



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2021

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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.



Thanks to everyone who brought raffle tickets at the presentation lunch I took a boot full of Stollen's, Panettone, Christmas cakes and loo rolls to the food bank to London Colney today.

These were the items they requested to complete their Christmas parcels.

They were very grateful, as are we for the lovely prizes you brought along that went into our raffle.

The vicar did ask me if I knew of anyone in London Colney that would benefit from a food parcel? If you can think of anyone please let me know.

The presentation lunch was plentiful and hot and the room was really well set up. It was a massive success and although we were 13 down on the day, for various reasons, we still managed to have a lovely lunch.

Congrats Alan and Pat on your Ruby Anniversary. It was a lovely Party.



Presentation lunch



Malc wanted his trophy presented to him by Brenda, he didn't fancy kissing Dave.



Aaron was presented with his under 25 Watford and District Singles trophy.



The internal competition details will be on the subscription forms when they are sent out in March. If you fancy entering just tick the ones you want and check the play on dates. The singles will be play by dates and it is up to you to arrange them. Fancy collecting a trophy next year then why not enter the competitions because you never know – it is all on the day !

To look at the pictures on the website go to www.harperburybowls.org. Thank you John Webster for taking the pics and Keith for all his hard work with the website.

Captains Report.



Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2022

Well, it looks like you have me again as Captain for another season. I was the only one with my name down to be fair. This will be my 3rd year and I will be stepping down after the 2022 season so please have a think if it is a position you could commit to in 2023.

I can't wait for April to get out there again as I know it is going to be a really positive year for us.

Jan, Keith, Alan, Paula and I will be working on our membership recruitment campaign in January and it will hopefully bring some new members to us from the areas of London Colney, Radlett and Shenley.

The coaching team are preparing a program to support new bowlers and we are hoping to get County coaches in to give the more experienced bowlers some support with their bowls and etiquette on the green. Never a bad thing to have a little reminder of the basics every now and again is it?

The indoor games are a lovely way of catching up with each other if you fancy a game? I am NOT an indoor bowler and I struggle, but we do have a few members that do bowl indoors and we distribute them throughout the teams to stop a complete pasting!

We have played 3 indoor games so far and lost all 3 but the scores do not reflect the game. We have a lovely afternoon, good company and, at Hatfield, a hot meal to boot.

The remaining indoor games are 9th Jan Harpenden 2.30 30th Jan Hatfield 2.30 19th Feb Watford IBC 2.30.

Let me know if you want to put your name down.

The fixtures list is busy being confirmed with other teams and Gillian's computer and phone are 'hot' with all the activity re fixtures.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes with the committee throughout the season to get everything ready. The green team are also busy with the green and other areas of the club and members with flower beds are often seen up the club tittyvating (is that a word?) making it all fabulous. One of our unsung hero's is Jean who loves popping up the club with the green team, wiping and cleaning.

As a club we heavily rely on our members to help with the upkeep etc of Harperbury Bowls Club and are very grateful for everything our members do.

Once again we have a 'to do' list circulating with jobs that need doing before April so please, if you can, come and help. We will also be allocating members to a cleaning duty during the season and either a tea and biscuits mid week game or tea and cream tea/cake game at the weekend. Let me know if you have summer holidays booked so I can avoid those dates.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2022.

Thanks Debs

Highlights from AGM.

The club chairman gave his report and then read out the reports from the club captain, competition secretary and club secretary and the treasurer finished the reports section off with a rundown of the club accounts.

The members discussed the committee's decision for 2022 around the National competitions and the committee reassured members this decision will be reviewed again for the 2023 season.

The floor voted on the proposed increase of the subscriptions for 2022 to include the friendly outdoor match fees. Within this increase all games will be tea and biscuits or tea and cream tea/cake with the exception of the Ron Gray, London Welsh, Nethercote and Stuart Mather which will be £3 as they are traditionally meals.

The tea and coffee in the club house will be free to members but there will be a tin for donations should members want to contribute.

Subscriptions for bowlers will be £100 and for associates £20. New bowlers still get their first year free. These were all agreed and the proposal was voted in.

Usually at the AGM if one person has put their name down for a position on the committee they are voted straight on. This year, due to some rumblings and undercurrents and due to the fact that the committee felt that there was a lack of confidence in them, the committee felt that for all of the positions the committee needed to be voted on by the members present in case of any objections. The committee for the 2022 season were then elected by the members present.

Chairman	Dave Trollope	President	Sheila Roberts
Treasurer	Peter Carvin	Club Secretary	Gillian Carvin
Club Captain	Debbie Trollope	Vice Captain	Keith Williams
Competition Sec	Sheila Roberts	Membership Sec	Debbie Trollope
Health and Safety	Nigel Dickinson	Ladies captain	Judy West
W & D Rep	Tim Anstey	SADBA Rep	Aaron Langley
SADLBA Rep	Sheila Roberts	Men's County	Rep Aaron Langley
Ladies County Rep	Vacant	Welfare officer	Sheila Roberts

SAD FAREWELLS TO ROB AND ANITA.



Anita had been poorly for a while and some would say never really got over losing Bob.

A lovely couple and I know that Anita will be at peace now with her beloved Bob. We are still waiting for details of the funeral and the family have asked that the wake be at the club afterwards.

Rob struggled so hard to adapt to life in a wheel chair after surgery on his spine caused by the spread of prostate cancer. I have chosen this picture as I am sure he would want us to remember him this way, smiling and giving money away. His funeral is TUES 21st Dec at 1.20 at Garston and then onto the Bushey Met club. Rob has requested no dark colours please.