



California Social Club Ltd

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Hello Members!

We've had some great nights with lots of support from members. Our Valentines night was a success and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves. Thanks to the committee who worked hard decorating the hall and to Ann MacDonald for sourcing the roses. We also had the Free Family Disco, which was very well attended. See the photos! Coming up, we have some new bands and some new food vans also. We hope to see you all at the Club.

Del Thrower
Social Secretary

Dates to Remember

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

May



Bingo every Friday night in the Hall

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

Everyone's welcome!



March

- Sat 1st RUKUS—Rock Covers ****New****
Food—Simply T's (Jacket Spuds, Nachos, Burgers) ****New****
- Fri 7th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
- Sat 8th Mister H—Ska/Reggae
Food—Crave'n Pizzas
- Fri 14th Bingo in hall & Lotto Draw
- Sat 15th Ska Town Syndicate—Ska ****New****
Food—Simply T's (Jacket Spuds, Nachos, Burgers)
- Fri 21st Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
- Sat 22nd Lucky No. 7—Rock
Food—Little Red Catering (Burgers, Sausages, Chips)
- Fri 28th Bingo in the hall & Lotto Draw
- Sat 29th Back to the 80's
Food—Crave'n Pizzas

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
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****

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 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.

Monday 3rd March 7.30 pm

Nottingham Forest

-v-

Ipswich Town

FA Cup Fifth Round

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



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

The Free Family Disco held on 23rd February was great fun. This was offered free of charge by Chester Ward, the DJ who provided the entertainment on New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve did not go to plan, so Chester refunded part of his fee and offered to do a free family disco for us. We would like to thank Chester for this.



California Bowls Club—please contact Mr. Stuart Walsh for information.



California A & B Dart Teams play Mondays and Tuesdays in the hall & lounge.



Snooker—call the bar to book the table!



Poker is played in the hall on Tuesday nights.

For more information on the above, please speak to the bar staff

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM

RUKUS



MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£3**
GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

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

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 8th MARCH 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM

MISTER H



MEMBERS: **FREE** | GUESTS: **£3**
GUEST CHILDREN: **£1**

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

That's Entertainment @ 

SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM

SKA TOWN SYNDICATE



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 22nd MARCH 2025
LIVE MUSIC FROM

LUCKY NO 7



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 29th MARCH 2025

LIVE MUSIC FROM
BACK TO THE 80'S



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

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

Please do not park in front of the closed, red barrier. This is an emergency exit and must be kept clear. Thank you.



We say **farewell to Stephanie**, our Treasurer, who is leaving us to spend a long hot summer in Spain. We wish her all the best and thank her for all she has done for us over the past year. We **welcome Joanna Wiltshire**, who is taking over from Stephanie and we hope she enjoys working with us.

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.

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.



Renewals will commence on Monday 10th March and 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.

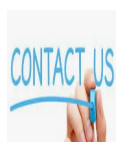
Life Members are required to complete the renewal form and pay £5.

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 will not be able to process renewals at busy times, such as Saturday evenings. Kate will be in the hall on Tuesday 11th May 7-9pm to take renewals.

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



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Happy Birthday Pete Moss!



Pete comes into the club almost every day. He's been quite unwell, so we put on a little birthday treat for him.



A week in the life of the Club Secretary

After the President did his "Week in the life of..." in the last newsletter, I have been asked to go next.

My job has grown a lot since I joined in 2021. There's the usual weekly and monthly tasks such as general admin, payroll, HR, testing fire alarms and safety lighting reading the meters (if you see me on my knees on the pavement with a screwdriver, I'll be reading the water meter).

I organise monthly committee meetings, special meetings and the yearly AGM and OGM, producing the agendas and taking Minutes and ensuring the CIU rules are adhered to. To think that I was told in the 80's that nobody would need shorthand by the 90's - how wrong they were!

I produce the monthly newsletter, collecting items for it throughout the month and this is emailed out to members and posted on our webpage.

Renewals take up a huge amount of time in March to May. Members' cards are swiped by the bar staff (or me) and this updates the tills. It will also update the door system (for the first time this year, I hope it works!) I then list each cash and credit card payment for the Treasurer and update the members' database. The bar staff are a great help with renewals.

New members are processed weekly. There are also changes to existing members' details and a few lost or damaged cards to deal with. With over 880 members, there's always something that needs tweaking or fixing.

I oversee contracts (utilities, wifi, Initial, Sky etc) and research the best deals before they expire.

Room hires bring in much needed revenue, from room fees as well as commission earned from the two great caterers we work with. I always carry the diary with me in case I get a call for a booking. As well as the one-off bookings, we have regulars, such as Activelies, the Yoga class and Unite. Speaking of Unite, every other month, on a Sunday morning I, with Midge's help, cook their breakfasts. I also supply the hot food for the Mencap darts team.

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Staying on the subject of food, I book the food vans for Saturday nights. I try to get a different type of food every week, but do not always succeed. I have found some new catering vans this month and hope everyone will like them.

The house next door is owned by the club and rented by a lovely couple. Midge and I carry out yearly inspections. I ensure that we are compliant with the rules and regulations that seem to come out yearly, along with electrical installation certificates, landlord's gas certificates etc. I have one eye on the Renters' Reform Bill to ensure we don't miss doing something important.

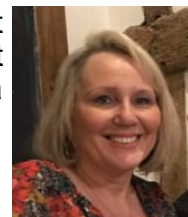
I also ensure the club is compliant annually with licensing, certificates, and submissions to the Financial Conduct Authority and the CIU.

With such an old building, there's lots of maintenance required and negotiating with tradesmen. Some have gone well (£50,000 compensation in the bank and the driveway resurfaced/fence replaced for free) and some not so well (accessible toilet that should have been completed last year). I liaise with the company daily and it has been a very frustrating few months. We are just waiting for Anglia Fire & Security to put back the fire alarm fixtures and the Buildings Regs to be signed off and we can open it. Hopefully, this will be by the end of the week.

I order any items needed for the club (except the goods for the bar as Pete does that). I recently bought a ramp to enable people in wheelchairs or on scooters to get from the lounge or bar into the Accessible toilet. We want to make the club accessible to all.

Three years ago, I organised our first MacMillan Coffee morning. We have now held three. Some committee members and club members help and it's grown every year. We have raised well over £2,000. I start collecting raffle prizes months in advance and everyone is so generous with their time and money for this cause.

Apart from covering for the Treasurer in her absence, this explains most of what keeps me occupied. There are a great bunch of regulars that come in daily and they, along with the other staff members, make it a great place to work.



Kate Hebden
Secretary

The Committee Are:

- Cary (Midge) Frost, President
- Paul Elliston, Vice President
- Kelly Hayes
- Ann MacDonald
- Anne Petrie
- Gary Harfitt
- Sue Parker

There are vacancies on the committee. If you have been a member of the club for at least one year please consider joining the committee. It's a great way to meet people and have a say in how the club is run!



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



Charging Station

We have a new charging station in the Bar. You pay by tapping your card.

£3 per hour—Max £6 per day

£12 Temporary Deposit

Once you return the power bank, the full deposit is refunded minus the rental cost.

Longer than 1 Day?

Your rental fee stops at £6 per day. After 4 days, you have paid the purchase price of £24 and the power bank is yours to keep.

This charging machine costs the club nothing, but we earn 10% on all charges and also from advertising fees from the screen.

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.