

## **DECEMBER 2020**

Dear All

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families are keeping well in these most unprecedented times.

As most of you know, I took over as Chair of Out of Hours Club Rutland at the AGM in July, and I had hoped that I would be telling you lots of positive things about what the Club and the members have achieved. Unfortunately, that is not the case except to say that Out of Hours Club Rutland is now a registered charity – Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Following various risk assessments done by Jacqui and myself, as well as those completed by various organisations in order to make them Covid 19 compliant, we were able to meet face to face following the government guidelines from August to October where although we were unable to have our annual Summer BBQ, we had a fantastic time at our Social Distancing Picnic at Rutland Water — this was the first time that the members had met face to face since the lockdown in March. We also took part in activities with Root and Branch Out at Rutland Farm Park, making paints from berries and leaves to make prints. We went trampolining in Grantham and just before the whole country went back into lockdown, we managed to have chippy tea at The Railway Inn. It was such a pleasure to see the smiles on the members faces and the joy in their voices during that time.

Although lockdown has now been lifted we are still unable to meet safely due to various restrictions about where we can and cannot go, but we will continue to have the online sessions every Thursday evening 7-8pm where games are played and members socialise using Google Meet. Thank you, Rosie, for leading on those sessions.

The trustees, committee and the members would like to thank Shaun for seeing the vision that Jacqui had and offering us the use of the snooker and community rooms at The Railway Inn – this was a great asset to us.

We wish Shaun all the best in whatever he has moved on to do.

From January 2021, if the government allows us to meet, our new 'base' will be the Old Wisteria Hotel in Oakham. Thank you, Ashley, for sourcing this venue for us and thank you to Kristy for allowing us to meet there.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and let's pray that 2021 is a better year for us all.

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Although we have had funding, grants and donations we are an charity and are constantly looking at various means of getting funds to pay for

- personal assistants
- an activity
- transport

If you can help us in any way or for more information about providing grants, donations or funds please do contact us via ohcrutland@gmail.com

Thank you.