

JOLLY BOYS CHRISTMAS DO . THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

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Autumnal greetings to one and all.

Further to my telephone conversation with Brian Gar of 15th October 2019, I have not been idle during my absence from recent Jolly Boys trips, with the Xmas do arrangements gathering pace. Many thanks to those Jolly Boys who have looked after the regular kitty meantime.

My extra time in Wickford has been put to good use in that the Xmas do has been arranged at Wickford Railway Club, Platform 3, Wickford Railway Station, between the hours of 11.00 and 16.00, with our exclusive use of the Concert Room at a cost of £40 (last year it was £50). Based on the anticipated attendance of 40 this equates to a cost of £1 per head for 'these wonderful surroundings'. New water-proofing of the roof in progress. Credits per head will be available, ranging from £1 to £6 redeemable only for those 'on parade', based on last year's liquid contribution amount. Unfortunately 4 Jolly Boys whose TOTAL liquid contribution was £9 miss out.

It is the intention to use the same caterers as last year (who would argue with the O'Hooligan Brothers?). This was the unanimous decision of the 'catering committee' who met at Chelmsford on the 10th October. Other 'major' decisions were to take the advice of MAFF (The Ministry of Ale and Foulness Fisheries) to try and conserve the North Sea pickled herring stocks, therefore, either joyously or regrettably, Roll Mops are not included this year. But do not fret, having taken advice from the local fish and food experts - Mick Spine - fish, and Chester Bllomin Flower stall - food, sardines in liquid also quiches of various flavours are included. Extra amounts of chicken drumsticks, gammon and beef, also English or French sticks (depending on the Brexit outcome), will be ordered.

Ale prices have increased since last year's do and are currently £3.15 per pint, resulting in anticipated full price liquid contribution per head of £16/£8, (less than last year), plus buffet (hopefully) £10/£11 plus hall hire £1.

If you are interested in attending will you kindly advise Brian Gar or me. The final buffet numbers are required by the caterer on the 28th November. Unfortunately should you be unable to attend on the day you would still be liable for your buffet cost.

Further stop-press amendments will be advised.

Regards to all. Keith A