



PEDMORE MEN'S CLUB

A HISTORY

2008-2017

By

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OFFICERS 2007 - 2017

CHAIRMEN

P.D. Smith 2007-08

J. Traves 2008-11

J. Homer 2011-14

R. Evans 2014-15

R. Hedley 2015-17

VICE-CHAIRMEN

R. Leach 2007-08
K. Statham 2008-10
R. Evans 2010-11
R. Leach 2011-13
S. Hodgson 2013-14
J. Traves 2014-15
J. Homer 2015-17

TREASURERS

K. Moreton 2007-14
P.D. Smith 2014-17

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

G. Carr 2007-17

SPEAKER SECRETARIES

J. Homer 2007-12
P.D. Smith 2012-13
R. Leach 2013-16
R. Edwards 2016-17

SECRETARIES

R. Pickering 2007-12
D. Evans 2012-2017

AS WE WERE SAYING 10 YEARS AGO.....

It's hard to believe that 10 years have gone by since our club celebrated its 40th anniversary (and we're all still 25 years old between our ears!).

In 2007 we promised ourselves we'd update our story when we reached our 50th, so here we are. This is a resume of our last 10 years, put together by Deane Evans and Robert Evans. We hope you will find it interesting.

While we haven't recaptured the vibrancy of our well-remembered earlier days, the club has remained strong, with a membership of over 50. Our monthly meetings are well attended. This is reflected in the donations we have been able to make to local good causes from the proceeds of our charity raffles.

Sadly, our sole remaining founder member (Ken Quiney) is no longer able to join in our activities. He and his wife, who are in poor health, have moved to Worcester to be nearer their daughter and son.

In 2012, Ron Pickering stepped down as Secretary after 28 years, during which he was exemplary in that role. I am glad to say that he still comes to our monthly meetings and has continued to hand out our name badges as we arrive.

It would be good to be able to attract more young members to our ranks. All organisations benefit from the introduction of new blood. I suppose that many of our current members were in their 30s or 40s when they joined up, at a time when the attractions of "social media" and the like were undreamed of and there was more of a sense of community, which we like to think we retain in our small way. So we shall have to think of ways to show how attractive we are before we reach our diamond anniversary.

In the meantime, we are in good heart. Our Speaker Secretaries have continued to provide us with a varied diet of entertaining and knowledgeable speakers; our finances are sound; we enjoy a number of social events together; we give generous support to voluntary groups in our locality from our raffle fund.

So we can look forward confidently to the second half of our first 100 years.

Roy Hedley

Chairman

Introduction

On 26 April 2007, Pedmore Men's Club held a dinner at Churchill and Blakedown Golf Club to mark the Club's 40th Anniversary. A total of one hundred and eight members, partners and guests enjoyed:

Starter: Asparagus Soup or
Mango and Brie Parcel

Main Course: Salmon with Watercress Sauce or
Beef

Pudding: Fresh Fruit Pie with Custard or
Tarte au Citron

Coffee and Mints

The Chairman, Peter Smith, gave a lighthearted talk on the history of the club and a magician, who performed at the tables, entertained members and guests.

There was a lapel badge for members and a flower for ladies on the tables. The minutes of the committee meeting on 30 April 2007 noted, "There was general agreement that it had gone extremely well. No adverse comments were noted".

A history of Pedmore Men's Club 1967 – 2007, compiled by Margaret Pickering, was distributed to members at the end of the evening. Members not present on the evening, received their badges and histories shortly afterwards, from their representative.

The committee decided that, on the occasion of the Club's 50th Anniversary a history of the last 10 years should be compiled for distribution to members.

During the last decade the programme of monthly meetings has continued, with speakers covering a large range of interests. The tradition of the Christmas Party and Chairman's Night has also continued, the only change has been ladies are now welcome at Chairman's Night.

In common with most clubs, our numbers have declined and we have been unsuccessful in attracting young people. However, numbers have been stable for the last 5 years and the Club is financially healthy. In spite of falling numbers, due to the generosity of our members, we have donated almost £900 more in the last 10 years, than in the previous 10 years, to good causes.

The 50th Anniversary was commemorated with a Dinner at the Granary, on 27 April 2017 when members not only looked back at the last 50 years but also looked forward with confidence to the Club's future.



