



## Harperbury Bowls Club

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**Thanks Ron for  
the great Pics!**



It has been a busy month. County comps are coming to an end with quarter finals coming up and district comps are now well under way.

Our internal competitions are also working through the rounds. We appreciate it is sometimes tricky getting everyone together in a pairs game but your efforts to get the rounds played on the play by dates is appreciated.

***The Butler trophy handicap singles comp has been drawn now and is on the board with the first round to be competed by 19th July.***

Well done Jan, Sue, Jenny and Shirley winning the St Albans and District gala at Clarence Park recently putting Harperbury ladies on the map!



The first quiz of the season saw Jan and her team win the trophy. The evening saw 5 teams battle it out and it was a close run thing. The £200 raised went towards paying for the PA system purchased recently. Thank you to all that attended and the next one is in Sept supporting the captains charity.

The club fun night on 27th June was raising money for the BHF as the committee felt that having donated the defib and all the training equipment we should raise some funds for them. Sadly the bowls was a wash out but a lovely eve was had eating chili and chatting! With the entrance fee and the raffle a brilliant £140 was managed. So a massive thank you to all those members that turned up to support the evening.

The league continues to run on Tuesdays and to play you must register in person by 5pm. To see the league placings have a look inside.

Once a month the committee run a fun evening with a supper and the next one is TUES 25th JULY. Look out for the poster to put your name down for bowls and supper or just bowls or just supper!

# Committee News

## Guest Meals on home games.

Guests are always welcome at our games to support us but If you want a guest meal please contact the members doing the food at least 24 hours before the game.

The guest meals on the last 3 home games meant an extra 'rink' of 8 + people. Knowing before hand makes the catering so much easier and less stressful for those in the kitchen trying to stretch what they have. Please have some consideration for the members preparing the tea. It is much easier to go and get extra with 24 hours notice than to struggle on the day stretching what they have or being unable to provide a guest meal for you.

If you are catering when the meal has finished please take any left overs home with you. We are trying to cut down on the left over food in the fridge. It is not clear how long it has been in there or what or who it has been left for and just gets thrown out. If it is a substantial amount of food then you could either put some money in the tea tin to cover it or adjust the bill you put in accordingly.

The clean up crew are doing well each home game, especially Bob Young who has been pulled out 5 times to help he tells me. He will have dish pan hands at this rate!

Seriously though, thank you all for supporting this new idea. The members doing the teas really appreciate the help from everyone. The idea is that whoever is pulled out clear their tables and wash and dry up.

Duties of the clear up crew:-

- ⇒ **Clear tables during meal**
- ⇒ **Wash and wipe up**
- ⇒ **Spray and wipe table clothes**
- ⇒ **Tidy kitchen up before leaving.**

Other clubs do the losing rink but we feel this system works better and is not penalising people for losing. Your thoughts are always appreciated.

There are still some people on the tea and cleaning rota who have not ticked their names. This just lets us know that you are aware of the dates you are rostered for and saves us making a phone call to make sure it is covered.

*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 3rd July:*

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Ray Johnson	54
Sue Swaine	46
Neil R	38
Johnny W	34
Jan T	32
Mo Pugh	32
Eileen W	28
Geoff C	26
Dave G	20
Mark S	12

*Fancy a game? Come along by 5pm on a Tuesday evening to register for 12 ends and start gathering your points in the league table.*



It was so lovely to see George and Vera at a home game recently. Their family brought them up to the club for a cuppa and a chat where they caught up with everyone.

## **WARNERS PRE SEASON BREAK.....**

43 members are coming to Warners in 2018 as we try out Gunton Hall from FRI 13th April to MON 15th April. Everyones £30 deposit should be in by now and if it isn't please either do a bank transfer or drop a cheque off to Mike Booth.

