

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

At the AGM in November 2018, we heard that the current procedure of bringing in new members wasn't fit for purpose; it was taking far too long and was rather haphazard with many candidates falling by the wayside. With the number of Club members in decline, something has to be done.

The meeting unanimously supported a proposal that the Club introduce a brand new scheme for the induction of new members.

With immediate effect, for a £25 fee, the Club will offer 3 months provisional membership to individuals or families who want to join the Club. They will be able to use Club facilities they can attend social functions and even join in Club racing.

This should allow both the applicants and the Club to find out more about each other, prior to them becoming full members.

During this trial period, adults will be required to shadow a bar and a galley duty and to attend a social gathering, which will be arranged to take place during normal Club opening times.

So how will this affect you?

I'm sure you will remember, as a newcomer, the first time you were faced with the daunting prospect of doing a Club bar or galley duty.

How does that wretched till in the bar work, what sort of food should you arrange for the galley and a dozen other questions?

So if on your next work-scheme duty a stranger turns up and announces that they are there to shadow you, just remember how helpless you felt when it was your first time in the bar or the galley.

Please take the time to pass on your experience by letting them have some hands-on training.

In the bar, let them serve drinks and collect glasses, let them get familiar with the till; discuss with them the best way to cash up and complete the paperwork.

In the galley, put them to work serving and preparing your dishes; let them know what has worked for you in the past and, more importantly, what was "a catering disaster darling"!

Your new acquaintance will then ask you to signify on their membership progress sheet that they have completed that task.

Applicants will also be required to find 2 sponsors, one of whom must be on the Committee.

At the end of the trial period, the Committee will then decide whether or not to offer full membership.

So let's make a real effort to make newcomers welcome and invite that stranger in the Clubroom to come and join you.

Any questions or observations please get in touch.

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