



Club News

The newsletter of
Our Lady of Peace Social Club
SEASON'S GREETINGS



IT'S ALL GO AT THE CLUB THIS CHRISTMAS!

The Club committee would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We have spent a lot of time and money refurbishing the Club this year and we hope you agree that, decked out in its Christmas finery, it looks magnificent. Please, please make use of the Club over the Christmas period – we've got lots lined up to keep you entertained.

FESTIVE OPENING HOURS

As normal until Christmas Eve, then

Christmas Eve	7.30pm – 10.30pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Tues 27th Dec – Fri 30th Dec	Normal hours
New Year's Eve	7.30 – 1.00am
New Year's Day	Normal hours

FESTIVE EVENTS

As usual, we have our 'Christmas squares'. It's a quid a square, with the chance of winning the first prize of a Kindle e-reader. There's more info below on Christmas fun, but December 17th is Fez the Jester, which promises to be a load of laughs. New Year features Eclipse disco to see in the New Year. It's always a great night, but don't forget to buy your ticket in advance – or you won't get in!

COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE CLUB

On the first Sunday of the month, we open up the Club to the Parish for a coffee morning, serving tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits (particularly popular with junior parishioners!). All are welcome after 9am and 11.30am Masses. Do please note that there is no coffee morning on New Year's Day – Margaret will finish the New Year's Eve bash at 2.30am, so we thought we'd give her a lie-in!

NEW POKER LEAGUE

Our regular poker sessions have been so successful, we are trialling a new poker league concept (starting 31st January, but thereafter on the first Tuesday of the month). It will be in addition to our regular Wednesday Poker Nights. Points will be awarded for winners and places and for attendance, with a pot accumulated throughout the year and paid out (subject to attendance) to first second and third after the November 2012 game. Put it in your diary – sounds exciting!

PRIDE & JOY MKII

Our Bar Manager, Cedric, bought a beautiful sleek black Peugeot limo upon his retirement. He loved it to death, but unfortunately it was written off when parked in Reading recently. After protracted negotiations with the insurance



company, he replaced it with the one you see here. It's another Peugeot – 3008 Crossover. It's so nice he's already forgotten the original. So soon they forget! Nice one, Ced.



BAR TALK

Looking for something different? We're experimenting with some new lines, which might tickle your fancy. First up it's Jeremiah Weed, a new Deep South bottled beer available in two varieties, Sour Mash and Root Brew. Uniquely, it's served over ice in its very own jam jar glass. Then there's wine by the bottle. If you're in a group, this will save you money. It's £10.75 a bottle with a choice of red or white. On the soft drinks front, we are stocking the new limited edition Glitter Berry J20 with a very distinctive taste. It's a mix of red grape, cherry and spices with edible gold glitter. Also, we've added champagne to our tariff. It's £35 a bottle and great for Christmas, New Year and celebrating those important anniversaries. It is impractical for us to keep real ale regularly, but at this time of year when it is busy, we usually get a mini barrel or two in. What brew will Cedric choose this year? You'll have to wait and see! Finally, look out for a selection of affordable cocktails. Our master mixologist is preparing some Christmas surprises!

THE RUGBY RUN

Calling all London Irish fans. Here is something to make your trip to the game more relaxed - and very easy. We have a group of fans meeting in the Club about 1pm on matchdays for a 3pm KO. You can have a few drinks and we'll arrange a mini bus. You share the cost with your fellow travellers – should be about £2 per person each way, depending on numbers. The mini bus will drop you at the Mad Stad and pick you up after the match, bringing you back to the Club for a celebratory drink. That's what we call doing rugby in some style.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PHIL



Phil Doyle, that is. Long-time member; longest serving bar person; ex committee member; Bar Billiards team member and Darts team member. He turned 65 on 20th November. His daughters held a surprise party for him in the Club on Friday 18th November – except, of course, it was no surprise – he'd twiggged a long time since. The girls organised a really good singer, Rob James, to entertain family and members alike. It was a great evening. Enjoy your retirement from the day job, Phil.

RACHAEL & CRAIG TIE THE KNOT



We were delighted that Mr & Mrs Galbraith chose the OLOP complex for their wedding on 17th September, when many Club members were in attendance. It was a lovely 'do' and on your behalf we wish them a long and happy married life. Our picture shows Rachael and her dad, 'Shaky', having a bop.



