

Social Report 2015/ 2016

The Christmas lights switch on happened on December 5th last year and again a big thanks to all those members and friends who donated Christmas trees and decorations. The hardy 'roof team' spent a few cold and wet days erecting and securing down the exterior lighting, which again looked fantastic. Father 'Chairman' Christmas performed the official switch on again and though child numbers were down this year, attendance in total remained constant and we will do the same this year. Smithy and Steve Hanrahan helping Francois to flip burgers was a sight to see (two for them, one for us !!!)

The Christmas carol concert was held on December 19th, but the turnout was very low and although the Christmas draw was held again on the same night, unfortunately it is unlikely we will do the carol concert again this this year. The Christmas draw turned over close to £900 again, so a massive thanks to all supporters of that.

Ashtead Village Day promotional stand was a roaring success again this year and the weather was a lot better than in previous years. There were a hardy bunch of volunteers who again were outstanding and big thanks again all round to everyone who helped.

The 'recruitment' team was again headed by David Sansom with Steve Holmes, Fraser Ritchie, Rachel Burgess, Nicky Bannister to name a few in full support and they and the other volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the day signing up potential new members, with a good degree of success.

Fuller's again donated (Thanks to George) a barrel each of lager and bitter which proved a great hit with visitors and certain volunteers alike ! Lots of members, old and new popped by for a beer or a chat (or both) and there were many, many kind remarks about the stand again this year. The other half of the stand housed the racquets net, was also very well populated throughout the day and was enjoyed by people of all ages.

The Golf days in 2016 continued to be well attended and refreshingly, again a few new faces have been showing up and joining as social members, as is required to play with the society

The annual 'Chairman's Golf Day' was held at Clandon Regis this year on the hottest day of the summer, it was again sponsored by Fullers was played on Thursday 15th September. The numbers of eligible players were limited to 24, but with breakfast and golf, followed by a delicious meal and 'refreshments' courtesy of Fullers, everybody had a great time. The 2016 winner was Terry Bartlett, who with a (bandit) score beat all comers. On a glorious day, great fun was had at what is arguably the best course we have played on all year.

A trip to Fontwell Races was organised again by George earlier in October and 11 race fans from the Club had a great day out. It is proposed that we see if other members have a destination that they might like to visit for this year, please let me know or see a member of the Committee.

The Christmas Lights switch on this year will be on November 26th and any volunteers willing to help or donate trees (you'll get them back !!) would be very appreciated. Again see me or George or one of the Committee

The 150 club still has some free numbers, please support a worthwhile club funding opportunity – you may even win !!!

Steve Kearney

Social Secretary, October 2016.