



Harperbury Bowls Club

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Thanks Ron for
the great Pics!

Well August was the busy month we knew it would be with the St Albans and District President gala the Bill Thorne charity day and the club's Martin Daly gala.

All were really well attended. More photos inside.....



District Finals Weekend 9th & 10th Sept

The men's finals are at Welwyn Garden City Bowls club on Saturday and Harperbury is represented by Mick, Malcolm, John and Gary in the 4's final at 10 am.

The ladies finals are on Sunday at Potters Bar and Harperbury is well represented again this year starting at 10 am with the ladies triples league final and Judy in one of her singles finals. The afternoon sees the final of the 2 x 4's at 2pm and Judy's other singles final. Although the forecast is pretty pants your support, as always for our ladies and gents in these finals, is always really appreciated.

CLUB FINALS DAY

Saturday 16th September sees our own club finals. Well done to all our members that have reached the finals. There is a list up in the club for a **pre-ordered** lunch—sweet and sour chicken with rice. Tea and coffee will also be available throughout the day—help yourself in the kitchen at 30p a cup and the bar will be open as usual.



Winter Whist nights return soon!

Starting on THURSDAY 28th SEPT.

No experience needed.

6.45 to register.

Bar is open

Tea and coffee half way through and raffle.

Another great way to keep in touch through the winter months.

Committee News

Dog Racing at Henlow



Final numbers are needed for the Henlow Dog Racing night on SUNDAY 29th OCT so that I can order the correct size coach. The coach will be approx £12—£15 return per person.

Once the coach is booked I will contact everyone for the coach money and £8 deposit for the dogs. The menu choices will also be emailed out as we have to pre-order the meals again. A great night out to keep everyone in touch.

The Manor Okehampton.

The committee discussed the proposed 5 night Okehampton break for the end of the season in 2018 that I emailed you all about.

It was decided that it may be better to stay at the Manor instead of Ashbury as there is more to do and see who is interested in Okehampton in April 2019 for the pre season break and moving Warners to the post season break at the end of Sept 2019.

So for now in 2018 we have Warners in April and we will leave Okehampton until 2019 if anyone is interested. The poster will go up mid season 2018.

If you have never been have a look on line at the Manor Okehampton.

Here are the latest Tuesday Night League results. Only 1 more week to go on 12/9/2017.

Top 6 positions, after play on the 5th September.

It's all to play for, as there were some big swings over the last 2 weeks and Niel Roake has gone back to Spain and will not improve his score.

Niel Roake 82 points

Geoff Carr 76 points

Robbie Ransted 74 points

Ken Kauder 72 points

Dave Gauthier 48 points

Mo Pugh 44 points

All the above have played the requisite number of qualifying weeks.

LAST TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB FUN NIGHT....

Tues 19th Sept

'Roaming Jack'

Supper—Sandwiches and Soup.

Could be complete Carnage! Will be fun though...

Great practice for casting the jack as it can be bowled to anywhere on the green! A bit like crown green bowls.

Don't forget—these committee run evenings are for **fun** and the different formats are not meant to stress anyone out or to be taken too seriously. They are ideal times for a practice, getting to know everyone a bit better, a bit of a giggle and a bite to eat. It is not compulsory to take part but we welcome your support.





Captains Log.....

The end of the season is racing towards us now. Here is the latest on our matches played in the second half of August/beginning September.

Congratulations to the team who sealed our win of the Stuart Mather Trophy! On 17 August we won the second leg of the trophy against Townsend by 19 shots, meaning that over both matches our overall shot total was +15. **Top rink was Eileen Williams, Aaron Langley, Dave Gauthier and Les Roberts.** We had a very close match on August 16 against Herts Watford, winning by just 2 shots - **top rink - Eileen Williams (again - had a good couple of days!) Tony Simpson and Danny Agras.**



On August 20 we took our revenge against Redbourn in the return match on our home green, winning by 17 shots! We have to bear in mind of course that they have an artificial surface (which we lost on fairly decisively earlier in the season) **Jean Eaton, Keith Williams and Shirley Burrow were our top rinkers.**

There was some confusion over the Hemel Hempstead match on August 23, for which I apologise - let's just say there were some misunderstandings between the clubs! The format changed from Rinks to Triples to Rinks and eventually back to Triples. We won anyway by 16 shots and the **top rink was Peter Fennell, Bob Young and George Tutt.**

On August 27 we had our biggest shots win of the season against Radlett, winning by 54 shots. **Top rink - Ivy Fennell, Mo Pugh and John Allen.** September 2nd was our 'needle' match against the London Welsh, with some Harperburyers going over to the enemy and poor Nessa Carr being a pressed woman and making up the numbers for London Welsh - thanks Nessa! The sun shone and we had an extremely enjoyable and friendly afternoon. We didn't win (lost by 23 shots) but there were some good bowls played and some close competitions. Our winning and **top rink was Jean Eaton, Joan Tester, Tim Anstey and Sue Allen.**



The weather for our match against Pavillion on September 3rd was not up to much - dull, cold with bits of rain - but not as bad as the downpour which led to the cancellation of our previous friendly earlier in the season. We won well, by 30 shots, **top rinkers being Eileen Williams, John Webster and Danny Agras.**

Finally, the Potten End match started a little dramatically on 6th September with Annie from Potten End hurting her back before even getting through the gate. Malcolm West gallantly stepped in for Potten

End and no doubt contributed to our losing the match 88 to 101! But seriously, thanks anyway Malc - Potten End were very grateful and it was a good afternoon. We had a winning **top rink - Sue Swain, Keith Williams, John Hill and Lou Haskins.**

Before I finish we want to let everyone know that the committee has decided to make a change to the role of Club Captain for next season. As a trial for the 2018 season we have decided to have a Weekend Captain and a Midweek Captain. The role of Vice Captain will be retained, acting as Vice Captain for both Captains. The Weekend Captain will select and be responsible for all the weekend Friendlies and the Midweek Captain will select and be responsible for all the midweek Friendly matches. The two Captains and Vice Captain will coordinate arrangements, selection etc as necessary and appropriate. We hope that this change will make the Captains jobs less onerous and may encourage more members to consider putting themselves forward to take on the roles in the future. We will monitor the change over the course of the season and will welcome comments and suggestions from members.

All the best to all - Mary

I am sure everyone will join the Committee in thanking Mary for all her hard work this season as Captain especially with her knee problems and join us in wishing her a speedy recovery from her imminent knee replacement surgery.



Martin Daly Gala.

The gala was again well attended with 24 teams playing. We were delighted to welcome John Daly and his wife to present the trophy. Martin sadly passed away this year. A few of the members were sharing memories with John about his dad's time at Harperbury.



3rd Place— George Tutt's team



1st Place—Bushey Men's team



2nd Place Bushey Ladies



If I had to pick my favourite picture of the season this one of Jean would be near the top! Well done Ron I so want to put a speech bubble on this one :) And the 3 gents on the right must be the 3 wise monkeys!



Bill Thorne Day
The Winners!

