

# CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 20TH MAY 2020

## REPORT FROM SOCIAL CLUB

CSM Social Club had a successful and enjoyable year until we were brought to an abrupt halt, forcing the cancellation of two events at short notice. However we are still planning to resume as soon as we are permitted.

We started the year with 42 members and ended with 76. In May 2019 we helped with a pudding evening organised by William Barnes and Chris Bingley in aid of the hospice. In June a family barbecue was preceded by a display in the hall by Stonham Barns Birds of Prey centre for all the primary school children. In July and August two events on the field included games and food and raised funds for the Blacksmith's Field play equipment fund and for the charity 4Louis, supporting families affected by stillbirth.

In September we ran a quiz night and meal and in October the club ran the annual Harvest Horkey, advised by the usual hostesses Pam's Day and Primmer followed in November with a Firework Display sponsored by the Parish Council. Next was a folk concert by Martin Joseph which was a sell out. And to round off the year was a candlelit performance in the church of Dicken's A Christmas Carol by Antony Roberts, Director of Colchester Arts Centre and Jamie on the piano. This raised funds for the church roof and Jamie's music charity.

We started 2020 with an excellent Pancake lunch before lockdown hit. Earlier in the year we provided bar facilities for two private parties.

Financially all our events have at least covered their costs, and produced a modest profit for the club but our aim is not to make money but to provide a community service and bring people together, as well as helping charities with funds. We have improved the bar area and stockroom, and purchased a chiller, coffee machine and fridge. We have been fortunate to receive financial assistance from Cllr Hicks Community Fund, Needham Market District Council Locality grant, the PC, the Co-op, and the Rural Coffee Caravan who attended several of our events. Practical help was given by Brian Day and also by the very hard working committee and of course by support of our events from the village.

Kathryn Martin Chairman.