Club Meetings

The Club has continued to hold the monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Pedmore Cricket Club Pavilion. The only exception was the January 2011 meeting, which was held at Ham Dingle School because the Cricket Pavilion roof was leaking. The format of a speaker followed by a short break, to refill glasses, then a question session has continued. The committee have noted that the degree of socialising by members is not as great as hoped. In an attempt to increase socialising, abandoning the short break was trialled. It was hoped that as the meeting, finished earlier members would not leave immediately; the trial was not successful and the experiment was abandoned.

There had been consternation before the January 2015 meeting; when we arrived, the gates to the Cricket Ground were locked and it was obvious the pavilion had not been opened. Fortunately, Roy Hedley quickly sorted the problem and the barman quickly arrived.

At the 2008 AGM, the retiring Chairman, Peter Smith, said, “it had been his desire to inform, educate and entertain”; thanks to the efforts of our Speaker Secretaries, during the last ten years, these three aims have continued to be achieved.

There has been a wide mix of subjects. History has been covered from the Beginning of Time, through the Medieval Archer, to the History of Stourbridge Glass. We have been taken far afield with a Journey to Switzerland, The Ifkara Bakery Project in Tanzania, China Ancient and Modern and A Journey to Peru in search of the Incas. Our local area has not been neglected, with Old Stourbridge, The History of Birmingham and Our Stour, from Clent to Stourport. Then there has been the “pick-and-mix” from Pub Signs to Wine Tasting, National Service to Midland VCs and Weaving Carpets to Building Cathedrals.

The Speakers have been a balanced mix of Old Favourites, Roy Sturdy, Ed Shore and John Billingham, for example and new names; some of whom, such as Max Keen, will join the Old Favourites.

It has been said that history is looked at through the wrong end of a telescope; recent events are in sharp focus and detail, while older events are fuzzy and sketchy. Therefore, it should be no surprise that the most recent season is described in more detail.

The 2016-2017 season opened on the 22 September with a talk by John Butterworth, titled Hitting the Headlines as a Newspaper Editor. John had been a journalist for 43 years and an editor of local Newspapers for 25 years. Having trained in the mirror Group, his final job had been editor of the Black Country Bugle. He gave a polished talk about his training and early years as a journalist followed by an account of the trials, joys and tribulations of editing local newspapers.

In October we had a talk titled the World’s Smallest Engraver by Graham Short, in spite of the name it was not about Graham’s stature but his ability to do engravings, which require a microscope to read. It was an interesting and amusing talk with members



astounded by the lengths, required to achieve his micro engravings (he slows his heartbeat to 20 beats per minute and works between beats). He revealed that he is the official “Royal Engraver”. Since his visit to us, Graham has become a celebrity after creating, producing and distributing four £5 notes allegedly worth £20,000 to £50,000. Sadly, none of these notes were found in our raffle pot.

The November meeting featured a walk through time, when Rob Broadbent in his talk titled Walking in Satan’s Footsteps took us on a virtual walk through the Blackbrook Valley and along the canal from Netherton Reservoir to Brierley Hill. He described the changes in the area following the death of heavy industry and coal mining; the talk was illustrated with before and after images. The title of the talk is from a piece of doggerel written in the 19th Century.

**When Satan stood on Brierley Hill
And far around him gazed
He said 'I never shall again
At Hells flames be amazed'**

2017 began with a presentation, at the January meeting, by one of our old favourites, Anthony Collis. Anthony, who lives in Pedmore, has previously spoken to us about pub signs leaving us with the impression that he has sacrificed much of his spare time visiting pubs. This time his talk titled Worcestershire Worthies, covered the careers of the famous and infamous who had a connection with Worcestershire. Probably the most famous was the three times Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin from Bewdley.

February saw the return of Geoff Tristram. Geoff, who was born in Quarry Bank is a commercial artist and author, who has led an interesting and incident filled life. He has worked for many well known companies. His artwork has been seen on magazines, postage stamps, jigsaw puzzles, press advertisements and packaging. He accepts private commissions, especially enjoying portraiture. In partnership with Stratford-upon-Avon Council, he has recently completed the 400th Anniversary Portrait of William Shakespeare.

The last meeting of the season was Max Keen, who was added to the favourites list when he first appeared the previous year. Max, who is a primary school history teacher, is an informative, enthusiastic and entertaining speaker; he entertained us with a talk – The Anglo-Zulu War 1879; mainly the battles of Isandlwana and Rourke’s Drift. He adds colour to his performance by dressing appropriately for the talk; this time as a Colour-sergeant of the South Wales Borderers at that time. He also comes complete with weapons, swords, battle axes etc appropriate to the period of the talk; these weapons are usually reproductions made in India or China, this time he had a genuine Martini-Henry rifle from the period and made in Birmingham.



