



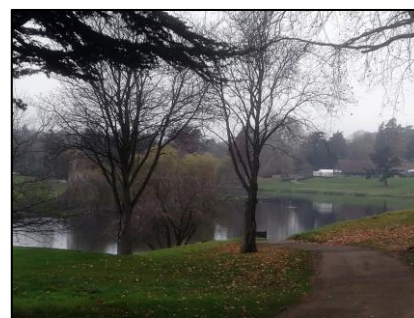
Members are reminded of the club ethos of respecting the right of all club members to participate in club activities free from harassment, abuse and intimidation.

Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2018

DEC 2018



A lovely walk with some great company.



When Jan said she fancied organizing a walk for members finishing up with a lunch in a pub I thought what a great idea! Now, as anybody that knows me well will tell you – I don't 'do' walking unless I have a dog with me and have to or I am trying to get a silly white ball into a ridiculous sized hole. I think it stems from being made to do hikes and go up mountains as a police cadet when I was 16 - 18 years old. So when I said I would do this walk nobody was more surprised than me.

Jan organized it all. We met in the John Bunyan carpark at 10, went in and ordered our lunch, put our footwear on and off we went. It was a lovely morning but very muddy underfoot in some parts. We ambled across some woods and across Brockett Hall golf course and took in the sites. Risked life and limb crossing a couple of busy roads, had a good old chin wag and a giggle with everyone along the way and then after a couple of hours had a nice lunch in the pub.

I have to say I was the novice as it became obvious that everyone else walked for pleasure quite often, Jan was like a mountain goat as was Geoff and Nessa with their walking boots, walking stick things and gear. I wasn't made to feel like a novice though and everyone was lovely and encouraging as we went along and we also walked to the slowest pace – mostly mine to be honest. The next day my body knew I had walked 4 miles but it was worth the aching limbs. The next one is **FRI 28th DEC** finishing with a lunch again and Jan needs numbers. SO if you fancy joining the ambling crew let Jan know as soon as possible please. A lovely way to stay in touch and blow away the cobwebs!



On our familiarization visit to Potters a few weeks back we were able to watch some carpet bowls. The National Finals no less. After many years playing carpet bowls Aaron and Michael had been picked to play for Herts .

We watched a few of their games and they did really well. In fact Herts came runners up with their help. The best position that Hertfordshire have ever achieved.

We had a great weekend at Potters being shown round, sampling the activities, meals and evening entertainment.

I know we are going to have another great pre season break because you all come with the Harperbury party spirit!

Thursday Night is Whist night!

Don't forget if you fancy some company as the winter nights draw in a game of cards, a cuppa and the chance to win a prize pop down to the club for 6.45 on a Thursday evening and join us.

It doesn't matter if you have never played whist - it is a very simple game of trumps in pairs, a friendly gathering and you will be shown how to play. Nobody takes it TOO seriously.

AND you might win some chocolate, fruit or something else that takes your fancy.



Did you know... that the gate to the car park has a lock on it for security reasons. There have been vehicles owned by security workers and builders left in there for long periods taking up our treasured spaces. There have also been sightings of travelers on the site. By having a pad lock on the gates the committee are trying to deter any unwanted vehicles or travelers pitching up camp or parking in our bowls club car park.

Did you know..... That last one out of the carpark needs to put the pad lock back on please. The code is the same as the door to the club. The code needs to be scrambled once the lock is taken off and when it is put back on.

Did you know In the bowls season the club captain will organize for a club member to arrive early to put signs out and point visiting teams to the car park . It is suggested by the committee that if members have a national, County or District competition game that they need to arrange a time to meet their opponent(s) to unlock the carpark if necessary.

Did you know The building works will be going on around us for 5 years!

Did you know..... Once the games have been confirmed that the tea rota / cleaning rosters will be compiled. When you have your holiday dates April – Sept please let me know.

Did you know..... Everyone is allocated one meal and one clean on the roster with an experienced member for support if you have not prepared a meal before.

Did you know.... In the new year Keith W and Ken will join Deb to look into getting a Harperbury Bowls club website up and running.

