



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2022

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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.

Harperbury Bowls Club AGM

The club's annual AGM was very well attended so a massive thank you to those members that made it and to those who sent apologies.



There were reports from the Club Chairman (Dave T), Club treasurer (Peter C) and Club Captain (Deb T). The minutes will be available if anyone would like to see them. The members present voted in the updated club constitution and it is now in force and will be in the folder up the club if anyone would like to see a copy.

The committee gave a massive thank you to Andy Thomas for all his hard work over the years as a Club Trustee and chair. The firm of solicitors that acted for us, pro bono, with all the Bloor bits and pieces awarded us a club donation of £900 and Andy presented the cheque to Peter. Andy has now retired as one of our Trustees and was awarded Life Membership as a thank you from the club. The committee then extended a warm welcome and a huge thanks to Margaret Lee, Ken Kauder and Sue Allen who all accepted the invite by the committee to join Eve Richardson as our new set of Club Trustees.

The 2023 committee were then elected. **Club President** – Dave Leggatt, **Club Chair** – Dave Trollope, **Club Treasurer** – Peter Carvin, **Club Secretary** – Gillian Carvin, **Club Captain** – Debbie Trollope.

Membership secretary – Jan Taylor, **Fixtures Secretary** – Gillian Carvin, **Competitions Secretary** – Sheila Roberts, **Health and Safety** – Nigel Dickinson, **Vice Captain** – Keith Williams, **Men's team manager** – Aaron Langley, **Ladies team manager** – Judy West, **Ladies St Albans & District rep** – Sheila Roberts, **County and men's St Albans and Watford District rep** – Aaron Langley. Thank you to those new committee members joining us this season and a big thanks to the returning members. Without a committee we would be a bit stuck!

Presentation Lunch

A lovely lunch at Rose walk again with 45 members joining us this year to support the club members who had won prizes throughout the season.



We were delighted to welcome Doreen from Rennie Grove/Peace Hospice who popped in to collect the £1000 raised by the captains charity this year. Doreen gave us an insight into how the money would be used. I didn't realise that not every area has these services providing end of life care at home to people and now children as well. They really do rely heavily on donations like ours.



The raffle raised £175 for the food bank in London Colney. We received a donation of another £20 making £195 in total.

I could tell that prizes have shot up as it took just 20 mins to spend that money on some of the items requested by the food bank for their Christmas parcels.

All of the items have now been delivered to the church and they are busy sorting out the parcels.

The winners received their big trophies and either had a box of chocolates, bottle of wine or a fridge magnet.



A massive thank you to Sheila as the out going Club President for all her hard work and a big welcome to Dave who performed his first duty presenting the trophy's. He is a natural!

As Competition Secretary, as you can imagine, getting the comps sorted and then the trophies organised with the prizes for the presentation lunch takes a lot of organising and it was a lovely afternoon. Thank you Sheila.

It was SO nice to see some new faces and new bowlers receiving trophies this year. PLEASE do enter the comps for 2023 they are lots of fun and pairs are on play on dates so it is much easier to organise. We are trying something new for 2023 so there will be a separate sign up sheets on the board for our comps and a sign up eve is planned in May for our club comp entries this year so watch this space. The comp entry forms will not be on the membership forms this year.





Put the date in your diary for next year!

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

12 noon arrival for 12.30 presentation and then lunch.

For more presentation pictures or to see pics from the season head over to our website www.harperburybowls.org Keith has put a lovely presentation of the pictures together under gallery pictures 2022

Compost

The green team have been putting all of the grass cuttings into compost areas and it is now ready for your gardens. If you would like some Ken says if you pop up the club on a Monday morning he can help load your bags up. The bins are in the carpark, top left.

Slabs

I am sure you all appreciate that even in the closed season work still goes on up the club. The green still needs looking after and there are always jobs that need doing.

John G and Peter have been sorting out issues with security lights and plumbing whilst the whist team have been keeping the club clean and warm for the whist afternoons each Friday.