There is a full list of all speakers and topics during the last 10 years in Appendix I.

Events

During the last 10 years the Club has continued to hold a Christmas Party and a Chairman's Night, or after partners were invited Chairman's Invitation Night. There have also been a number of other events, although with the reduction in membership, it has sometimes proved difficult to get sufficient numbers to make some of these other events viable.

Christmas Party

Except for 2015, the Christmas Party was held at the Stourbridge Institute where members, partners and guests have enjoyed a quiz, prepared by Peter Smith, a Christmas themed reading by Ron Pickering, entertainment, a buffet supper and the evening has usually ended with carols. The 2015 Christmas Party was a sit down hot meal at Vesuvio's in Victoria Passage, Stourbridge followed by entertainment and carols. Whilst members enjoyed the event, the majority preferred to return to the Stourbridge Institute and a Buffet Supper.

During the last 10 years, we have enjoyed performances by five entertainers:

Dandy (Allan and Glynnis) , a husband and wife team, who bill themselves as the funniest thing on four legs, entertained us in 2008, 2012 and 2015. They have a unique brand of Black Country humour and also sing to backing tracks.

Following their visit in 2008 they mentioned us, with a photo on their web site:

"18th December and we are at STOURBRIDGE Institute for the Pedmore Club. We had met them all a couple of years ago. They are a lovely crowd. They are very polite, well mannered and responsive. We are so lucky to work for people like this. Before we go back on after the mountain of yummy food, there is a short literary based interlude. A wonderful

Christmas mix of material read so eloquently by Ron Pickering. I really enjoyed it. Thanks again to all concerned and to Ron for emailing me the poetry information I asked about".



Dandi entertaining us at Vesuvios - 2015



Members and guests enjoying the entertainment

The Jazziatrics, a group of musicians, no longer in the first flush of youth, entertained us in 2011, 2013 and 2014.

The Two of Us entertained us in 2009. They are a husband and wife team featuring Ken Wood a ventriloquist, assisted by Claude the horse, Jim the chimp and Ziah Kettle. Ken's wife Sheila is a soprano.

The Bluebird Belles a group of three attractive young ladies, Beth, Abbi and Vicky, who perform mainly songs from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s entertained us in 2016, when we returned to the Stourbridge Institute.



The Treasurer aka The Quizmaster in action.



A general view of the festively decorated room.



The Bluebird Belles in action.



The Bluebird Belles assist the Chairman to draw the raffle.

Someone, whose name and performance has been forgotten by all, entertained us in 2007.

At the 2010 Christmas Party there was Bingo and entertainment by the Committee who sang a song specially written by Geoff Carr – See AppendixII for the lyrics.

Chairman's Night.

Chairman's Nights 2008 through 2016 were held at Hagley Golf and Country Club; the format was a three course dinner with coffee and mints followed by an entertainer or speaker.

Ladies were invited to Chairman's Night for the first time in 2014; unfortunately the speaker did not resonate with the audience. Nevertheless, the ladies obviously found our company irresistible as they have continued to attend.

During the last 10 years, we have been entertained by the following at Chairman's Night:

John Tearne, the Monologue Man, entertained us with a collection of classic/vintage comedy songs and monologues in 2008.

In 2009 we were entertained by Alan Wedge, a local humorous speaker.

David Bartley, the Black Country Wordsmith, entertained us in 2010 and 2016. David is an entertaining poet and raconteur. He has an enormous amount of material, which he has written himself. He assured us at the end of his 2016 presentation that he has enough material for another visit. Between his two appearances, David was involved in a very serious road accident; fortunately, this has not affected his performance.

David Howe, an entertaining and talented speaker joined us in 2011.

In 2012 Lord Cobham, Christopher Charles Lyttelton, 12th Viscount Cobham, gave us an entertaining and informative talk about his ancestors and his plans for Hagley Hall. He appeared to be a man who will make a difference at Hagley Hall.

Doug Parker, the clean comedian entertained us in 2013, with a performance tailored to the age of his audience. Doug is well known for not using any smutty material; when Peter Smith approached him, on mention of Men's Club Doug said, "I don't do those sorts of performances". Peter had to explain we were not that sort of Men's Club.