Did you know..... following the success and great feedback from members attending the Presentation night at the Bushey Met club that the Committee have booked it again for FRIDAY 6th DEC 2019.

This is now full

6 teams

Christmas Quiz Night.

Saturday 22nd December

6.30pm

Bring your own supper to eat in the supper break.

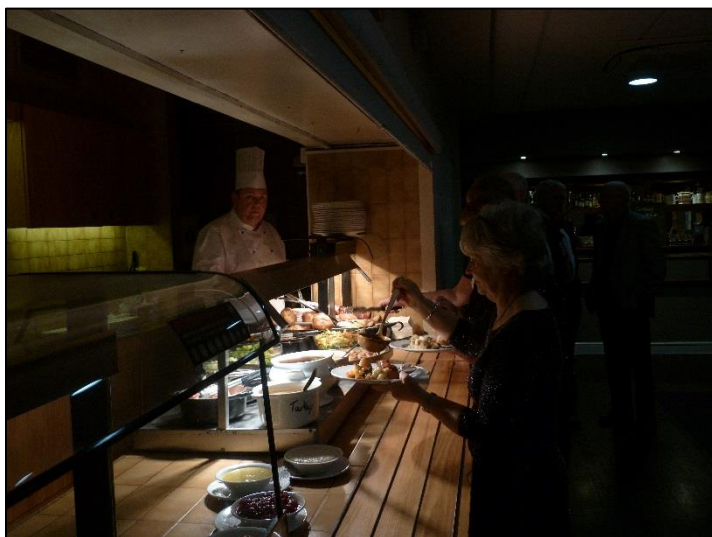
Money raised will go to chosen charity of winning team.

Max 8 in a team

Raffle prizes welcome

A Christmas Fun night.





*The club made £200 on
the raffle.
Thank you!*



Sue presented a cheque for £1100 to the Captains chosen charity – The Sick Children's Charity Trust.

The Charity chairman told us all about what they do. When parents have children in hospital they provide accommodation so that families can stay close by.

Sue thanked all the members for their efforts throughout the season raising the amazing amount and presented the cheque.

Captains Charity for 2019 season – The National Brain Appeal.

The National Brain Appeal raises money to fund advances in neurology and neuro surgery. One in six people in the UK are affected by a neurological disorder. This includes brain injuries, stroke, epilepsy, brain tumour, dementia, parkinsons, migrains and multiple sclerosis. That is more than those affected by cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

The charity funds pioneering research, the training of tomorrows clinicians, and help to provide access to the best technology for expert diagnosis and treatments.

Thanks to people who have supported the charity the National Brain Appeal have been able to fund projects enabling:

- Greater success in surgery thanks to new operating theatres and scanners
- Increased longevity and quality of life for those with neuromuscular conditions as a result of clinical research.
- Improved prospects for those with brain cancer thanks to the UK's first dedicated brain tumour ward, and access to the latest clinical trials
- Better recovery for those affected by stroke, as a result of cutting-edge equipment in the neuro-rehab unit.

Whilst our thoughts and best wishes are with Bob and Anita and their family as they adjust to the diagnosis of Bob's brain tumour the Captains chosen charity will enable us, as a club, to provide much needed funds to this charity. We probably all know someone affected either with or by one of the neurological disorders above. Any monies raised over the 2019 season by the club will support training and research and continue to enhance diagnosis and treatments and more importantly support people with neurological disorders.

There will be a leaflet up the club for those of you that would like more information about this charity.

Potters 2019

Can you all please let Peter know when you will be paying your balance for Potters if you haven't already done so.

9 – 5 Theatre Trip

The coach for the theatre trip 9-5 at the Savoy Theatre will be £15 pp and will be needed by 1st Feb please. The coach will leave the bowls club at 5.45.

Sunday Lunch at the Dogs.

Keep your eyes on the social board as I will be organizing another Sunday lunchtime trip in March.

All that remains is to wish you all an amazing Christmas making lots of fabulous memories with your families.

See you all in 2019!