QUIZ NIGHTS

Quiz nights are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, run by our esteemed quizmeister, Tom Holland. It's a relaxed, fun evening and only costs £1 per person to enter. The evening features the unique, one-and-only Treasure Chest game (you've got to see it to understand it). The next Quiz is Wed 21st December and the Treasure Chest is a guaranteed jackpot of £100. All welcome.

BINGO

Bingo with cash prizes is now every Thursday at 8.30pm with impressive cash prizes. Thanks to 'Bingo Bob' for all the work he puts in.

RAFFLES

A plea to continue (and intensify) your support of the raffles. Thanks largely to Daphne, raffles are an increasingly important part of our funding. Amongst other things they contributed significantly to paying for our new upholstery. Please, please carry on the good work.



POKER

Texas Hold 'Em - held on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. If there is a 5th Wednesday in the month, we play then, too. The entry cost is £3 with an optional 'buy-in' at £5 - and that's most you can lose. Every winner not only gets a cash prize averaging about £45, but also automatic (free) entry to our Grand Poker Tournament to be held on Wed 11th January. And that's got a guaranteed prize pot of £150! So far 16 players have qualified for a free place. Don't worry if you haven't yet, there are still two more qualifying games. If all else fails, you can buy a seat for a fiver, so no worries!



RECENT FUN & FROLICS!

Bill & Les – Saturday, 10th September

Guitarist and singer entertained us in the Clubroom with tunes from 50s, 60s and 70s. A very enjoyable evening.

Race Night – Saturday, 29th October

A packed Clubroom experienced all the excitement of the racecourse even down to the Tote. There were winners and losers naturally, but no-one lost their shirt.

Applejack – Saturday, 19th November

These are the find of the year. We discovered them some months ago and asked them back. They are a genuinely talented Irish duo, who also sing country. If you weren't there, you missed a treat. But don't worry, you'll get another chance to see them on St Patrick's Night 2012.



Reading Male Voice Choir – Saturday, 3rd December

After delivering a virtuoso performance in the Church, the Reading Male Voice Choir popped into the Club for a more relaxed tune or two with pint in hand. A great night.

If you have any ideas for future events or entertainers you have seen, do please let us know.

FUN TO COME!

Christmas Party – Saturday, 17th December

Fez the Jester will make us laugh – you only need look at the picture opposite to see that this is going to be a very entertaining evening of laughter and music. It's in the Clubroom with free entry. We'll be drawing the Christmas Squares and name the Teddy for the children. It's sure to get in the mood for Christmas, so don't miss it.

New Years Eve – Saturday 31st December

Our big night of the year and we welcome back Eclipse disco, who we really liked from last NYE. As usual it's set to be a fun evening, with big raffle prizes and please bring your own plate of food to share. This is strictly a ticket event - members £5; guests £7; u18s £2. Price includes a glass of bubbly at midnight and tickets are available at the bar from Tuesday, December 6th.

NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS

OLOP BAR BILLIARDS TEAM

The winter season has recently started with the OLOP team in position four out of five in the Super League, there is still plenty of time to improve this position. If you are interested in playing or simply want to know more about the game please ask one of the team (one of the bar staff will point them out) who will be pleased to pass on some of their knowledge.

OLOP DARTS CLUB

OLOP darts team plays on a home and away basis every Tuesday evening in the Reading league. Currently second in the table. New members welcome. Look out for a Christmas Darts knock out competition we are trying to schedule for 20th December. Date to be confirmed.

OLOP TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Junior 4 Star Competition held recently in Stockton on Tees, saw OLOP T/T win this prestigious event for the first time in 30 years, thanks to Liam McTiernan and Jared Patel representing the Club. On the home front, Daniel Moses led an unbeaten OLOP 'A' side to top Div 1 in Reading. Our Juniors are thriving! One name in particular to look out for is the 7-year old (yes 7!) Pocket Rocket by the name of Jamie Liu. The sky's the Limit. Finally we wish Alan Dines a speedy recovery from his recent trauma .

OLOP GOLF SOCIETY

Fixtures for the year are now complete and members are already planning for 2012. The Society's Christmas meal is on 10th December at the Land's End in Charvil. Keep an eye on the notice board for next year's fixtures.

CONTACT US

If you have any comments, suggestions (or dare we say it, complaints) do please make contact. In the first instance call Club secretary, Margaret Dias on 0118 987 5588 or email her at margaretds36@googlemail.com. Alternatively you can call the Club during opening hours on 0118 935 2927.



We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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