When we visited Birmingham Town Hall, one of the guides, Tony Mullins, had been very impressive. On the strength of this he was invited to be the speaker in 2014. Unfortunately, he fell short of our expectations; this was especially disappointing as it was the first time ladies were present.

In 2015 we invited the well known local entertainer Bev Pegg. Bev is a vocalist, guitarist and comedian, who gave a polished performance; entertaining us with a mixture of songs, some composed by himself, and jokes.

Other Events

The annual Papermill Ramble, at Fred Browns, which had started in 1994 came to an end after the 2012 ramble. Due to advancing years, Fred and Colleen were no longer able to stage this event. In recognition of all the work, Fred had put in over many years; he was made an Honorary Member.

There have been a number of one off events, ranging from factory and museum visits, evening visits to restaurants, a river trip, quizzes and, wine and cheese tastings.

2008

Wednesday 21 May we visited Bletchley Park, travelling by coach. Bletchley Park was the central site for British code breakers during World War II; run by the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS). Its work was top secret and it was only openly discussed after 1974. They succeeded in deciphering German messages sent using the Enigma machine and the Geheimschreiber.

2009

Friday 16 October there was a Beetle Drive at St. Peter's Centre with a buffet and bring your own drinks. It was progressive so members and their partners met other members.

2010

Saturday 15 May there was a coach trip, led by Brian Draper, to the Wye Valley. Brian, who has been the speaker at several Club Meetings, has an unrivalled knowledge of the local rivers.

Friday 12 November there was a Wine and Cheese evening at St. Peter's Centre. The competition was to identify the wine and its country of origin.

2011

Tuesday 17 May there was a coach trip to JCB. Following a short introductory talk, we had a factory tour. Everyone was impressed by the cleanliness and general tidiness of the working environment. There are many variations available for the various models, computer control ensuring that the correct parts are delivered to the appropriate bay as the JCBs move along the production line. The trip included lunch at JCB.

2012

Wednesday 7 March there was a joint Puzzle Evening with the WI at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley. The main part of the evening was a contest between teams from the WI and PMC, the WI won. There was a Shepherds pie supper.

Saturday 31 March there was a visit to Symphony Hall, Birmingham; members made there own way and met at the Symphony Hall. This was an entertaining and instructional visit, with tours of the auditorium and back stage.

Friday 18 May members enjoyed a joint event with Probus, a River Trip on the Conway Castle from Upton on Severn. The weather although cool and not sunny remained dry, which permitted the hardy souls to go out onto the open deck. There was a bar and a buffet lunch. It was agreed that it had been a very enjoyable event.



Saturday 10 November there was a visit to the Town Hall, Birmingham; members made their own way and met at the Town Hall. There was a talk about the history of the Town Hall and the famous entertainers who had appeared there. This was followed by a tour round the auditorium and back stage.

2013

A French Gourmet evening at Halesowen Catering College was held on Thursday 7 February. It was not really French Gourmet Food but good value for money and the members enjoyed the evening.

Friday 29 November there was a Murder Mystery Evening at St. Peter's School, Pedmore; it was a joint venture with WI. It was an excellent well-attended evening.

2014

Saturday 15 March we visited the Kidderminster Carpet Museum, members made their own way. At the March 2011 Club Meeting Melvyn Thompson, from the Kidderminster, Carpet Museum, gave us a talk titled "Woven in Kidderminster", the visit was a natural follow up to that talk. The visit started with a short talk followed by a fascinating guided tour. The two looms, Wilton and Axminster, were running on the day of our visit.

Friday 31 October there was a Wine and Cheese evening at St. Peter's Centre, Pedmore. The competition was to name the cheese and its country of origin.

2015

Friday 6 March there was a Greek evening at Zendis Restaurant, Kingswinford. We had the Mezze, a selection of five small helpings of traditional Greek starters followed by five main courses. Some of the members attending also enjoyed dancing and plate smashing.

2016:

Wednesday 6 April 2016 there was a visit to the Morgan Motor Company in Malvern. There was a presentation on the history of the company and the present models before the tour of the factory. Watching the production techniques was like stepping into the past, which is of course part of the magic of Morgan. In spite of the apparent old-fashioned methods, the cars are very high quality and technically advanced. In 2011, they re-started manufacture of their iconic three-wheeler after a gap of almost 60 years.

