

HOUSE REPORT

Last year we had a mixture of Covid lockdowns and varying restrictions, including the rule of 6 and waitress service only. There has also been a great deal of uncertainty and far fewer opportunities for large social events at the Club over much of last year.

The Committee has worked hard to adapt to changing Covid restrictions and offer what we could in the safest way possible for everyone. We aimed to keep the Club busy while managing our staff costs to enable us to emerge in a strong position without debts, which has been achieved.

Along the way some very hard decisions had to be made and sadly, in an effort to keep costs down in a climate of uncertainty, with no further Covid grants from the Government, it was decided by the Committee that the position of Club Steward had to be made redundant. Although our Club steward, Jayne Nicholls, was offered other work at the Club, Jayne decided to leave. Jayne was very popular with our members and she will be greatly missed by us all.

On a more positive note, we've had guest Chefs, House Dinners and members' celebrations. The Courtyard was finally back in action during Burnham Week for Saturday's Band night which was a particularly successful night, with many members and Burnham Week competitors seeing the Club at its best again.

We also encouraged outside events, when possible, which made a vital contribution to the Club's income. Many thanks are owed to the tireless efforts of Pauline Wells and Beccy Haley who have ensured that all of these events have run smoothly.

I'd also like to thank our loyal staff, who have looked after us so well in these difficult times.

We have recently employed a new Senior Bartender, Megan Perry, who is now the primary member of staff working behind the bar. Megan has a lot of bar experience, lives locally and is very likeable and efficient. I'm sure you'll all join with me in welcoming her to the Club.

At the AGM, David Smith is up for election as the next Rear Commodore House. He has many new ideas and I am very optimistic about the Club's future and feel sure this will be a great year with many social events and parties in the Club.

Stephen Herring
Rear Commodore (House)
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