



California Social Club Ltd



Welcome to our April Newsletter!

We have a lot of great things coming up this month including new bands, our Easter Egg Hunt, two new food vans and a Northern soul evening. The committee have added a lot of family friendly events throughout the year. Please put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out!

Dates to Remember

April

Sat 19th Bowls club opening
Sun 20th Easter Egg Hunt / DJ Leon
Football 2pm
Sun 27th Northern Soul Afternoon
Wed 30th Renewals Deadline

May

Sun 4th VE Day Celebrations
Sun 18th Charity Poker Day
Thur 29th AGM

June

Sun 1st Goldline Band pm
Sun 22nd Kid's Fancy Dress Disco

July

Sat 19th Newmarket
Sun 20th School's Out Disco
Sun 27th Club Quiz

August

Sun 17th Bowls Charity Pairs
Sun 24th Family Fun Day
Pink Floyd Tribute 8-11
Sun 31st Andy Ottley (Elvis) pm

September

Sun 21st Cali's Got Talent (Kids)
Fri 26th MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

Sun 5th Family "Calioko"
Sun 26th Kid's Halloween Disco

November

Sun 23rd Xmas Market

December

Sun 7th Lakeside Trip
Fri 12th Xmas Draw
Sun 14th Kid's Party & Magic Show
Wed 31st New Year's Eve

ENTERTAINMENT

April

Fri 4th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 5th Rude and Reckless—Ska
Food—Just a Burger (Plant based burgers etc)
Fri 11th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 12th Solid Earth Band—Mixture ****New****
Food— Manna Grill (Caribbean Food) ****New****
Fri 18th Bingo in hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 19th Ed Gaskett—Rockabilly
Food— Little Red Catering (Burgers, Sausages, Chips)
Fri 25th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 26th Blue Mountain Reggae Band
Food—Mac 'n Cheese ****New****
Sun 27th Northern Soul Afternoon ****New****

May

Fri 2nd Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 3rd The Glamtastics—Glam Rock
Food—Crave'n Pizza
Fri 9th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 10th Andy Ottley—Elvis
Food— Manna Grill (Caribbean Food)
Fri 16th Bingo in hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 17th Whitney & Lionel—Soul
Food—Simply T's (Jacket Pots, Nachos & Burgers)
Fri 23rd Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
Sat 24th Shane & The Korrados—Rock 'n Roll
Food—Little Red Catering (Burgers, Sausages, Chips)
Fri 30th Bingo in the hall
Sat 31st 7T's 70's Disco Band ****New****
Food—tbc

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM
RUDE & RECKLESS



MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£5**
 GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR PARK
SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO (1 x full house)

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 12th APRIL 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM
SOLID EARTH BAND



NEW TO THE CALI

MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£4**
 GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR PARK
SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO (1 x full house)

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM
ED GASKET & THE ROCKERS



MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£4**
 GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR PARK
SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO (1 x full house)

That's Entertainment @ 

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY DISCO



SUN 20th APRIL
NOON-3PM

> **WITH DJ LEON & SPECIAL GUEST**



£4 PER CHILD
 OPEN TO MEMBERS FAMILIES & GUESTS
 (EASTER EGG HUNT - UP TO 12YRS OLD)

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 26th APRIL 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM
BLUE MOUNTAIN REGGAE BAND



MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£5**
 GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR PARK
SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO (1 x full house)

That's Entertainment @ 

SUNDAY 27th
APRIL 2025
4pm - 7pm

NORTHERN SOUL & MOTOWN



WITH DJ KEZZY
SPINNING THE GREATEST VINYL RECORDS

MEMBERS: **FREE** GUESTS: **£2**

Accessible Toilet Update from the Secretary

Over the past month, although it may appear not much has happened, a lot has been going on behind the scenes.

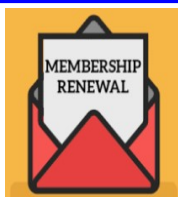
Robert Hebden kindly gave his time to put in the soap dispenser and toilet roll holder and hang the blind, which meant that the toilet is now finished, pending sign off from the Buildings Inspector. Buildings Regulations forms were completed and the Inspector came last week. We are awaiting his report. He did confirm that the toilet can now be used.

