



# California Social Club Ltd

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Hello Members!

I have officially taken over the reigns of Social Secretary from Pete Loweman. We are having a planning meeting in the next few weeks and are going to arrange a lot of exciting things, we aim to increase the amount of family friendly events and to put things on in the hall on Sunday afternoons. If you have any ideas you'd like to put forward, please let me know! I hope to see you in the club enjoying the great entertainment that we have booked.

**Del Thrower**  
**Social Secretary**

## Dates to Remember

### February

Sun 9th Bowls Quiz  
Sat 15th Valentines Party  
Sun 23rd Free Family Disco

### March

Sat 29th Flower Draw  
Sun 30th Mothers Day

### April

Fri 18th Good Friday  
Sun 20th Easter Sunday—Egg Hunt  
Weds 30th—Deadline to Renew Memberships



**Bingo every Friday night in the Hall**

Books on sale  
**7.30pm—8.15pm**  
**Eyes down at 8.30pm**

## ENTERTAINMENT

### February

**Sat 1st** Flashdance—80's Band  
Food—Otis Breeding (Toasties on Sourdough)\*New\*\*  
**Fri 7th** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 8th** Robbie Williams Tribute  
Food—The Italian Food Truck (Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips)  
**Fri 14th** NO BINGO  
**Sat 15th** Tricks of the Trade - Mixture (Valentines Party)  
Food—Otis Breeding (Toasties on Sourdough)  
**Fri 21st** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 22nd** Harley Street Band - Mixture  
Food—The Italian Food Truck (Burgers Hot Dogs, Chips)  
**Sun 23rd** Free Family Disco 2-4pm  
**Fri 28th** Bingo in the hall

### March

**Sat 1st** Rukus—Rock Covers \*\*New\*\*  
Food—Otis Breeding (Toasties on Sourdough)  
**Fri 7th** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 8th** Mister H—Ska/Reggae  
Food—The Italian Food Truck (Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips)  
**Fri 14th** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 15th** Ska Town Syndicate—Ska \*\*New\*\*  
Food—Otis Breeding (Toasties on Sourdough)  
**Fri 21st** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 22nd** Lucky No. 7—Rock  
Food—Little Red Catering (Burgers, Sausages, Chips)  
**Fri 28th** Bingo in the hall  
**Sat 29th** Soul Sounds with Dean Vineyard \*\*New\*\*  
Food—Crave'n'Pizzas



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## Opening Hours

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19:00	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



**FOOTBALL  
ON THE BOX**

The following Ipswich game will be shown at the Club.

**Weds 26th February**

**Manchester United –v– ITFC**

**KO at 7.30pm TNT Sports**

Please look out for posters and on Facebook for other games being shown.

## California Bowls Club

### Quiz Night

Sunday 9th February 2025, 7pm for  
7.30pm

£4 per person

Maximum of 6 people per team

**Everyone welcome**

**Prizes for the winning Team**

Please put your names on the Poster/List in  
the Hall Foyer



We have had a few enquiries about renewals.

For the past few years, renewals have been due by the end of April.

We normally start to take them in March. The Secretary will let everyone know the details nearer the time, but you do not need to do anything for a while yet!



Unfortunately, the breweries have increased the prices of drinks. P.Murton has done a brilliant job in shopping around for the best deals, but we have to increase our prices from 1st March. These price increases are subject to what happens in the next Budget.



Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on the club.  
[www.facebook.com/CaliforniaSocialClubIpswich](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaSocialClubIpswich)

## That's Entertainment @



**Saturday 1st FEBRUARY  
2025**

**FLASHDANCE 80'S BAND**

**HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR  
PARK**

**SUPPLIED BY OTIS BREADING (NEW)  
SOURDOUGH TOASTIES**



**MEMBERS: FREE  
GUESTS: £4.00  
GUESTS CHILDREN: £1.00**

## That's Entertainment @



**Saturday 8th FEBRUARY  
2025**

**RELIGHT ROBBIE (NEW)**

**HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR  
PARK**

**SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN FOOD TRUCK  
BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS etc**



