
Stonecliff Park

As a turbulent 2020 wound down, we eagerly looked forward to some semblance of normality. A social club with no punters. The very ethos of *social club* is the gathering together of people for activities various, as opposed to the current official diktat of "keeping your distance". However, we managed to uphold our proud tradition of fund raising over the last two months, while keeping our 'social distance'! Marion and her Merry Maids raised a highly creditable £575 for her McMillan Nurses' day, held on a manky October morning in the outer area of the clubroom, which severely restricted items on offer. Annette operated her Poppy Day collection from a stall outside the clubroom, as opposed to the usual house to house collection, and turned in another great effort of £403. In view of our inability to hold table-top sales and coffee mornings funding our club outgoings, Marilyn and Malc have gone on local Facebook and sold selected items from our Aladdin's cave. Currently the turnover stands at £400; so well done to all concerned, proving that "where there's a will, etc."

So what happens next month, or in the spring? If you know, tell me, because my crystal ball is 'cream crackered' and Boris is ignoring e-mails! Let us hope that lockdown is soon a thing of distant memory; because without our social activities, boredom for us 'oldies' can be just as lethal as Covid itself. So, nurse, make sure those needles have sharp points and let's get on with our lives.

Any road up! A happy and safe new year to all of you lot from all of us lot, and *lang may your lums reek!*

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