Finance

During the last 10 years, the Club's finances have been in the capable hands of Ken Moreton and Peter Smith. During this period, due to rising costs and a fall in members, it has twice been necessary to increase the subscription. At the 2008 AGM the committee recommended that the subscription be increased from £10 to £12, which was accepted by the members. At the 2014 AGM the committee recommended a further increase to £13.50, the members, however, decided on an increase to £15. These increases in the subscription have ensured that the Club has been able to obtain good speakers and maintain a healthy and stable bank balance.

The Club are extremely fortunate that Lewis Smith and Co. has continued to report on our accounts and permitted use of their copier, without charge, and we extend out thanks to them.

Raffle Fund

We have continued to hold a raffle at our Club meetings and at some events; in spite of the falling membership, the generosity of our members has allowed us to donate £4848 to charity during the ten years to May 2017. This is almost £900 more, than the £3960 donated during the previous 10 years. The tradition of favouring local charities has been continued, with donations to Mary Steven's Hospice, Pedmore Scouts and Cubs Club and Cancer Care at Russell's Hall as well as a number of lesser known local charities. Some national charities have also featured such as Help for Heroes and not surprising, considering the age of the membership, Prostate Cancer Research.

For a complete list of the Charity Donations during the last 10 years See Appendix III

50th Anniversary Dinner

Like all good histories, this one starts and ends with a celebration, involving the consumption of good food and wine. On 27 April 2017, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a dinner, at The Granary followed with entertainment by a local singer Maggie O'Hara. A total of ninety seven members, partners, guests, former members and widows of former members enjoyed:

Starter: Chicken Liver Parfait,
Seasonal Melon and Berry Compote or
Prawns and Smoked Salmon in Marie Rose Sauce

Main Course: Gammon Steak.
Poached Fillet of Cod or
Blade of Beef with Herb Dumplings

Pudding: Apple Pie and Custard,
Dark Chocolate and Hazelnut Mouse or
Fruit Salad in Mint and Rum Marinade

Coffee and Mints

The table floral centrepieces, made by the Chairman's wife – Audrey Hedley, enhanced the visual impression of the room; at the end of the evening, a raffle decided which lady would take home the floral arrangement on her table.



Before the members arrived.



Audrey making the final adjustments.

Following the meal, the Treasurer, Peter Smith, gave an amusing talk on the history of Pedmore Men's Club and its importance to world events during the last 50 years.

Maggie O'Hara, a local well-known singer, then entertained us with a selection of songs applicable to the occasion, performed with her usual enthusiasm and energy; coupled with some humour, usually at the expense of the men.

As usual at our events, there was a raffle, which thanks to the generosity of the members and guests raised £204.



John Homer drawing one of the winning tickets.



Maggie O'Hara in action.

Finally, Robert Evans and I would like to thank all the members of the committee who contributed to this history. We would particularly like to mention Roy Hedley and Peter Smith for their very helpful suggestions. Deane Evans.

Appendix I

Speakers and topics during last 10 Years

2007-2008

To see the Beginning of Time *Andrew Lound*
Fingerprints *Mrs. S. Clegg*
We Will Entertain You *Ned Williams*
A Journey to Switzerland *Chris Dyche*
Caricatures and Cartoons *Colin Bowden*
Elgar the Man and His Music
Geoffrey Duggan

2008-2009

Do You Remember the 1950s? *John Billingham*
A History of Broadcasting *John Smith*
The Ifakara Bakery Project *G. Shellenberg*
Global Warming-Are humans Responsible?
Colin Knipe
Brunel-a Victorian Genius *Ray Sturdy*
North and South Tanzania *Mike Wilkes*

2009-2010

A Magistrates Working Day *Geoff Camm*
The Wren's Nest *Robert Earnshaw*
Holes in the Ground *Vic Smallshire*
Criminal Ancestors 1787-1868 *Don Cochrane*
Ironbridge & Coalbrookdale *Brian Draper*
Who Wants to be a Maharajah? *Judy Pass*

2010-2011

The Medieval Archer *Kevin Goodman*
A personal Pilgrimage to K2 *Vince Williams*
Home on the Range – Rocket Motor
Development *Brian Lawrence*
Wilful Murder *Andrew Lounds*
Jaguar & Daimler Heritage Trust *Tony Bagley*
Woven in Kidderminster *Melvyn Thompson*

