

Welcome.....



Welcome to Acle War Memorial
Recreation Centre
&
Acle Social Club

ACLE SOCIAL CLUB
ACLE WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTRE

...to our Open Day....

....Acle is a great village / market town.....

Acle is a small market town on the River Bure on The Norfolk Broads in Norfolk, located halfway between Norwich and Great Yarmouth. It has the only bridge across the River Bure between Wroxham and Great Yarmouth. There is a high school (Acle Academy) in the town.

The civil parish has an area of 9.46 square kilometres (3.7 sq. miles) and in 2001 had a population of 2732 in 1214 households. For the purposes of local government, the parish falls within the area of the district of Broadland.

The name "Acle" means "oaks lea", that is, a clearing in an oak forest. In Tudor times, hundreds of oaks were felled here for timber to construct Elizabeth I's war ships.



...with so much to be proud of...

...we hope that the facilities provided here at the recreation centre are valued

Acle Social Club



Indoor Bowls



Playingfield



Play area



Indoor rooms



Sports facilities



...and much more.....

that hopefully you have/will explore today.

...so who offers these facilities...

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Social Club



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....two separate organisations...

.... FirstlyAcle War Memorial Recreation Centre

The Acle Recreation Centre is a registered charity and is administered primarily by a committee of elected volunteers, (Trustees), although the centre does employ permanent staff who run the centre on a daily basis.



....and.....

.... Secondly.....



The affairs of the Club are managed by an elected General Committee. The four principle officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) have to be submitted to the Trustees of Acle War Memorial Recreation Centre to be appointed.



....so how does this work...

.... Two separate organisations overlapping.....



Operates on a membership basis and aims to generate funds to invest in the Social Club



Pays Rent



Responsible for all maintenance and development buildings, grounds, play areas, including the Social Club

