

## 1990 to 1999

Club history was further made when the first lady secretary/treasurer was appointed in February – Mrs Sheila Penton.

The club also saw some major improvements during this year to the concert hall, with it being completely redecorated by voluntary help from the committee and with new seating and tables being purchased. The club had endured alot within the year but it hadn't finished because in March, the president Mr Tony Fechter announced his resignation. Thus concluded one of the most difficult years in the club's history with 2 stalwarts, Mervyn James & Mary Beasley retiring, the replacement steward, Steve Osborne, leaving after a short while, the social secretary, Fed Carter, resigning, the new secretary, Mr Keith Bonner, resigning and culminating in the president of 3 years, Tony Fechter resigning.

At the club elections, Mr Fred Carter was appointed the new president, he being the only applicant. However Fred Carter resigned in May with the then Vice-President, Basil Seaman taking over. In December, the Steward, Geoff Thompson resigned with Mr Jon Holohan-Green taking over.

In March 1998, Basil Seaman reverted to his Vice-President's role with Mr Lou Livesey taking over as President. Mr Basil Seaman resigned as Vice-President in March 1999 with Alan Suter taking over. Alan had performed most roles in the club, Deputy Steward, Social Secretary, Committeeman and now Vice President.

The question of membership of the C.I.U. had always been a talking point in the Club, with the main question being raised as to whether it was worth remaining as a member. At the 1999 AGM. Mr T. Fechter proposed a resolution that the committee look into the pro and cons of membership of the C.I.U. during the forthcoming year and report back to the 2000 AGM. This study concluded that on balance it was worth remaining in the C.I.U.

The Club has faced difficult times particularly post 1997 in a market that is continually changing and facing new challenges as people strive to take advantage of the many facilities on offer from private organisations.