English Twenty Club

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English Twenty Club Newsletter

Message from Mick Barr, President, English Twenty Club.

The English Twenty Clubhouse

Following my last missive, I can report that the final letter has been received and once it has been checked over by our legal representative, our negotiations with the Landlord are complete. Our official letter includes an offer of early departure from the Clubhouse, to enable important roofing structural work to be carried out during the summer.

Certain items being our sole responsibility are to be put in hand shortly and I shall be calling on as many members as possible to assist.

I know it's dirty words but Work Parties ... spring to mind.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO GIVE A HAND?

Please let Martin or myself know, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Refreshments on the due days will be available, likely to be during August.

One very important item is the taking down, protection and storage of our Honours Boards, together with numerous, some quite ancient! England Team photographs.

Certain items of main room furniture etc. might also need new homes. More news on this later but if you have an interest in anything specific, please let any member of the Exec committee know, that they might be reserved for later disposal. No reasonable cash offer refused!

Later in this Newsletter you will read of a Farewell Party around a Pig Roast plus music and entertainment. I sincerely trust you will support this last venture and I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I wish on behalf of all members, the very best of good fortune to England Team Captains:

Jane Messer in the Mackinnon
Dick Rosling in the National Match
Henry Awin in the U25 Home Countries Invitational Match
Morne van Dalen in the Gallery Rifle matches
Dick Winney and his team to Guyana

And indeed... to you all this forthcoming season and the Imperial Meeting especially.

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Notes from the Secretary;

This is a time of transition for the English Twenty Club; later this year we are handing the clubhouse back to our landlord, the NRA. There is a lot of work to do before then to make sure we have a smooth transition to becoming a virtual club, and a lot of work in general to make sure we continue to provide a good service to our members. Much of this work is well underway. We will still need a base on camp for all the usual activities of managing teams and running competitions and further news will be forthcoming on this.

This will be our last Imperial Meeting as tenants of the clubhouse on club row, a building that we have used for 124 years.

On Thursday 20th July, there will be the 'Last Hurrah!'; a party to say farewell to the clubhouse and for us to show our plans for the future running of the Club. This is the last time we can do something like this, so please join us to give the clubhouse a proper send off. Tickets are just £10 for a Hog Roast and luxury ice cream along with some musical "entertainment" provided by fellow shooters - look out for the flyer in your envelope when you collect your squadding.

Tickets will be available from the clubhouse or members of Council.

Other matters

On behalf of the club I would like to thank to John Deane, who has had the badges and medals of P.W. Richardson refurbished, these can be found displayed on the far wall of the main room of the clubhouse.

Stephen Penrose has picked up the challenge of editing the yearbook for the club and thanks to his extreme perseverance this is now available for download from the website. It continues to be a comprehensive record of the activities of the club, and Council will be deliberating how best to make this information available to you in the future.

The club has already had team successes in the matches against the RAF and in the Lawrence Match at Blair Atholl and David Luckman is the winner of the 2017 Spring Meeting. All of the qualifying heats for the KGV have taken place and I wish all the teams good luck in the final, which takes place on the afternoon of first Thursday at the far end of Century Range.

At the end of September Dick Winney's England team will leave for the West Indies to shoot in the Trinidad Championships and the Guyana NRA 150th anniversary shoot, you can follow their progress on Facebook - @EnglandTRTeam.

Finally, our President, Mick Barr has worked tirelessly on behalf of the club in negotiation with the NRA and Steven Thomas has brought rigour and control to the club's finances. Our Chairman, Tom Rylands, continues to steer Council through this period of transition, my thanks to them all for their endeavours and support.

Martin Liversage Hon Sec English Twenty Club

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