Dave L & Michael L, with help from Dennis H and Matt N, have laid the old patio slabs and made a nice even area outside the equipment sheds. It looks great!

Christmas Quiz Night

It was a full house for the club's Christmas quiz night this year. Six teams battled it out working their way through a Christmas films marathon, identifying which mince pies came from which shop, filling in lines from carols and Christmas songs and a fun round of Christmas family fortunes.

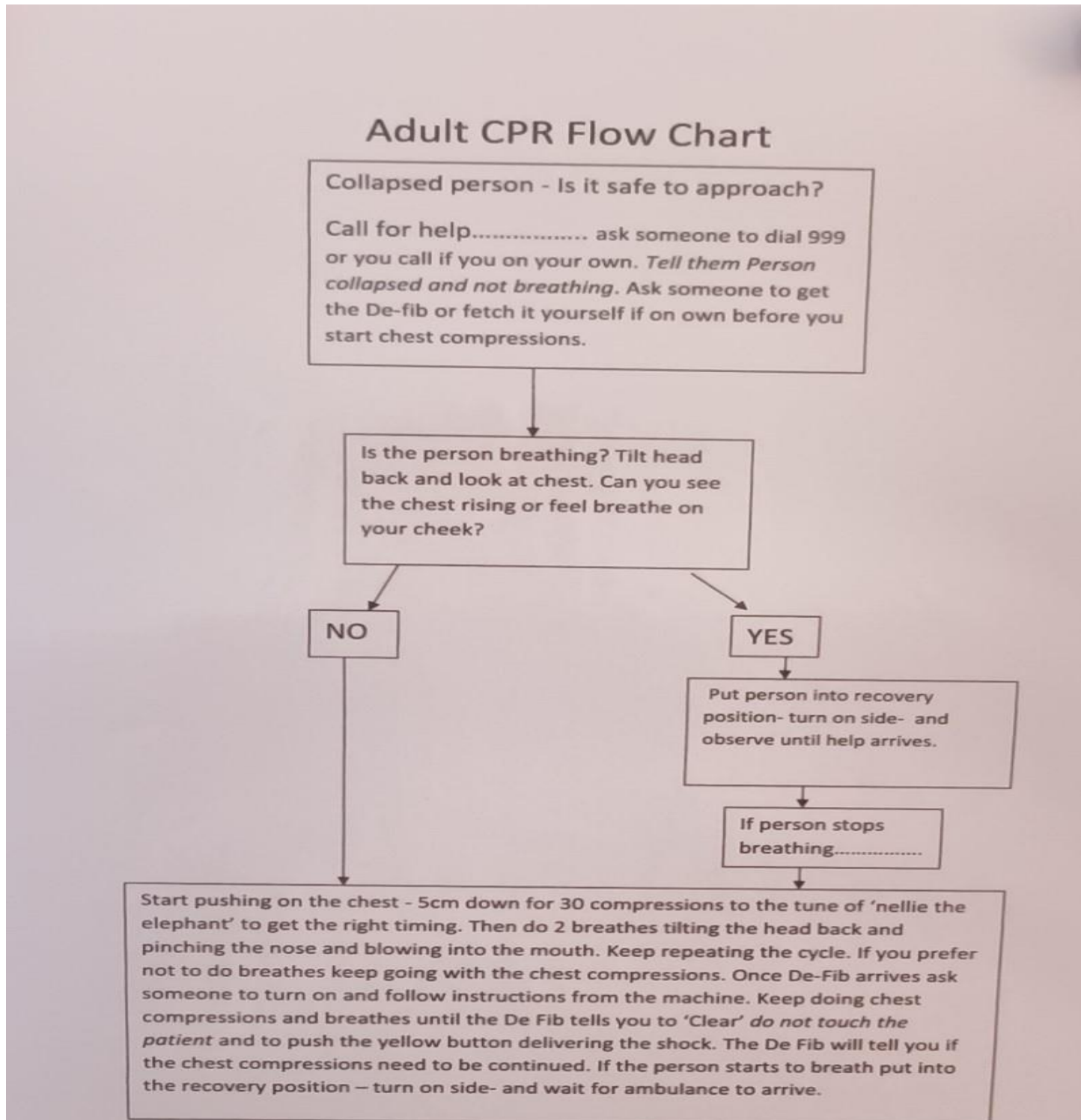


Charlotte's Cherubs came out as the winners this year (sorry John G seem to have cut you out of the picture)