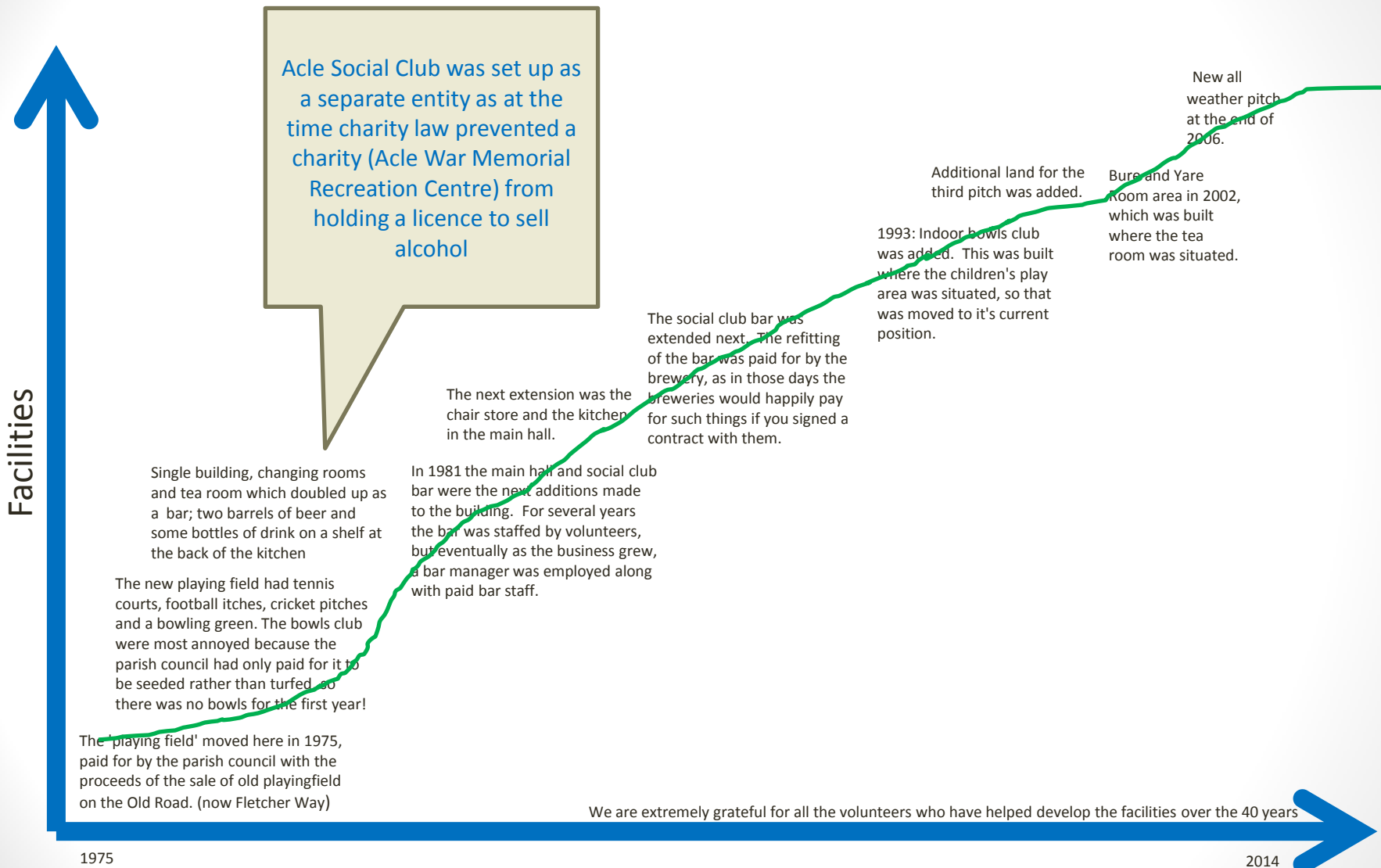


Income is rent from users of the Centre, including Social Club

Both committees acknowledge that the two organisations overlap which created duplication in providing these facilities. A process has commenced to evaluate the merits of “coming together” under the banner of Acle War Memorial Recreation Centre.

....you may ask why is this structure in place...

.... The answer is in the history



Acle Social Club was set up as a separate entity as at the time charity law prevented a charity (Acle War Memorial Recreation Centre) from holding a licence to sell alcohol

New all weather pitch at the end of 2006.

Additional land for the third pitch was added.

Burs and Yare Room area in 2002, which was built where the tea room was situated.

1993: Indoor bowls club was added. This was built where the children's play area was situated, so that was moved to it's current position.

The social club bar was extended next. The refitting of the bar was paid for by the brewery, as in those days the breweries would happily pay for such things if you signed a contract with them.

The next extension was the chair store and the kitchen in the main hall.

In 1981 the main hall and social club bar were the next additions made to the building. For several years the bar was staffed by volunteers, but eventually as the business grew, a bar manager was employed along with paid bar staff.

Single building, changing rooms and tea room which doubled up as a bar; two barrels of beer and some bottles of drink on a shelf at the back of the kitchen

The new playing field had tennis courts, football itches, cricket pitches and a bowling green. The bowls club were most annoyed because the parish council had only paid for it to be seeded rather than turfed, so there was no bowls for the first year!

The 'playing field' moved here in 1975, paid for by the parish council with the proceeds of the sale of old playingfield on the Old Road. (now Fletcher Way)

We are extremely grateful for all the volunteers who have helped develop the facilities over the 40 years

