

## 1940 to 1949

In February 1946 it was decided to purchase the first cooling system so as to cool the beer. On the Wednesday 13th February 1946, the ladies issue was raised again and it was agreed to allow ladies in the tennis tournament but that no alcohol should be served and that all doors should be locked except the one leading into St Annes Lane.

On 23rd January 1947, Mr Kisby was appointed President. Later that year the question of affiliation to the C.I.U. was investigated but no action was taken. At the same meeting Mr Kisby stood down to be replaced by Mr Summers. Mr Barringer was elected Vice-President with a Mr Readwin as Secretary/treasurer, names remembered by a number of club members today.

Darts was a favourite game in the club, there being 6 boards in the original premises and 2 in the bar area. Darts were so popular that if you didn't put your name up at the end of the evening you would have a job getting a game the following evening. Cards were still popular and many a time the steward would go home leaving members playing cards sometimes all night.

They would help themselves to beer but would always leave the money on the counter. Over the years the club's fortunes continued to prosper with takings increasing every year and in 1949 the turnover was reported as £7085 1s 8d.