



# Harperbury Bowls Club

Nov 2017

1955—2017

## Thanks Ron for the great Pics!

### 2018 AGM Highlights.



The AGM was well attended on 13th November .

I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Les as he steps down from Chairperson, Mike B stepping down as treasurer and Mary as her captaincy comes to an end.

Without members taking on these important roles the club would not function. So once again a mas-

sive thank you for all your time, effort and support.

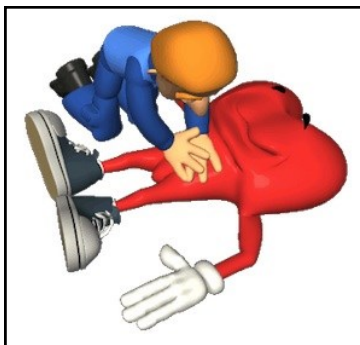
The AGM is also the time to thank everyone for helping make the club what it is. Les for his amazing green keeping skills, John for keeping the bar ticking over and everyone that has a flower bed for their efforts in making the club look so welcoming and of course Jenny for her amazing hanging baskets as well.

Everyone that took a turn cleaning the club or doing a tea - thank you for your support ,it is very much appreciated.

The grass surrounding the green always looks immaculate thanks to a group of hard working chaps taking it in turns to cut it. So thank you John G, Tim A and Peter C.

During the season there have also been working parties sorting out the slippery paving slabs around the green and clearing the areas around the club following the fire inspection so if you were involved in those thank you for making our club safer.

### Need an update .....



Well a year has gone by and no one has required our services or the use of the De- fib I am happy to say!

#### **Can you remember how to do CPR and use the De-fib?**

If you would like to come along for another run through please select a date below and let me know.....

SATURDAY 27TH JAN 10.30 AM

MONDAY 5TH FEB 2PM

FRIDAY 23RD FEB 10.30 AM

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 10 AM

## FROM THE COMMITTEE.....

There were a few proposals at the AGM. Firstly Aaron proposed that for friendly games and when playing in district and county comps for the club that a white collared polo / shirt (Harperbury Bowls club rule 19) be worn with a Harperbury club badge. This was proposed, seconded and carried.

The next proposal was from Shirley B proposing that when playing the Holgate if it is a tied game after 18 ends the players should play an extra 2 ends so that a long and short jack are played. If there is still a tied game then a count back on ends won would be taken. This was proposed seconded and carried.

The next proposal was from Les proposing that the annual subscription be raised by £20 to £100 a year and that match fees be dropped. There followed a lengthy discussion. The members agreed that after Andy's update on the club remaining where we are and the new 25 year lease that will soon start to be negotiated and in view of the fact that we will soon be liable for all utility bills for the club it was suggested that before a raise in subs is put in place that the committee put a 3 - 5 year plan together as to how we will meet these new bills. The plan may well include a raise in the annual subscriptions to meet the additional bills. Les' proposal was not carried at this time.

Sue proposed a change in the constitution regarding the grievance pathway to bring us in line with Bowls England.

### *(7) Conduct of Members & Complaints Procedure*

*All members have the right to complain regarding a matter of grievance., complaint about other members or any matter of concern.*

*A member can make an informal verbal complaint to a member of The Committee, this will then be brought before The Executive Committee at the next full Committee Meeting.*

*The Executive Committee shall determine the course of action to be taken with regards to verbal complaints.*

*If The Executive Committee decides that the verbal complaint should be dealt with in a formal manner, the complainer shall be asked to put their complaint in writing to The Honorary Secretary.*

*(7.i) The procedure for all formal complaints is as follows:*

*The complaint is sent in writing to The Honorary Secretary de-*

*applicable.*

*All written complaints will be brought before the Executive Committee.*

*The Executive Committee shall determine the course of action to be taken with regards to the written complaint.*

*If the Executive Committee determines that a written complaint is considered worthy of disciplinary action, a Disciplinary Group will be established and the Disciplinary Group shall undertake an investigation and determine the appropriate action to be taken.*

*(7ii) Disciplinary action against members.*

*All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England Regulation 9 (Misconduct)*

*Should any member be expelled, the former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return any property belonging to the Club.*

It was proposed that the club adopt this same process from Bowls England if there are any complaints/ grievances from members. This was carried.

