

## CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 11TH MAY 2023

### Social club report

The village social club continues to run smoothly and helps to provide valuable occasions to bring the community together. The bar opens every last Friday in the month and attendance is rising. 14 volunteers now provide bar duties and have been or are being trained in using the Challenge 25 scheme to help the club meet its obligations in preventing underage drinking. We have changed all glasses used in the bar to "safety glass". We have provided bar services for 2 funeral wakes and 3 private parties in addition to a very good programme of village events. These included a Platinum Jubilee celebration, pudding evening, wine tasting, World Cup football screening, fireworks night and a 1980s themed night at Christmas, when there was also a children's party complete with Father Christmas and elves.

Since then there has been a pancake lunch and soup lunches. We held another fish and chip supper and quiz. As I write work is underway for a weekend of Coronation celebrations, with a barn dance, field fair and volunteering day.

At our AGM the chair was taken over by Lisa Nobes. The club remains very much a team affair with the committee and extensions of it doing the work entailed in organising our activities. Having stood down myself after 3 years in the chair it is very gratifying to see my hopes for a more united social life for the village gradually bearing fruit with many more people happy to lend a hand when needed. We are also involved in the Hall's plans to refurbish and improve the decor of the lounge and pool room.

Membership stands at 157. We have not charged a fee to join since the pandemic. We try to help families by keeping bar prices and ticket prices low and support a few disadvantaged families with a Christmas gift scheme. This year we hope to start a charity fund for similar things so we can remain true to our aim to provide sporting and social events for the benefit of Creeting St Mary residents as well as help those who may need it.

Kathryn Martin.