ALL cheques now made out to HARPERBURY BOWLS CLUB. We have dropped the 'hospital'



## Captains Log.....

Berkhampsted paid us a visit on 10 June. We won on 3 rinks and only lost on one, but there were some tight games and in the end Harperbury won by 12 shots. **Top rinkers were Jan Taylor, Michael Langley, Jenny Gauthier and John Allen.**

We lost the Mike O'Brian trophy match at Batchwood on 11 June by 17 shots. There was a bit of a mix-up about the trophy and it was not presented on the day, but it has since been awarded to Batchwood. Harperbury's top rink did not receive their pictures, painted by Les, on the day and we hope these will be presented to them at the next Club Fun night on Tuesday 25 July. The deserving **top rink bowlers were Peter Fennell, Pat Wilsher, Niel Roake and Sheila Roberts.**

We shared winning rinks with St Albans at the home match on 15 June, but lost overall by 12 shots. **Maureen Pugh, Mark Spacey, Johyn Hill and John Allen were our top rink bowlers.**

Our visit to Parkside was a friendly though very hot affair. We won by 6 shots. **Top rink was Sue Swain, Mark Spacey and Michael Langley.** By mutual agreement we cut the match down to 12 ends, which most people felt was enough in the circumstances.

It was, if possible, even hotter for our home match against Radlett on 21 June - the hottest day of the year so far. We played 15 ends and won by 29 shots. **Top rink was Aaron Langley, Keith Williams and Robbie Ransted**

Harperbury won quite handsomely by 20 shots on all rinks at DeHavilland on 24 June. **Aaron Langley, John Allen, and Niel Roake were top rinkers.**

Unfortunately our fortunes were not so good at the second leg of the Ron Gray trophy played at home on 25 June. We lost by 75 shots which means that over the two legs the overall result was a 98 shot loss. Our bowlers all worked their socks off but it was not to be this year. We will get our revenge in 2018! **Our top rink was Jan Taylor, Alan Wilsher, Bob Young and Tim Anstey.**

The away fixture at Redbourn on 1st July was a challenge. They have an artificial surface and Harperbury players found it quite frustrating at times. We lost by a considerable margin, 40 shots, but we did have one **winning rink - Maggie Long, Danny Agras and John Allen.** I know a few people don't like playing on the artificial surface, but it is quite good to have a different type of game to try out from time to time, so I hope we will be able to continue with the fixture. They do give us a nice tea too !

The final match to mention was on Sunday 2 July at home against Batchwood. It was perfect bowls weather and both teams played some really good bowls - it was a pleasure to watch. We won by 25 shots. Another aspect of this match was that there were 2 top rinks, due I have to confess, to a lapse in arithmetical attention ! **The actual top rinkers were Jan Taylor, Keith Williams, Dave Trollope and Shirley Burrow.** By the time my error was pointed out to me I had already presented torches to the runners-up - Ivy Fennell, John Hill, John Gilson and Niel Roake. However fortunately I had extra torches so all the above named got to keep them!

We are continuing with the picking of a disc at home matches to see who gets the privilege of helping with the washing and clearing up at the end of matches, and people have been very good at pulling their weight. Could we ask that you do not continue the clearing/washing up while the two Captains are giving their little speeches and that you check that everything has been washed, cleared etc before you depart. Thanks.

**There have been some problems this season in raising enough people to field full teams for some of the matches. With over 90 playing members it should not be that difficult to put teams together, and I have several times been close to having to cancel or ask the opposing team to help us make up the numbers - which I really don't want to do and should not need to. So please put your names down when you can especially for the friendlies.**

One more thing I should mention. My knee problem has become rather a nuisance in the last few weeks and I fear I may not be able to play in matches for the rest of the season. I will come to most matches and continue with my other Captain's duties, but I am sorry not to be able to contribute in a playing capacity at the moment.

**Enjoy the on-going season everyone.**





## Mary Burnett Memorial Trophy

It was a lovely turn out by members for Alan and the Mary Burnett Memorial Trophy on a VERY hot day. Robbie was cooking up a storm in the 'BBQ Kitchen' with Sue assisting in the club Kitchen with John running the bar and the day. Both old and young seemed to enjoy the day.



**LAST CHANCE!!!**  
**Hog Roast for members  
and families.**

**Sunday 23rd July from 2pm**  
**Bowling, tea & biscuits,**  
**Hog Roast with salad and**  
**Desserts - £10 pp**

**Closing date 17th July.**

**Club Night**

**Tues 25th July**

**Supper—Saus and Chips**

**Poster is up.....**

**Closing date for names 20th July**