia Trust Charity. Once again a special thanks to Adrian and Maureen for sourcing the gee gees and track.

If the chef, Alix, agrees and there is sufficient support then we are looking to do a two course Christmas dinner on Sunday 16 December which nicely coincides with ‘Jai Rocks’, so if you are interested can you let the bar staff know and we will proceed how you, the members, wish.

Of note, it has been apparent that when entertainment is booked for a Sunday, support from the members is far less than the successful Saturday events. If you think that Sunday entertainment is not suitable get back to us, the committee, and let us know your thoughts. Saturday night entertainment always appears popular so thanks for supporting your club during these events.

A couple of points of interest that may be of benefit to you. Payment Protection Insurance, PPI, compensation is coming to an end next year, actually it’s August 2019. So if you have had a loan, mortgage, or credit card over the last say 25 years there is still an opportunity to claim. Don’t bother to go to one of those claims companies advertising on the TV, Web or who pester you with nuisance telephone calls, because if you do and you are eligible for a payment they normally charge 33 per cent plus VAT. There is plenty of advice on the net and its easy – well it must be because I’ve achieved it. Martin Lewis website is very useful [https://www.moneysavingexpert.com](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/v2/?utm_expid=.pc-CKBCtQjKcPeOWaF1GyQ.1&utm_referrer=) as are the banks own websites.

Additional if you are a married couple or in a civil partnership and one of you is not eligible to pay income tax (earns less than 11850 pounds a year, and don’t forget as from April it will be 12500 pounds per year) then the other may be eligible to use part of your partners tax allowance so this web site is worth a look <https://www.gov.uk/marriage-allowance>.

Anyone with any issues or problems with gaining information, don’t suffer in silence there is loads of help available within the club so get your skates on and see if you are owed some money from either the government or those nasty banks who were so eager to desert Dartmouth having been bailed out by the public.

Social Programme

* **SAT 3 NOV – NEW DAZE 9PM**
* **SAT 24 NOV HORSE RACING NIGHT 7:30PM**
* **SUN 16 DEC JAI ROCKS**
* **WED 19 DEC 8PM (TICKET SALES CEASE 7PM)**
* **SAT 22 DEC CHRISTMAS MEAT DRAW 2PM**

Gordon Anderson has furnished me with the crossword solution see below, cheers mate.

A gentle reminder about our commitment to safeguarding your information and your personal data transparency at the D&DCC:

* What information we collect from you
* Why we collect it
* How we store and use it
* When and with whom we share it

Our new policy outlines your data privacy rights, and explains how to exercise them – giving you more control over your personal data at the DDCC. These changes came into force on 25 May.

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**Across**  **Down**

3.  Bitter (5) ACRID 1.  Feudal tenant's access to the river Dart (8, 4)

4.  (with 14 across) Dartmouth's Jewish quarter? (4, 5) ZION VAVASOUR SLIP

PLACE 2.  Can be negative (4) VIBE

6.  Sweet legume (3) PEA 5.  They train at BRNC (3) OUT

10.  Originally Dartmouth's Chapel of Ease (2, 8) 7.  Where fighting ships gathered in Dartmouth (8)

ST BARNABAS WARFLEET

11.  Onlooker (5) OGLER 8.  Children's card game (3) UNO

14.  (see 4 across) 9. (With 24 across) Was once a large pond in

18. Dartmouth’s damp boat repair yard (3, 4 ,5) OLD MILL central Dartmouth (4, 6) LAKE STREET

CREEK 10.  Notice (4) SPOT

20. (With 16 down) Never found in the Dartmouth Chronicle 12.  Her initials are on the College gates (1, 1) ER

(6, 6, 2, 7) RUMOUR GOSSIP OR SCANDAL 13.  Measuring instrument (5) METER

21. You chalk this ‘stick’ (3) CUE 15.  Instead (4) ELSE

23. The last one left town in June (4) BANK 16.  (See 20 across)

24. (See 9 down) 17.  Sugar cane liquor (3) RUM

27. Numerals or fingers (6) DIGITS 19.  The street that housed Dartmouth's nobility?(4)

29. Dartmouth’s southern man (5) LANCE DUKE

22.  \_\_\_\_ Stubbs, actress (3) UNA

25.  Impatience? (3) TUT

26.  Integrity (6) VIRTUE

28.  Can you box inside this town shop? (4) SPAR