

## Creating St Mary Social Club report for CSM Annual Parish Meeting

29th April 2019

Following the closure of the previous Social Club in September 2018 a new committee was formed to start a group along slightly different lines.

It was decided not to open every week but instead to focus on bar openings for specific events, aiming for approximately one a month. The first event was hastily arranged firework night with the PC funding the initial cost of the fireworks until after the event. Good weather and good attendance resulted in a successful and enjoyable evening which was financially worthwhile.

The next event was a Christmas Eve party which was again well attended and much enjoyed. Three pop-up soup lunches were held in the first 3 months of the year when about 45 people enjoyed home made soups made by guest chefs, bread, drinks from the bar or a hot beverage and cake kindly supplied by the Rural Coffee Caravan who also brought leaflets and advice. The East of England Co-op sponsored this too with tea and coffee.

A little less successful in terms of attendance was a Friday night games evening, but a visit from Eastern Angles was a very good evenings entertainment and profitable too.

We provided the bar for one private party which again was worth doing in terms of bar income.

Our plans for the future include a pudding evening, barbecues and a musical evening in the autumn. Our assets have increased with the purchase of a chiller and the acquisition of a coffee machine, thanks to a donation from Count Councillor Hicks' Locality budget.

I should like to thank my committee for all the hard work and ability to work together that contribute to the success of this venture.

Kathryn Martin (Chairman)