In the meantime, the builders have sent their invoice that requires some discussion. This will not be paid until the Buildings Inspection Report has been received and the accessible toilet has been signed off, as there may be changes to make. I have asked for compensation for all the problems we have encountered.

New Internal Door

We know this is stiff to open. When I received the first complaint, I reported it and the fitter came back. Unfortunately, nothing can be done as it's the new spring that is making it heavy. This will ease with time. We are looking into the possibility of having a push button opening on the door.

Under no circumstances, should this door ever be propped open as it is a main fire exit and this is against Fire Regulations. If this is propped open, please inform the bar staff or committee immediately.



Renewals have commenced. The **deadline is 30th April.**

If you joined the club between 15th December 2024 and March 2025, you do not need to do anything as your joining fee takes you to April 2026. Please ignore all emails asking for renewals.

Every member that joined before 15th December 2024 must complete a renewal form and pay at the bar. The cost for renewals this year is £25.

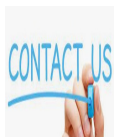
Life Members are required to complete the renewal form and pay £5.

Membership cards must be brought with you in order to process the renewal. If you have lost your card, please complete the renewal form and bring cash to pay, as we cannot take a card payment without your membership card.

From 1st April 2025, the cost of replacing lost cards will be £7.00.

The bar staff are happy to take renewals, but not at busy times, such as Saturday evenings please.

There is a Renewal Form on page 4 of this Newsletter to complete and bring with you. There will also be forms at the club.



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Opening Hours

From 1st January 2025, the opening hours will be:

	Club Opens	Last Orders	Time at Bar	Club Closes
Monday	11:30 19:00	14:20 21:20	14:30 21:30	15:00 22:00
Tuesday	11:30 19:00	14:20 22:20	14:30 22:30	15:00 23:00
Wednesday	11:30 18:00	14:20 22:00	14:30 22:20	15:00 22:30
Thursday	11:30	15:20	15:30	16:00
Friday	11:30	23:20	23:30	23:50
Saturday	11:30	23:20	23:30	23:50
Sunday	11:30	20:20	20:30	21:00



Every Friday, in the hall, we have bingo.

Books go on sale 7.30pm—8.15pm.

Eyes down at 8.30pm.

Why not come and enjoy a game?



We have a **WEEKLY LOTTO** for members

Drawn on Fridays at 9.30pm. Cash Prize!!

£1 per strip—buy at the bar

If the prize is unclaimed for 30 days, it goes back in the pot

Ways to help the club that won't cost you a penny!!

With the National Minimum Wage increase, plus everything else that is more expensive this year than last, we are always looking at ways to raise funds for the club.

You could help and it won't cost you a penny. If you have any old clothes, please put them in the clothes bank in the car park as we receive a payment every time it's emptied.

Also, you can help by using Easy-fundraising if you buy anything on line. Simply log into easyfundraising.co.uk and then you can pick the fund you want to raise money for, it's called California Social Club Disabled Toilet Fund but this is now raising funds for the club generally. Then you click on Amazon, or whatever company you are buying from and the company sends us a percentage of whatever you spend. Please do this if you can. Thank you!

CALIFORNIA SOCIAL CLUB LTD . RENEWAL FORM 2025

Name: Member No:

Address:

.....Post Code

Telephone:

Email:

Please tick, as required

Renewal £25

Renewal Life £5

Join CIU £5

CIU Year Card £4

Total _____

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How are you paying: Cash / Card

If you do not have your membership card on you, we can only take cash and process your renewal later. This may take a few days.

Tick if you do not have your card.

Lost card? Please pay £5 and your renewal fee.



From the Bowls Club

The new season will soon be upon us. Opening day is 19th April, which is the Saturday of the Easter weekend, when we will have the first round of our Triples competition.

This is followed on Tuesday 22nd with a friendly at home to our neighbours, Newton Road, with a return possibly at the end of the season.

On Wednesday 23rd, we have our Annual A v B challenge and our first league match is on Tuesday 29th April.