2011-2012

Old Stourbridge *David Hickman*
Events in the 1950s *John Billingham*
UK-Beijing by Bicycle *Chris Smith*
Fact in Fiction *Michael Taylor*
Midlands Air Ambulance *Alison Blakeway*
China Ancient and Modern *Ray Sturdy*

2012-2013

In Search of the Incas *Brian Teall*
Humorous Day in Court *David Berry*
Confessions of an Artist *Geoff Tristram*
Laughter the Best Medicine? *David Howe*
The Black Country Tourist Destinations
J. Keith Cheetham
Midland VCs *Mark McLaughlin*

2013-2014

Our Stour from Clent to Stourport
John Billingham
The Cadbury Story *Alan Thornton*
The History of Birmingham *Chris Upton*
Pub Signs *Anthony Collis*
Over and Under *Rob Broadbent*
Possible Inheritance *Robert Ronsson*

2014-2015

Living in Arizona *Ed Shore*
Curiosities of Dudley *Craig Dunstone*
The History of Stourbridge Glass *Kate Round*
The Extraordinary Vesta Tilley *Ray Sturdy*
Worcestershire 1 *John Billingham*
Confessions of a Wine Taster *David Barry*

2015-2016

Universe of Stone *Alan Hill*
Whitley Court *Ray Sturdy*
National Service *Ed Shore*
Pub Signs *Anthony Collis*
History of Dudley Castle *Max Keen*
Worcestershire 2 *John Billingham*

2016-2017

Hitting the Headlines *John Butterworth*
The Worlds Smallest Engraver *Graham Short*
Walking in Satan's Footsteps *Rob Broadbent*
Worcestershire Worthies *Anthony Collis*
40 Years of Watching Paint Dry *Geoff Tristram*
The Anglo-Zulu War 1879 *Max Keen*

Appendix II

Geoff's Song - Lyrics

This is the army Mr Smith
Your golfing game is quite a myth
You've played many rounds to beat that score
But you'll not play around any more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the navy Mr. Traves
You may be good at making waves
You ran a men's club when you were on
shore
But you won't be holding hands any more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr Leach
We've put those corkscrews out of reach
Cheese and wine parties you've had before
But you won't be taking part any more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr Carr
You've chased those members near and far
You booked those subs in just three out of
four
But you won't receive those payments any
more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr Moreton
Your credit rating we will shorten
You've spent your bonus on trips so grand
But you'll have to dig those lats now in the
sand

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr. Evans
It's no good just looking to the heavens
Our sergeant major is the boss man here
And he'll give you all your orders never fear

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr, Pickering
You are good with words and public speaking
You write the minutes and decide the law
Now you're numbers in our book we've
locked the door

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

This is the army Mr Quiney
You bought those fish and chips cor blimey
You sold those tickets we trust to fate
But there are no tickets home sold at our gate

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

We're in the men's club safe and free
We enjoy our lives and liberty
We've tried our hardest to sing this score
But we'll not be singing this any more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

We're in the men's club safe and free
We are part of Pedmore's history
We've tried our hardest to sing this score
But we'll not be singing this any more

Do what the member's demand
They wear green badges and hold the upper
hand

Now we would like to take our bow
Give your applause as you know how
We've tried our hardest to sing this score
But we'll not be singing this any more.

Appendix III Charity Donations during the last 10 Years

Date	Charities	Donation	Net Raffle Fund
2008	Mary Stevens Hospice	£267	£536.30
	The White House Cancer Support	£267	
	Talking Books (C/f to 2009)		
2009	Black Country Talking Newspaper	£200	£398.50
	Acorn Children's Hospice	£200	
2010	Macmillan Cancer Support	£167	£478.01
	Prostate Cancer Research	£167	
	Help for Heroes	£167	
2011	Cancer Care at Russell's Hall	£250	£460.50
	Chris Westwood Charity for Children	£250	
2012	Air Ambulance	£200	£370.11
	Children with Cancer UK	£200	
2013	Mary Stevens Hospice	£227.70	£455.40
	NSPCC	£227.70	
2014	Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and Corticobasal Degeneration	£250	£479.73
	Chris Westwood Charity for Children	£250	
	Samaritans (C/f to 2015)		
2015	Samaritans	£230	£458.10
	Prostate Cancer	£230	
	Paul Akrill Fund (C/f to 2016)		
	Emily Jordan foundation (C/f to 2016)		
2016	Paul Akrill Fund	£279	£558
	Emily Jordan Foundation	£279	
2017	Mary Stevens Hospice	£654	£654