



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 - 2022

April 2022



*An afternoon to celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

2.30pm Team Windsor V Team Sandringham

5.30 Royal Supper

6.30 ish - Royal Ascot Horse racing action

8pm Live music with the Ariels untill 10pm

Red, white and blue are the colours of the day.

Family are also welcome to join us.

*Join us for the whole event or just
some of it - the choice is yours*

Free Event

Up and coming games.

There are sheets up for :-

North Mymms – Weds 27th away.

Ladygate – Sun 1st May away.

Nethercotte Trophy- Wed 4th June away at North Mymms Fish and chips price TBC

Met Bushey- Wed 11th May home.

Internal Aussie pairs morning SAT 14th May 10am – Bacon rolls from 9am.

Hemel Sun 15th May at home.

Lifts can be arranged for the away games just let me know you need a lift on the team sheets. We really struggled on the away games last season so please support them if you can.

The sheet is also up for SAT 25th June The internal Pairs Comp for the Rosie Langley Trophy with a fish and chip lunch £7 pp.

The Tuesday night league will start on TUES 24th April with a 5pm registration

The first committee fun club night with Supper is Tues 31st May and will be a 12 end fun bowls comp at 5pm with a fish/sausage and chip supper at 7.30. The sheet will be up soon and price to be confirmed.

Our coaching team are ready to rock and roll and can give individual coaching or group coaching which starts on MONDAY 25th April 2.30 – 4.30 AND 5.30 – 7.30pm. Please contact Jan or Keith W if you would like to join them or contact our coaches individually if you prefer a 1:1.

Jan Taylor 01727 766427 Keith W 01727 860245 Dave Leggatt 01727 827719 or Les Roberts 01727 823405.

The Men's St Albans and district and county games will now require a lunch or supper of rolls, crisps and cake and so additional dates need to be added to the tea rota. The new rota will be sent out shortly. As always your help with the catering is very much appreciated as it takes the pressure off of us to provide all the catering. These additions will be either 1 triple or 2 rinks. The rolls etc can be make up on the day, wrapped and placed in the fridge ready for the captain of the day to take out once the game is played. These new dates mean that some members will have more than one game to cater for and again we thank you for your support.

We are still waiting to hear what the district and County ladies committee's advice is re refreshments after the league and competition games.



Anyone fancy a project? We would love to have these 2 bowlers rubbed down and restored. Maybe I should take them to the Workshop!

Please let me know if you fancy having a go at these two as it would be nice to see them restored.

Committee News

The patio and new flooring in the club house are complete. Thank you to all the members that have fed back to the committee. Both seem to have made a massive improvement to the club and the committee ask that members help us look after both areas. Mop up any spillages and lift tables to move them, please do not drag them especially outside on the patio as it will mark it.



The changing rooms are now all cleared out so there is plenty of room for everyone to put their shoes on and their bowls bags. The idea of having a bigger patio is to be able to offer lots of space to sit, not provide extra room for bowls bags. They cause trip hazards so please put your bags in the changing rooms when you are at the club.

The Tree planting ceremony took place before the Captain V Presidents game on Sunday 10th April.



Captains Report.



Captains V President Game Sunday 10th April.

What a glorious start to the season. 16 players on Saturday for the chocolate drive with Keith and 35 players for the Captain V President match.

One of our newest bowlers, Jill Alsop won the chocolate drive on Saturday, well done Jill!

After a very close match the Captains team beat the President team by just 7 shots on the Sunday. I might just add that the Presidents top rink – Les/Sheila Ken and skip Michael L splattered my rink 23 to 9 but the score does not reflect the bowls. We actually bowled quite well for the first game of the season and had some cracking shots but were then taken off by either Ken or Michael! I thought at one point Chris W was going to take Ken's legs out but we managed to persuade her otherwise lol.

The Tree planting went well and we now have a lovely Cherry tree in place to commemorate the Queens 70 years on the throne with a lovely plaque as part of the Queen's green canopy project. Once planted there was a brilliant 'God save the queen' chorus to mark the event.

I am now going to tell you a story. At a bowls club far far away in a land of laughter and smiles, the captain, vice captain and President were planning an opening weekend. In order to plan the events, because they do take some planning you know they do not magically just come together on the day. The organisers need to know how many players in order to work out teams, games and ends etc. Team sheets were put up. Members willingly put their names down for both events keen to get back on the green. It was set to be a magical bowling weekend!

On the first game 23 players were expected and as said before, teams, games and ends were organised on that number. On the day 16 players arrived which meant a very stressful time for the vice captain putting all his magical skills to the test as ends and games were shifted around last minute to give every player a fair game. Luckily, despite having to call on all his magical powers to rearrange everything, the afternoon was a success but could have been far less stressful with warning that members were not able to attend.

On the next game, the very next day, the players had been sorted into rinks that morning and were being checked in when it became apparent that 4 members had not arrived. After phone calls and on asking questions of the other members that were present the organisers became aware that they were going to be 4 players down. This meant re arranging all of the teams, the cards and a general rush to get things organised for the start of the game. Again, pulling on all their magical powers the Captain and President sorted out the match and the afternoon was a big success, but, it could have been far less stressful.

The moral of this story is..... If you have put your name down and then find that you cannot play PLEASE let the organiser or the Captain of the game know as soon as possible. We appreciate 'stuff' happens but the more notice you can give us the more chance we have of either getting a sub or re arranging the teams.

All of our contact numbers are on the contact sheets. Please DO NOT rely on other members to let us know, it is YOUR responsibility. Likewise, if you would like to play in a game, either, put your name on the sheet or text or call me. We cannot guarantee that you will play if your name is not down on the sheet and you turn up on the off chance. It is always lovely to see members but if your name is not down you may end up spectating.

At the end of the weekend all the residents went home laughing and smiling so normality was once more resumed.

Keeeeeeep Bowling!

Debs

Another Quiz Night.

We will be running a quiz night on SATURDAY 30TH APRIL, 6 for a 6.30 start. 8 max in a team £10 pp. Bring your own nibbles and supper.

if anyone wants to bring a team? Let us know.



Fishermans Friend – Milton Keynes

We still have a few tickets for this great show with fab songs in it. If you fancy joining us on WEDS 5th OCT please let me know. Tickets are £38.50, great seats in the stalls row B and C.

Going so far:- Deb, Dave, Sheila, Brenda, Graham, Robert, Mo & Tony P, Sue O + 1, Gwen and Steve, Caroline and Hayley. We need 6 more please to get the 20 people going to get the £38.50 price so if you have family and friends that might like to come please invite them.

We will get a coach if there are enough of us (min of 20 people will be £15 pp).

Ticket money to Peter by the end of May please. The film is very good if you want to know what the theatre show is about have a look.

Woods Loan Scheme

Sue O is continuing with the inventory and loan scheme for the club's bowls. In order for this scheme to succeed members need to know how it works.

- Firstly can any members who have a set of Harperbury bowls on loan please let Sue O know if you have not already done so. Sue has cleaned all the loan woods and they have new stickers on and are in the shed.
- There is to be a new scheme for the loaning of woods from the club. In future there will be a form in the shed, to be completed any time bowls are removed for loan period.
- The form should be completed by the person loaning the woods, and witnessed by another member
- It is felt that after 3 months of bowling with loan woods it maybe the appropriate time for members to purchase their own woods. It is important to the coaching team and the new bowlers that woods are available, especially the smaller ones. The introduction of fines for late returns will be considered if the loan system is abused.

THANK YOU SUE FOR SORTING THIS OUT!