

# White Roding Social & Sports Club

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## WRSSC NEWS



### Summer 2020

This year as we all know has been like no other with the coronavirus lockdown measures affecting us all in one way or more, the most noticeable as far as the Club is concerned being unable to organise any Events or Sport for the enjoyment of members and guests. Latest information indicates that the restrictions are being lifted but it will be some time before we get back to normal.

*As we were unable to hold an AGM our Chairman and Treasurer, Dave Bardell, has written the following which will update you on the Club's year to March 2020:*

### WRSSC REPORT 2019/20

I am writing this report in unprecedented times – Covid-19 has caused the shutdown of all social and sporting activities at the Club and it is now almost three months since we have been able to open our facilities to our members.

Fortunately, we have received a disruption grant of £10k from the Government which will hopefully go a long way to covering the loss of income we have and will suffer assuming we return to some form of normality in the not too distant future.

It is difficult to think back to the summer of 2019 and remember the hugely successful Ball run by Peter King and his team which raised £2400 and was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Crib and whist drives continued to be very well attended with increasing numbers of people taking part – these raised £2800 and £1700 for the Club – unfortunately due to the age profile of participants it is likely to be some time before we can safely resume these popular pastimes.

The football season was badly hit by very poor weather over the winter which led to a number of home games being cancelled and then the season was brought to an abrupt end by Covid-19 – this was particularly galling for the Vets 45's who had reached their first ever Cup Final only for lockdown to be imposed the day before the Final. The Saturday and Sunday leagues were voided by the football authorities however we are grateful to all the hard work of the respective team organisers throughout the year.

The loss of so many football matches played a major part in reduced bar income over the winter. Despite the impact of the ball, bar turnover fell from £19800 to £18400. The bar did still generate a surplus of £3700 and continues to be our major source of income.

We did manage to run a full programme of social events during the year including quizzes, bingo, wine tasting, race night, golf day and Christmas party – in total these raised £1500. Hire fees for the clubhouse were £1500 and we received £800 from caravan rallies – the latter were also hit by weather and Covid-19 cancellations.

Subscriptions net of prizes generated £1500 and at the year we had approx. 130 members. We will need to review the impact of Covid-19 on future membership fees and prizes.

In total we generated £17000 of income during the year and our thanks go to all those who help run both our regular and one-off events and all those who come and support them. As well as fundraising and members events we continue to help the local community – our Senior Citizens Christmas party was again a hugely popular event enjoyed by over 60 guests free of charge and the Club grounds are regularly used by a number of villagers, particularly in the current circumstances.

We had no major capital expenses during the year however the total cost of running the clubhouse and grounds and keeping them to a high standard still came to £12500. This meant that we were able to add £4500 to our reserves which stood at £21000 at the year end. Until we know how the current situation will eventually play out we are unable to make any definitive plans for the future however these will be made with due consideration for the needs of our members and the Village as a whole.

Thank you to all the Committee for their help and support throughout the year – we will not be able to hold a formal Annual General Meeting this year but details of this report will be circulated to members in the next newsletter. I hope to see you all at the Club again soon!

DAVE BARDELL, CHAIRMAN  
JUNE 2020

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**We expect to open the bar – with social distancing - in late July.  
Contact Dave Bardell or David Edwards for confirmation**