Here's hoping for a successful and enjoyable season. Thanks to all who have helped with the maintenance throughout the winter.

Stuart Walsh, Bowls Club Secretary

Room Hire

Members receive reduced rates room hire. With regard to wakes, some room hire is free of charge for members.

Free of charge room hire for wakes are for:

The member	The member's parent
The member's partner/spouse	The member's child

Please note, this does not extend to in-laws or any other family member.

Room hire fees are:

	Members	Non Members
Lounge (up to 40 people)	£18 p.h.	£24 p.h.
Hall (up to 140 people)	£23 p.h.	£37 p.h.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 29th May

7.00pm arrival for 7.30pm start.

It is important members attend. It's your chance to have a say in how the club is run. Is there anything you want changed or introduced? If so, take part and make that change and you'll see how the money has been spent. Previous meetings have only taken up to an hour, so you won't be there all night!

Can you spare a little time one day before May please? There are some jobs that need doing before we open the garden for summer, such as painting the fence and benches. There is also a hinge on a gate that needs repairing. (not the garden gate). If you are able to help with any of these jobs, even if just for a few hours, the committee would be very grateful. Please speak to a committee member. Thank you!

Christmas

MARKET

23 NOV
2025

Sunday
10-3pm

Stall holders wanted!

£10 per stall + a raffle prize donation

Please contact Kate
if you would like a stall

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A week in the life of the Treasurer

We are very pleased to announce that Steph is staying with us after all!

Hi, I'm Steph and I joined the team at the California Social Club June 2024 as your Treasurer.

I was thrown in the deep end when I hopped on board and quickly found myself paddling like crazy to bring everything up to date. Trust me, it is a great way to get to grips with a new role and I certainly had a few weeks trying to navigate my way.

I work part time and have overall responsibility for the everyday cash and finances for the club. I work closely with Kate, and report to the committee at our monthly meetings, providing a monthly report consisting of the monthly bar and machine takings, entertainment costs with update of future payments the club are required to pay.

The increase in the minimum wage and associated NI employer's costs, along with the increases to our utility bills will have an impact to the finances of the club. The committee, myself, and Kate are currently working together for new ideas, to try to create extra revenue for the club. I hope you will all embrace these and come along to our extra events during 2025. Please keep an eye on the monthly newsletter from Kate.

My weekly core responsibilities remain consistent to the running of the club, hopefully not to bore you too much, but to give you a financial oversight, I will give you an brief overview.

I am employed to ensure the club's financial health, income and expenditure is monitored, and to safeguard any assets. My weekly tasks include checking bank balances and reconciliation, processing invoices and payments. I deposit any cash transactions weekly, reimburse expenses and raise invoices to customers. I am working with the committee with regards to budgets and expenditure for the club, to try to maximise profit wherever possible.

In essence, my role to all members of the club is to ensure the social club is financially stable and operates smoothly.

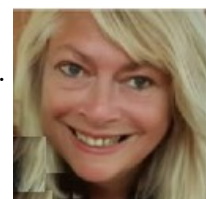
I hope that wasn't too boring, us bean counters can have a tendency to be boring, when we start talking figures and statistics!

I have decided, for my sins, to join the club and am now a fully paid up member.

I hope to meet with many more of you in the future for a drink and chat.

Kindest regards

Steph



Although it's a few months off yet, Kate has started to collect raffle prizes for the MacMillan coffee morning. If you have anything that would be suitable for the raffle, please do donate it to the club via the bar and let's raise money for a wonderful cause. We would be extremely grateful!



Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on the club.
www.facebook.com/CaliforniaSocialClubIpswich

MEMBERS' ADVERTISING SPACE!

Advertising Opportunity for Members

Do you have a business that you'd like to advertise?

We are offering advertising space on our Newsletter, which is emailed out to over 800 members. It also goes on the club's website and is posted around the club.

The space offered is the size of a standard business card. **But we have given larger adverts to our first two advertisers this month as a thank you! We will keep them large until we get more, but they will go no smaller than a business card.**

The cost is £20 per month or £200 for the year (2 months free). **This offer is for members only.** If you are interested, please contact Kate, the Secretary.



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