



Harperbury Bowls Club

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**Thanks Ron for
the great Pics!**

You may have noticed that the slabs around the green and the general area looks all clean and tidy?

Well the lads have been VERY busy with their wellies on armed with their Karcha's, brooms, clippers etc and worked REALLY hard over that last few weeks and the results are AMAZING!



I know you will want to join the committee in thanking Peter C, Dave L, Ken K, John A, Ron P, Aaron L, Michael L and Robbie R for all their hard work. It really is the members that make this club of ours what it is. Look out for future working parties as we clear the back of the club to meet the fire inspection recommendations.

Hi Ho Hi Ho it's off to work they go!!!



The Men had a great game at Barnet on Friday 4th August in The Triples League. However, just before the game was due to

start this emergency helicopter landed on the green! Some one had been taken ill close by and they needed to get them to hospital. Not something you very often on a

bowls green!



The Tom Wheeler inter club trophy game was well attended and it was lovely to see our new bowlers out on the green. We are

really hoping you will start to put your names down for the



club friendly games as well as it really is the best way to get the practice. Mary will make sure you are well supported on the green so you know what you are doing :)

This years winner of the Tom Wheeler was David Barnard. Well done David!.



Another HOT SHOT! Sue S, John G, Ken K and Aaron L! Well done! This s achieved when all 8 woods score on one head.

Committee News

Men's President Charity Gala - John Allen.

In 2016 Harperbury were approached by Reg Collins, President of St Albans & District Men's Bowling Association and asked if we could help and host his Presidents Charity Gala. Harperbury were very pleased to host the event as his own club were unable to help him.

As this was such a successful event, Harperbury were asked to hold the event again this year. This we did and it was held on Thursday 3rd August. 24 four teams of triples played in what was a very successful day for The District and Harperbury with much hard work and effort in the kitchen and bar. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Mike Cowell of Townsend was one of the players and Harperbury were very pleased to see the Bowls Wheelchair, which had recently been acquired through a grant, with the thanks to The Community Grant Team at St Albans City District Council, being used by Mike on the green.

The wheelchair has become a great asset for Harperbury to be used both within the club and by the wider community.

Mike asked for his thanks and gratitude to be passed on.



The Tuesday night league is going well, thank you to those members that have supported it so far.

The league table top 10 is as follows as of -

Niel Roak	82	*
Robbie Ransted	78	*
Ken Kauder	60	*
Geoff Carr	58	
Dave Gauthier	56	
Sue Swain	40	*
Mo Pugh	38	
Michael Langley	30	
Tony Plummer	30	
Eileen Williams	28	

*Only those with * after the score have played enough games (6) to qualify.*

We have had some big swings Plus/minus 46 and plus /minus 30 over the last 2 weeks which still puts everyone in contention with 3 weeks left to completion. We have had 44 players participating, so far over the last 9 weeks of competition.

MARTIN DALEY GALA

SATURDAY 19TH AUG

Your support is always welcome and as always we need cakes to sell on the tea stall if you can bring any on Saturday morning that be great!

Raffle prizes also appreciated.

TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB FUN NIGHT....

TUESDAY 29TH AUG.

'WACKY BOWLS!'

BIT OF IRISH BOWLS AND OTHER BITS!

**SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
SUPPER.**



Captains Log..... Since the last newsletter we have played 12 friendly/trophy matches - here's how we did:

We lost narrowly - 95 to 99 shots at Townsend in the Stuart Mather trophy on 6 July (initially we thought it was only by 2 shots but there had been a miscalculation). Many thanks to Ken Kauder and Robbie Ransted for stepping in at the last moment. **Top rink - Robbie Ransted, Lou Haskins,**

Niel Roake.



On 9 July our top rinkers achieved at Hot Shot with 8 on the last end - congratulations to **Sue Swain, Aaron Langley, Ken Kauder and John Gilson.** We won, 91 to 76 shots.

In lovely bowls weather on 12 July we won by 15 shots against Kings Langley. **Top rink was Keith Williams. Sue Swain and Michael Langley** with a massive 33-7 score.