Appreciate we have not had a practical session on using the De Fib this year. I will sort one out for next season. I have sorted this as a little reminder.

Sadly a De Fib is not effective on someone whose heart has stopped. It relies on picking up a heart beat to be able to do its stuff so cardiac compressions are very important. The de fib sends an electrical shock to the heart, which must be beating, to restore a normal heartbeat.

Once the pads are applied the De fib will access the heartbeat and either advise you to push the button and deliver the shock if it has picked up a heartbeat or to continue CPR. If it is advising to continue CPR it has not been able to pick up any heart activity as yet. It will ask you to reassess again. Just follow the instructions. With good CPR and a de fib there is a 70% chance of survival.





Captains Report

Well what a snowy morning in London Colney! I am sitting with a blanket around my knees trying to keep warm and busy. I really hope you are all managing to keep warm in this weather and are dressing in layers if you have limited your heating times.

The indoor games are a nice way to spend the afternoon with friends usually in the warm. It was nice to see Judy at the game on Saturday in Watford. We have played Hatfield and Watford IBC so far. We do have enjoyable afternoons, some scores are close, some not so close. We have a few more indoor games left. Sunday 8th Jan at Harpenden, Sun 29th Jan at Hatfield, Sunday 5th Feb at Herts Watford and SAT 18th Feb back at Watford IBC. If you want to put your names down on the team selection sheets let me know.

Just like the green needs continuous work the background work continues and the committee are also busy. Plans and preparations are being made for the 2023 outdoor season with fixtures being confirmed etc. The membership forms will be emailed/posted out at the end of March. There will also be a subscription eve before the season starts so watch this space. We will again be running an open day in April to encourage new members and as always will appreciate your help leaflet dropping in March and on the day.



The green was looking very white this morning and I have asked Dave L, as he sent the pic, where the snow man is! There should be at least be one sitting in the middle of the green don't you think?.

As part of my end of season report at the AGM I felt I needed to explain why I stood for Captain again having said 2022 would be my last year. This is some of my report.

I have been club captain for 3 seasons now. The first one was Covid so no friendly games to sort out but the role did involve helping co ordinate the safety aspects needed to facilitate members accessing the club for a roll up safely once allowed out after lock down. The 2021 season had its ups and downs with some unrest amongst the membership but the 2022 season has been a lot of fun. It has felt quite relaxed and I have really enjoyed it with Keith and the committee's support.

I feel I need to explain why I have put my name down for club captain for a 4th year. Following the last committee meeting it was clear that basically nobody else wants the role for 2023 and a Club captain, the committee believe, brings some stability to the membership. I do however need you all to understand that if you vote me on again as club captian I will be asking for support from the committee and members as far as actually taking some of the friendly games are concerned. I am happy to be the link, sort the teams etc but will not be around to take every game. Indeed sometimes I would quite like to just turn up and play without running the game. The committee have already agreed to help where they can so I am feeling very reassured and confident that this will work. The alternative involved having different captains for different months and for me was a last resort not needed for 2023.

We rely on your support by putting your names down for games, getting equipment out for games, taking your turn for doing match teas and cleaning the club etc. So we are hoping this will continue in 2023. I have had a lot of offers re taking some of the games which is lovely so thank you.