### **COMMITTEE MEETNG—NOVEMBER**

After the committee meeting this month the Committee would like to let members know that in the cupboard by the bar is a wicker basket with some used bowls shoes in. If you would like to make a donation for a pair please have a look. We need space in the cupboard for club paperwork so need to make space.

The committee are aiming to give members badges to put in their car windscreens so that the security guys know that you are members.

At the start of the season when clubs visit there will need to be 'meet and greet' members out directing visiting teams to the car parks. When Sue and Dave have picked the teams they will approach members and see if you can arrive early to help out with this.

Please let me know if you have any booked holiday dates that need to be avoided with the tea and cleaning rotas.

# Committee News

## Your Committee for 2018

**Club President** - Sheila R

*Also welfare officer*

**Chairperson** - Gillian C (New)

**Treasurer** - Peter C (New)

*Also part of grass cutting crew & league night*

**Club Secretary** - Jan T

**Membership Secretary** - Deb T

*Also de-fib trainer and social Secretary*

**Competition Secretary** - Gillian C

**Asst Comp secretary** - Aaron L

**Fixtures Secretary** - Gillian C

**Club Captain/weekend Captain** - Sue A  
(New)

**Vice / Mid week captain** - Dave L (New)

*also minor maintenance budget co ordinator*

**Ladies Captain** - Judy W

*Also assistant treasurer & cheque signature*

**Men County Rep & Green Keeper** - Les

*Also cheque signature & Green keeper*

**Ladies county Rep** - Sheila R

**Men District Rep** - Jim T

**Ladies District Rep** - Joyce T

**Health & Safety Officer**—Sue A

**Committee Members:**

Sue S, Ken K (new), Shirley B & Mary B

**Membership forms will go out at the beginning of March and Registration Eve is TUES 20th MARCH.**

## Presentation Evening

Sat 9th Dec

**Caledon Club**

6pm arrival

**Meal 6.30pm**

Followed by Presentation

**Join Sheila for some Pary Dances through the years.**

**&**

**John for some Harperbury Bowls Club style entertainment**

Followed by Raffle & then



Live music and dancing with Peter.



Look out for details of jobs that need to be completed before the beginning of the season on 21st April.

Warner's balance is due Mid January so if you can please bring to the Presentation night and give to Peter C we would be grateful.

A post dated cheque to the 15th Jan is also acceptable .



## Captain's Log.....

Well, this is my first Captains Log !

When I started bowling 8/9 years ago, I never thought that I would be sitting here typing a "Captains Log", so here goes.

I shall do my very best to make sure that I serve the members to the best of my ability. I look forward to the challenge ahead. I am not usually an indoor bowler, but I shall also take up that challenge and join you on the indoor green.

My first task as your Captain is to ask members to add their names to the Selection Sheet for the game on Saturday 16th December 2.30, against Watford Indoor Bowls Clubs. At present there are only 14 names down and the club requires 24. Please let me know if you would like to play so that I can put your name down.

I know that not many members attend the club in the winter season unless you play whist, so please email or phone to let me know of your availability.

I have also pinned up a selection sheet for the game on 4th February 2018 against Hatfield at 2.30. Again please let me know if you are available so that I can add your name to the sheet.

email: [john.allen60@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.allen60@ntlworld.com), Phone 01727 766259 or 07827 813331

Finally I would like to thank Mary Barnard for all her hard work over the past season as the outgoing Captain. Thank you Mary, we look forward to seeing you on the green very soon.

Sue

The captain's Charity for 2018 is the Buddy Dog Scheme that comes under the umbrella of The Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Buddy Dogs are provided for children and young adults with complex life difficulties such as - physical disabilities, terminal illness, autism etc.

### **Buddy Dog's can:-**

Facilitate communication and social contact, promote a more varied, interesting and active lifestyle.

Reduce stress and anxiety, provide companionship and comfort.

Increase positive emotions.

### **The proven benefits of the Buddy Dog Service are:-**

Enhanced social interaction and interpersonal skills, enhanced learning and development and engagement in education.

Increased physical activity levels, improved confidence and self-esteem.

Development of an individuals sense of responsibility and greater independence and maturity.

Promotion of trust and nurturing behaviours

Development of bonding / social attachment.

Your support for this Charity is as always much appreciated.