1975

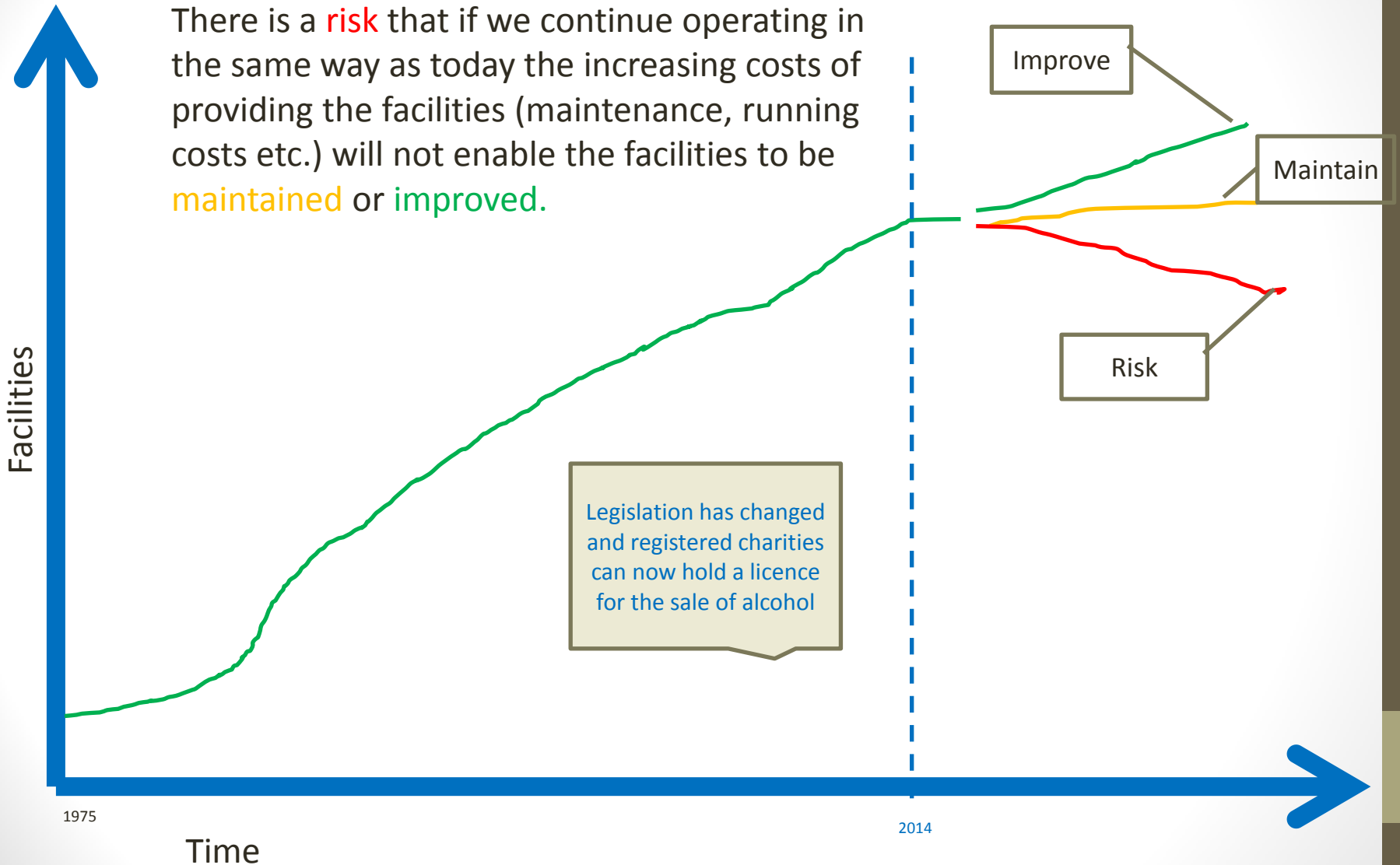
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Time

....looking ahead

.... we want to look forward and maintain/improve.....

There is a **risk** that if we continue operating in the same way as today the increasing costs of providing the facilities (maintenance, running costs etc.) will not enable the facilities to be **maintained** or **improved**.



....so please share your views....

.....we hope this has provided some insight to Acle Recreation Centre & Social Club and would welcome your comments to help the current committees move the “Centre” into the next chapter.....

You input to the future of the centre is valued

My thoughts are:

Feel free to make anonymous comments or equally provide your name and / or contact details

I have a question

This brought back some memories..... can you remember when.....



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...Thank You