

**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
**29 JUNE 2009**

**Present**

David Burnett, David Atkinson and Bill Swarbrick. Mr Stuart Farrer of Saint and Co attended to present the annual audited accounts.

**Apologies for Absence**

Messrs Morton, Hargreaves, Grealish, Plummer and Hodgson.

**Annual Accounts**

Mr Farrer presented the draft accounts which showed a surplus of some £13,486 after depreciation, loan and capital repayments. Bar takings had matched the previous year but margins were slightly higher due to reduced waste as a result of installing tilting stillages and shortening beer runs.

Bar wages appeared to be up but there may be some adjustments for administrative work and cleaning costs. Donations and sponsorship were significantly higher and, combined with lower playing and travel costs, contributed to the surplus. Repairs and renewals included a new glass washing machine and furniture.

Accountancy and audit fees were higher but these should reduce if the costing system is improved and monthly reconciliations were made. Mr Farrer is to arrange for the Audit Assistant to meet with Mrs Hodgson and Messrs Morton and Swarbrick to bring the systems up to date. Audit should then be much simpler in future.

Cash in the bank had risen by £50,000 over the year. Significant expenditure was projected for car park and stand improvements and tree management in the coming year which would absorb this additional reserve.

It appears to have been a successful year but some of the major donations and grants will not be repeated in the coming year.

Mr Farrer is to check one or two minor adjustments and will provide further copies of the accounts for display 7 days before the meeting.