**MEMBERS: FREE  
GUESTS: £4.00  
GUESTS CHILDREN: £1.00**

## That's Entertainment @

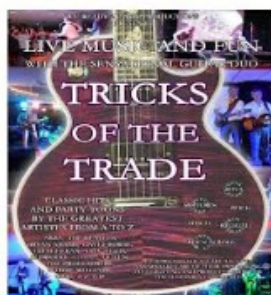


**Saturday 15th FEBRUARY  
2025**

**TRICKS OF THE TRADE**

**HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR  
PARK**

**SUPPLIED BY OTIS BREADING  
SOURDOUGH TOASTIES**



**MEMBERS: FREE  
GUESTS: £4.00  
GUESTS CHILDREN: £1.00**

## That's Entertainment @



**Saturday 22nd FEBRUARY  
2025**

**HARLEY STREET BAND**

**HOT FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE CAR  
PARK**

**SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN FOOD TRUCK  
BURGERS, HOTDOGS, CHIPS etc**



**MEMBERS: FREE  
GUESTS: £4.00  
GUESTS CHILDREN: £1.00**

# FREE FAMILY DISCO!

**Sunday, 23rd February**

**2pm—4pm**

**Kid's Prize Bingo 50p**

**DJ!**

**Free Entry!**



## Driveway

The original entrance is back in use. The barrier is not as wide as it the original one, so please give way to vehicles leaving the car park.

We now have a disabled parking space in front of the bar. A blue badge must be displayed to use this space please.



**Nobody is to park in front of the club please.** This must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.



Some people have been driving into the club too fast. We often have elderly people and children walking around. There is a strict speed limit of 5mph please.

## Behaviour

Unfortunately, it has become necessary to remind some members that certain behaviour and language will not be tolerated in the Club.

Racist, Sexist, homophobic or any other offensive language is never acceptable. This is a family club and nobody should have to be exposed to this. Also, inappropriate touching of any staff member, male or female, will not be tolerated. Further action will be taken if any of the above occurs.

Committee members give their time for free to help run the club, please remember this, they should never be sworn at.

We do appreciate most of our members are always respectful, but some do need reminding. Let's keep this a nice club to come to please!

## You said... We listened!

**Lounge Toilets are too cold**— Perspex has been purchased to cover the draughty sky lights in the gents by the lounge. The radiator in the ladies has been repaired and the radiator in the gents is in the process of being repaired.

**The hall is too cold**—If the hall is too cold, please speak to the bar staff or committee. It can be chilly before it is full, but then becomes very warm when it's full of people.

**Baby changing Unit is not clipping up properly**— A hook has been purchased and fitted to hold it closed when not in use. We also have a new baby changing unit in the accessible toilet that will be open shortly.

**Access to accessible toilet for those in lounge or bar who struggle with steps**—We have purchased a ramp for use on the steps. When not in use it is hung on the wall. Please ask bar staff if you need to use this. It will take wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

**New Year's Eve Disco**—We have received an apology from Chester Ward. We did not get the Disco that we had expected or booked, as we had been told he would be the DJ and two different DJ's came instead. We will ensure this never happens again and thank Pete Loweman for stepping in and saving the night!

## Accessible Toilet & Baby Changing

Unfortunately, this has not gone to plan and has taken a lot longer than expected. Work started on 5th November and we expected it to be finished before Christmas.

There have been problems at every stage (too many to list), it has been one step forward and two steps back. Kate has been emailing and telephoning Charles Clarke on a daily basis to try to rectify the problems. Midge and Kate had a meeting with Charles Clarke last week. It would appear that all the complaints and problems had not been passed on and he had no idea there was an issue.

We were given a list of dates after that meeting, detailing when jobs would be done. Unfortunately, the very first job on the list did not go to plan and we are behind again.

We asked, at the meeting last week, that they consider reducing their fee as a good will gesture due to all the errors and delays. Kate has been chasing this daily, only to be told they will discuss it that day, but to date, it has not been discussed.

We can only apologise for the delay and the mess, but Kate has been doing all she can to get this company to complete the toilet to the standard promised.

## Ravens Football Club

Ravens have had a great start to the year and are hoping it will continue. They are currently sitting mid-table in Division 3 and loving it. They would love for any members to go along and support them. The fixtures for the next few weeks are below.



