

Social Report 2017-18.

2017 was an exciting year for Ryde Lawn with the newly refurbished and extended clubhouse allowing for an improved Social Calendar. Ryde Lawn has established an on-going programme of Chess, Bridge and a Choir evening running throughout the week.

Once the club was open officially in June, Ryde Lawn were hosts to many organisations and events. The 45 GB club versus the IOW was the first group to test the new facilities and which proved to be very successful in hosting a two day event, despite, the efforts of the wind and rain.

Other successful Social events included David Fothergill's " birthday bash" and Croquet Corporate sessions, which hosted 173 visitors, 92 cream teas and 69 suppers in total throughout the summer season.

Our Wine tasting evening introduced members' palates to the finer taste of good quality wine and as a result Ryde Lawn is proud to stock a superb choice of wines to enjoy at the club and on a warm evening on the front terrace overlooking the Croquet lawns and tennis courts.

Other highlights of 2017 were the pumpkin workshop followed by the moonlight croquet evening in October Then came the Christmas lunch, a Cocktail party, the Children's Christmas Party and Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, which was accompanied by carols from Ryde Lawn Choir.

To finish off the season a successful Greek night was held at the club which saw over 50 guests enjoy the fine tunes of "Mamia Mia" with excellent Greek food.

With the new refurbishment of the kitchen facilities, in 2018 Ryde Lawn is looking to expand even further, providing café facilities with a variety of lunches on offer during the summer season, which it is hoped that all members will enjoy and extend their stay at the club.

Thanks must go to Lesley Ball (Social Secretary), as without her creative skills the events carried out, without a doubt, would not have been so successful, also to all those members who have supported the events and have put in considerable hours helping us make 2017/18 a memorable year.

Carrie Bateman
Social Chairman