

SCONES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS

Joan Parkinson on being a tea lady

I did teas here for a long while but I retired a couple of years ago.

During my time, the main sandwich fillings were beef, ham, egg and salad. Over time, tuna and grated cheese also become popular. We bought the teacakes and there was always home baking too. A typical tea would be a couple of teacakes – with different fillings – plus a mixture of sausage rolls, pork pies, scones and cakes.



The ladies have been superb. But in recent years there have been less wives, girlfriends and mums involved at the club, so that obviously has a knock-on effect for teas. All clubs have the same problem – getting people to volunteer.

When we had the old hut, the facilities were pretty basic. We just had one end of the room. But the teas made a little bit of money. And we needed it because we had no bar in those days.

Then the new pavilion came; the bar replaced the old kitchen and a new kitchen facility was built – the one still in use today.