Sunday 9th February—Taverners Res at Kesgrave High School—KO 10.30am

Sunday 16th February—Ipswich Athletic at Kesgrave High School—KO 10.30am

They look forward to seeing you there!

## Room Hire

Parties, Baby Showers, Wedding Receptions, Christenings, Wakes, Family Get-togethers, Gender Reveals—we have experience of them all in our hall and lounge, which look beautiful when decorated specially for the occasion.

<b>Members</b>	Lounge	£18 per hour
	Hall	£23 per hour
<b>Non Members</b>	Lounge	£24 per hour
	Hall	£37 per hour

We offer three tiers of buffet, but our caterers are happy to quote for alternatives if you require something else.

If you would like to book a room, please contact our Secretary, Kate on 01473 720633 or email on [californiaclubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:californiaclubsecretary@gmail.com)

<b>MENU 'A'</b> <b>£8.50 per person</b>
Assorted sandwiches, homemade sausage rolls, Homemade cheese straws, chicken skewers, quiche, crisps, vegetable platter with dip. Selection of cakes
<b>MENU 'B'</b> <b>£10.00 per person</b>
Assorted sandwiches, chicken bites, hand cooked gourmet crisps, Cocktail sausages in a sweet soy & sesame glaze, sausage rolls, vegetarian spring rolls. Selection of cakes
<b>MENU 'C'</b> <b>£15.00 per person</b>
Assorted sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pie selection, quiche selection, chicken skewers, scotch egg quarters, hand cooked gourmet crisps, smoked salmon & king prawn extravaganza, Vegetarian spring rolls, garden salad, coleslaw. Selection of cakes
<b>Add any item below for £1.00 per person (Menus B &amp; C only)</b>
Mediterranean Salad <i>Spanish tomatoes, mozzarella balls &amp; pesto, topped with fresh basil</i>
Delicious Meat Platter <i>Selection of cold and continental meats</i>
Luxury Cheeseboard and Crackers
Selection of Wrap Bites <i>Various fillings</i>

## A week in the life of .....The Club President

It has been suggested that over the next few months, the committee and staff outline what they do, this article will be called "A week in the life of..." and I have been asked to do the first one. So, here goes!

A week in the life of a Club President involves many different roles. I try to be at the club as much as possible, that way, I hear directly from members and staff if there are any issues or ideas to be put to the committee and I am on hand to help anyone that needs it.

I chair the meetings, approving the agenda and minutes before they are sent out. These include the monthly committee meeting, and the yearly AGM and OGM, as well as any other Special Meetings that are called. This week, there are some more informal meetings for me to attend, such as with the builders (to discuss all the problems) and with Emma from Ravens Football Club.

I liaise closely with Kate (Secretary) on a regular basis regarding ongoing issues, mainly to do with the buildings or anything that arises and needs urgent attention. I also proof read the monthly newsletter she produces.

When we have a staff vacancy to fill, I hold the interviews along with the VP and Secretary. Thankfully, after a couple of years of having to do a lot of interviews, we now have a very loyal, hardworking team, most of whom have been with us for years now.

As President, I represent the club at the Annual Bowls Presentation and Dinner. This involves sponsoring and presenting an award and is one of the more enjoyable tasks of the role.

Most of you will know that the house next door is owned by the club and rented out. Along with Kate, I carry out a yearly inspection on the property to ensure that the house is in good repair.

When required, I assist with emptying of the fruit machines, this is usually to cover staff illness or holiday.

Every few weeks, the lounge is hired out to the union Unite to hold a meeting on a Sunday morning. I help Kate cook their breakfast (usually about 25 people) and, as this costs the club nothing in wages, it makes a good profit.

On a practical level, I can often be seen fixing guttering, mowing the lawn, fixing the toilets, draining radiators, changing light bulbs, selling bingo books and taking my turn on the door on a Saturday night. This is list not exhaustive and I pretty much do anything that needs doing (that doesn't require a certificate) and, there is a lot that needs doing on an old building like the Club!

At Christmas, I am often called upon to dress up as an Elf. I have no idea why!

I think this is one of the best clubs around and I am honoured to be the President of it. I am not a member of any other club and why would I want to be? It has a fabulous bunch of staff, committee and, of course, the members.

Cary Frost (Aka Midge)  
President

