

2000 to 2007

In March 2000 saw the end of another era with the then President, Mr. Lou Livesey, retiring. Mr. Livesey had performed various roles in the club and with his expertise in running the White Hart PH he was a valued member of the management committee.

Mr. Roger Gladding was elected unopposed to take over from Mr. Livesey. However in December 2000 Mr. Roger Gladding resigned as president and as a result Mr. Alan Suter took over as acting President with Mr. Fred Carter as acting Vice President. As a result of Mr. Alan Suter taking on his new role he stated he was unable to carry on the role of Social Secretary but Mr. Tony Fechter offered to take this role on and this was accepted by the Committee. In April 2001 Mr. Alan Suter & Mr. Fred Carter were elected unopposed to the office of President and Vice President. This meant that Mr. Alan Suter had carried out all roles within the Club except Secretary and Steward.

The Queen celebrated her Jubilee in 2002 and the Club hosted a number of events with the aim of raising money for Charity. The final figure was £2,600 which was split equally and on Saturday 8th June cheques were presented to the 'The Laurels' (a children's home for severely handicapped children) and The Woodlands Centre (assisting people with Cancer). Mr. T. Fechter had announced his resignation from the position of Social Secretary effective from July 2002. The committee took over the running of the social side but in 2002 Mr. M. Cooper took over the position as Social Secretary.

In the spring of 2003 saw resignation of 6 committee persons which left the committee very short but still able to function.

In October 2003 the Secretary/Treasurer Sheila Penton announced her resignation and following a selection process Mr. Rob Sherwood was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer.

The club's continued to face difficult times with a gradual dwindling of support not only in the Sports & Lounge Bars but also the Saturday night dances. The committee were concerned so they organized a survey of Club Members to gauge reasons as to what members wanted and what they saw wrong with the Club. The survey results were independently assessed by Messrs. T. Fechter, L. Livesey & M. Chandler with a report being produced for the committee, which was then placed on notice board for all members to read.

The club's problems continued so in February 2004 an 'Open' meeting was held to advise members of the state of the club and for the committee to glean ideas from members to improve support at the club.

Mr. Fred Carter announced that owing to work commitments he would not be able to continue as Vice President and handed in his resignation. This ended a long association by Mr. Fred Carter in various positions in the club. At the Annual elections Mr. M. Cooper was elected as Vice President. The attendances for Saturday night dances was of great concern to the committee with the result that from April 2004 they decided that one Saturday night per month there would be no dance and that members would be able to hire the hall for their own functions.

Over the past two year the club has seen a down turn in it membership base. The committee had to make some changes to the way the club operates to ensure its survival.

The club's committee has seen a lack of members willing to serve on the committee. Over the last two elections no new members joined the committee. Last year Gill Wallwain left the committee after many years service to the club, but has kept up an interest in the running of the bingo with Alan Suter Club president. Martyn Cooper the clubs vice president and entertainment secretary has had to reduce the amount of events at the club due to a down turn in members using the club. Rob Sherwood left as club secretary and was replaced with Ron Fleming for a short time. David Chambers took over as club secretary at the end of 2007.

Members of the club's committee and trustee's have refurbished the lounge and bar area of the club.