It was quite a close game against De Havilland on 15 July, which we won by 4 shots. **Top rink ; Jan Taylor, Allen Nicklin and Keith Fennell.** The De Havilland players were very appreciative of the meal we provided, particularly as they are no longer able to reciprocate.

On 19 July we lent Danny Agras to Datchworth as they were short of a player - thanks Danny. We weren't penalised for our generosity though - won by 21 shots!

July 22 was memorable for being wet and miserable and for heroic players from both sides battling through 12 ends before calling a halt. We won, against Harpenden, by 5 shots and there was a close competition for top rink. **Mary Hathway, Jim Townshend, and Dave Gauthier** just made it by winning one more end than their nearest rivals.



It was also rather a wet affair against Borehamwood on 29 July for the second leg of the Harry Alan trophy. Harperbury lost by 15 shots which meant that over the 2 matches we lost by 7 shots overall. **Top rinkers: Jan Taylor, George Tutt, Joyce Terry and Sue Allen.**

Another keenly fought match was played against Potters Bar on 30 July, which we won by 5 shots. Unfortunately John Gilson had to retire half way through with a shoulder injury - hope it improves soon John. Thanks for stepping in go to Robbie Ransted. **Top rink - Pat**

Roberts, Ron Pugh, Jenny Gauthier and Joyce Terry.



We didn't manage to prevail against Potten End on 5 August, losing by 16 shots. Gerry Maguire played his first match for the club, having only started bowling in May. Good stuff Gerry - put your name down for more friendlies now. The same message goes to all our new bowlers. **Top rink was Geoff Roberts, Tony Plummer, Robbie Ranted and John Allen.**

Captains Log Continued.....

The weather was kind to us for the Harpenden match on 6 August, unlike the earlier one, but we still lost by 23 shots. One rink won and was our **top rink - Danny Agras, Tony Simpson and Sheila Roberts**. Welcome to Robin Dickinson who played his first match for us after last bowling for Harperbury a good many years ago.

The match against Hatfield on 9 August had to be cancelled - more of the wet stuff !

Harperbury had a win against North Mymms on Saturday 12 August - in beautiful weather this time, with Nessa Carr playing her first match for the club - hope you enjoyed it Nessa. **Top rink (it was close) was Jan Taylor, Allen Nicklin and Niel Roake.**

The top rinkers at the Mike O'Brian trophy match at Batchwood - ***Sheila Roberts, Pat Wilsher, Peter Fennell and Niel Roake*** - finally got their water colour paintings (done by Les Roberts) on 1st August. Sorry for the delay. All were very pleased with the paintings and I am sure will enjoy them over the coming year.

PLEASE keep putting your names down for matches. We have not yet had to cancel a match because of a shortage of players, but have had to reduce the numbers of rinks played.

Only a few weeks of the season left - enjoy some matches while you can !!

Regards Mary

Dates for your diaries:-

FRIDAY 8TH SEPT

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE CLUB.

6.30 START FISH/CHICKEN/SAUSAGE IN BATTER SUPPER

£10 EACH

TEAMS OF UP TO 8.

SATURDAY 9TH AND SUNDAY 10TH SEPT

MEN'S & LADIES DISTRICT FINALS DAYS

HARPERBURY LADIES ARE IN THE FINAL OF THE TRIPLES LEAGUE AND THE 2 X FOURS AND WE STILL HAVE A TEAM IN THE STOCKMAN AND WINDSOR AND PLAYERS IN THE PAIRS AND AUSSIE PAIRS AND A FEW SINGLES COMPS! Could be a busy day !!!!

SATURDAY 16TH SEPT

CLUB FINALS DAY

POSTER FOR PRE- ORDERED LUNCHES WILL GO UP SOON.....



It was lovely to see so many members with their other

halves and family members at the Family Hog Roast day! Big thanks to Sheila for the buffet and pudding, Mike for sorting the Hog Roast, Les for the green and bowls activities, John and everyone who pitched in with the bar and Dave, Deb, Sue and John for the Dicey Racing! Most of all thanks to all the members that supported the day.