

Redgrave Community Society Limited



“working for the community”

December 2020

Dear Member,

Cross Keys Opening Hours and Christmas Events

The pub reopened on Thursday 3rd December under ‘Tier 2’ restrictions. As this will inevitably mean a reduction in business the opening hours have been changed as follows:

- Thursday 5.30 - 10.00 - this is ‘meal deal’ night, a meal and a drink for £10
- Friday 5.30 - 10.00 - full menu and special offers on steaks
- Saturday 12 - 3 and 5.30 - 10.00 - full menu
- Sunday 12-5 - Sunday roast including beef, pork, turkey and a vegetarian option

All customers have to consume a ‘substantial meal’ and indoor tables cannot be shared with other households/bubbles. Fortunately our chef Graeme cooks meals which are not only substantial but also of excellent quality, and so far bookings are looking reasonably good. However, this new business model means we will need to monitor sales and costs very closely.

The pub looks very Christmassy and welcoming with decorations and lights inside and out and the menu for December has had very good feedback. We aim to open for Christmas Day Lunch, a special New Year’s Eve dinner, and a ‘big breakfast’ on New Year’s Day. Take away meals and beer are also available, so please support your pub as much as you can!

Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are also on sale at the pub, and make an excellent Christmas present. These can be of any value to be spent on a meal with drinks and are valid for 12 months. Christmas cards featuring views of the pub are also available.

AGM

The Members’ AGM was held using Zoom on November 14th. Thanks to all members who voted, put forward questions and participated in the meeting. The presentation and draft minutes are now on the public section of the Community Society website (<https://redgravecommunitysociety.com/documents/>). For your convenience the draft minutes are also being sent out with this newsletter.

Treasurer

Unfortunately no member has yet shown an interest in the vacant position of treasurer, and with the year-end approaching this is becoming quite a concern. We have spoken to the Plunkett Foundation again, and they have given the following advice:

- The treasurer's main responsibility is to maintain an oversight of the Society's finances.
- Since the book keeping, payments, payroll etc are all currently being carried out by a finance team consisting of committee members and staff, this may only take a few hours/month.
- It is not essential for the treasurer to be involved in other committee matters.
- Although it is desirable for the treasurer to have some financial experience it is not necessary for them to be a qualified accountant. Someone currently in a junior finance role may see the treasurer's post as valuable experience to put on their CV.

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone else who may be interested, please get in touch.

Share offer

Andrew has prepared an updated share offer which has been independently assessed and declared to be Standard Mark Compliant. Buying shares is important to increase working capital and help fund requests for share withdrawals, so please contact us if you would like to increase your shareholding or have friends who would like to invest.

Finally, we would like to thank Jemma Shorten for joining the committee. Jemma works as a lawyer in the hospitality industry and her experience and knowledge will be extremely useful.

With kind regards



STEPHEN EASON

On behalf of the Management Committee of Redgrave Community Society Limited

Stephen Eason	Chairman
Neil Smith	Vice Chairman
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Andrew Dickson	
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