



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

April 2018

Do you want to take part in the skills day on 3rd June?

Please contact Mary Barnard as only 12 names so far and she needs to let County know so they can plan a program. Sessions are morning, afternoon or all day.



The pre-season break at Gunton Hall Warners was a lovely weekend with lots of chatting, laughs, dancing and a few ends of bowls.

Most members bowled on Saturday and Sunday morning, some indulged in the Spa, the pool and spa pool in the afternoons or just sat and watched the footy, played cards or went out and about. A few had a go at the pitch and putt, rhumba class, line dancing class and darts and table tennis. A lovely weekend and a great social start to the season.

Warners 2019.....

I have provisionally booked 45 people for the weekend of the 29th March 2019 for our pre-season break at Gunton Hall. The weekend of the 10th April has been booked by a massive group so is not available.

It will be:

£152 pp for standard double or twin room

£172pp for premier room - twin or double.

I am not sure about Garden rooms if anyone wants one I can find out the price.

Standard Singles will be £188 pp including the supplement and we have 9 reserved at the moment.

£30 deposit by 1st June.

Please let me know if you would like to join us in 2019.

More from our pre- season break at Gunton Hall.....



Committee News

There have been several suggestions in the box as regards a fitting memorial for George and Vera so thank you to those that have submitted their ideas so far.

The committee will be putting together a time line display on one of the notice boards telling the story of how we evolved and acknowledging the massive amount of work that George Hoare, Mo Wildman and other past and present members put into the club to get us to where we are. It was felt, after a discussion, that it is important that members have an understanding of the history of Harperbury Bowls club and how, as a club, we got to where we are today. If anyone has any pictures they would be willing to contribute to this time line please let a committee member know.

The committee will be speaking to George and Vera's family for their thoughts and would like to encourage more members to put their ideas for a memorial for George and Vera on a piece of paper and put in the suggestion box. These will be in the next newsletter for members to vote on.

The committee would like to thank all the members that contributed to the club spring clean and all the men that have been involved in the outside work. Dave L still has a lot of work ongoing so if you can help please let Dave know your availability.

Work continues with much needed clubhouse and site repairs that are deemed necessary whatever our future unfolds and Dave L would welcome any help possible to assist his work party in maintaining improvements to our facilities and surroundings - you might even be lucky to be treated to one of Robbies gourmet lunches of prime steak burgers with chilli, stuffed feta cheese tomatoes and salad. Not trying to entice you, but, whatever help you can offer will be gratefully received.

As previously mentioned, please be aware of the parking hazards on the mini roundabout especially midweek matches when heavy plant and machinery is trundling through on a regular basis that could easily increase the risk of car damage or injury that you may have difficulty in claiming against by not using the parking area provided. Be prepared for far more activity when building work soon begins and try hard to tolerate the upheaval and changes to our environment that will follow at an alarming pace in the coming months. Finally, if you do arrive early, please grab one of our new high vis jackets to direct our guests to the new car park that has already caused confusion and if possible, please assist with laying out score boards, pushers, mats etc.



Dear all, thank you for the magnificent response to our first mid-week matches. Three matches in three days running (Potters Bar, North Mymms and Owls) is quite unusual especially following on from our weekend matches

Hopefully the weather will improve and I would like to think our bowling skills will follow.

Our match against Potters bar for the Nethercott trophy resulted in a 14-shot loss against a VERY strong team. Although a loss I consider it a win as last year we lost by 54 shots!

Our game against North Mymms was cancelled due to the awful weather.

Happy Bowling Dave



Social Events

Family Fun day

Hog Roast, bowls circuit and
‘dicey Horse racing’

Sunday 22nd July from 2pm.

£12.50 per adult.

Tickets on sale from end of May
to end of June.

Tickets will be behind the bar.

Presentation Evening

Friday 7th Dec 7pm

Carvery, pudding tea and coffee
Bushey Met Police Club.

Meal, presentation and dancing

£25 per person.

Pay Deb or Peter when you ready

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**Posters are up on the Social
notice board by the door.**

Quiz Night

Saturday 12th May

6.30pm

Fish, chicken chips supper

8 Max in a team

£10 pp

Poster at club for teams.

Profit to club funds.

Raffle Prizes welcome

5 teams so far.....

Guest Meals

Thank you to the members that are pre booking guest meals it is making it so much easier for the catering teams.

Don't forget if you want a meal at least 24 hours' notice is required.

If you forget to order one or it is a last minute decision to come up the club you can ask on the day. Sometimes bowlers don't stay for the meal, but you may be disappointed.

Also please be advised that if you order a guest meal and then, for whatever reason, you do not want it you will be asked to pay the £2 as the food will have been purchased for the extras.



Firstly I would like to say many thanks to everyone in making my transition into The Club Captains seat and enjoyable and easy transition. Our opening weekend was greeted with some wonderful weather, good company and enjoyable bowling. Saturday 21st was Les' chocolate drive which was again a relaxed way of breaking into the outdoor bowls season.



This was followed by The Captain v Presidents match on the Sunday. Again a very enjoyable afternoon for all, especially the Captains team. Well done one and all. Many thanks to all those who provided food for a wonderful buffet tea after the game.



Sunday 29th we hosted the friendly game against Ladygate. Unfortunately the game did not go our way and we lost by 87 shots to 102. The weather was appalling for all on both days, and I would like to thank all bowlers for their great efforts on both days. Finally I would like to thank the catering team on Sunday, Deb, Emma and Margaret and of course Abi and Chloe for a very welcome meal at the end of the match and Anita for helping with the washing up after tea.



This weekend, 28th and 29th was our first weekend of inter club competitive matches, starting with the Harry Allen Trophy, first leg against Borehamwood giving Harperbury their first win of the season, winning by 80 shots to 79, phew. Let's hope we can do the same later in the season on our return match.