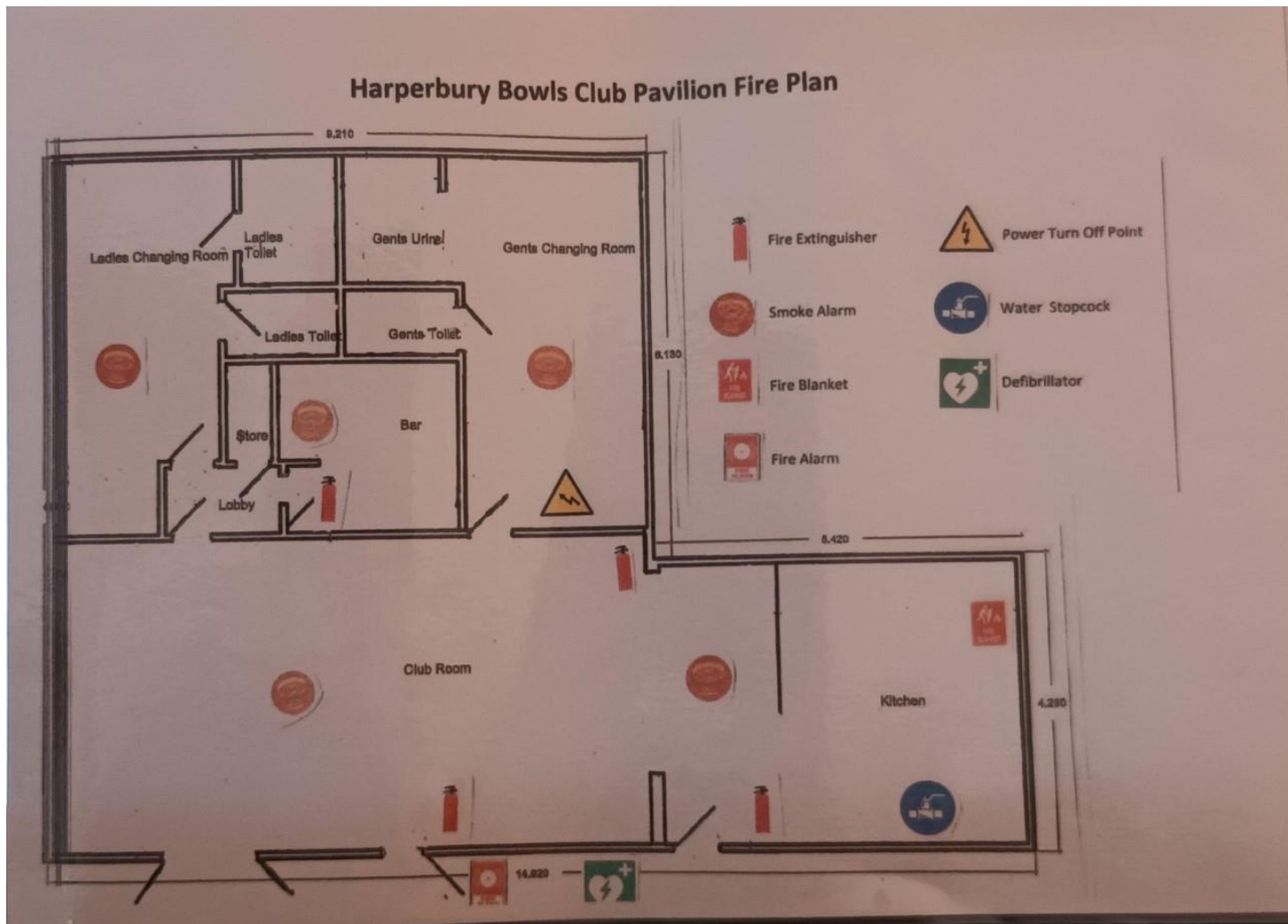
I am REALLY looking forward to spring and the start of the season and some warmer weather!

Stay safe,

Debs

Fire Evacuation in the club.

We will be going through this with members at the Captain V President day at the beginning of the season so everyone knows how to evacuate the club house and grounds should the need arise. Thank you Sue A for the plan which will be displayed in the club house.



Wishing you all a

Merry
Christmas