

A University Staff Club

The SCR Committee has been considering ways of more accurately reflecting the current role of the SCR in the life of the University and wishes to put forward proposals which it believes will achieve that objective.

We propose that the SCR changes its name to the Keele Staff Club. As is the case with the SCR, the Club would be open to all categories of staff (including retired staff) and their partners and would seek to promote activities and offer facilities which are attractive to them and to their families. We propose widening the activities and events of the current SCR to include:

- A summer event for staff and families such as a barbecue with live music, and with activities for kids of all ages
- Coach trips to places of interest, such as museums, art galleries, theatres, stately homes, breweries, winemakers, whisky distillers etc
- Children's parties
- Sunday brunch/croissants and coffee
- Pool/Billiards/Snooker room
- A full bar and restaurant
- Satellite TV

We would also propose to continue with current activities which include:

- Wine and whisky tastings
- Comedy nights
- Chess
- Rambles
- Symposia
- Dinners for Christmas and Burns Night
- Concert trips
- Lunchtime Bar snacks

The proposed Staff Club would have a committee representative of staff and partners, both on and off the campus and would aim to have a central campus location. Ideally, it would be advantageous and cost-effective to have a building housing both a staff club and a postgraduate research club with a common bar but with rooms which serve different purposes, including a quiet reading room where staff can take their drink (coffee, beer, wine, soft drink depending on time of day and taste) and read a paper or have a chat.

In these trying times for University staff, having some social space is likely to be increasingly necessary. But for it to work it must appear inclusive, accessible and interesting.

We would like to hear your views on these proposals, starting with answers to the following:

Which of the proposed changes of name (Keele Staff Club, University Staff Club, Keele University Staff Club) do you support, and if none of them, what would you propose?

Do you think the club should have a more central location on the campus?

What activities/facilities would you like to see a Staff Club promote?

Would you be interested in taking an active role on the committee?

If you are not a member of the SCR, what activity that it does not currently undertake would induce you to join?

Please send your responses to Stephen Clifford, (s.n.clifford@ext.keele.ac.uk), or Peter Lawrence, (eca02@keele.ac.uk), or Carolyn Roth (c.roth@nur.keele.ac.uk) **by July 31st 2011**.

The SCR Committee June 28th 2011.