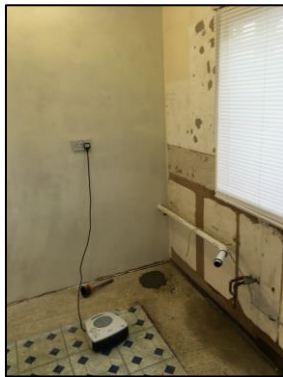




*Members are reminded of the club ethos of respecting the right of all club members to participate in club activities free from harassment, abuse and intimidation.*

## Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2019

### MARCH 2019



Any plastering, coving, rendering or artex that needs removing contact Andre for a quote on 07723060829 or email on [amplastering@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amplastering@hotmail.co.uk)

As many of you know, we have had a problem with the kitchen at the club due to the tiles falling off the wall. This was due to the excessive vibrations that were generated by the piling on the Bloor's building site next door. Bloor's agreed to contribute a substantial sum towards the work.

After removing the loose kitchen tiles, we realised that we had a much bigger problem on our hand, namely damp, which had not only destroyed the inside wall, but the exterior wall and the window frame was rotting away as well. So we turned the clubhouse into a warzone!!!!!!

Drastic action had to be taken, we ripped out the kitchen and removed the inner wall. We could not have achieved this without the kind offer of assistance of Anita Young's sons, Andy and Matthew. They, at their cost, arranged for Andre a professional plasterer to come in and replace the inner wall. In the meantime the Harperbury work party, Dave Leggatt, Ken Kaudar, Mike Langley, Peter Carvin, and Aaron Langley, cut out the rotten exterior wood and refaced the entire side and part of the back wall of the club.

John Gilson and Sue Allen temporarily abandoned fitting the new hot water system in the ladies and gents to assist with the plumbing removal and rerun of the pipes for the kitchen. This included installing all of the new boilers bought last year for hot water in the toilets.

I am sure all members would like to join me in a massive **thank you** to everyone involved in this project over the winter. Our members and their friends and families are just amazing!

## Potters Pre-season Break. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

It is getting close to our pre season break at Potters Hopton On Sea. Fifty one of us are going this year from FRI 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH to MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL. Rooms will be ready from 2pm and need to be vacated by 10 am on the Monday.

You can book a 2 course arrival lunch or departure lunch for £8.95 pp or stop on the way like what we are!

It is a weekend to do as you please! Chill, chat and relax. There is plenty to do at Potters during the day if you want to join in dances, quizzes, competitions, swimming etc.

We will be organizing a chocolate drive on the Saturday morning 10 – 1 and a little inter club drawn triples comp on the Sunday 10 – 1pm so bring your bowls if you want to play. They also have bowls to hire if you fancy a go but don't have any.

We have the 6 rink international hall booked and will be popping round on the Friday evening during dinner to see who will be joining us so we can work out the sessions. As we are on the international rinks we are asking that **Greys** be worn this year please.

There is also snooker, darts, table tennis and pool if you fancy it so bring your darts etc. There is a little pitch and putt and weather dependent on Sunday afternoon we may well be found wandering around the pitch and putt if anyone fancies it. Bring your clubs ☺ well two of them anyway.

As usual for breakfast and dinner we will be moving tables. We have the 'hosts' of each table staying on the same table with everyone else moving seats at breakfast and dinner. If this is your first pre-season break with us please don't panic this has worked really well in previous years so trust me and go with the flow! The idea is that we ALL get to know each other a bit better.

On arrival you will be shown to your first table for dinner on the Friday. At dinner on Friday every table will have a plan so you can take a picture of it and you will then all know where you are going each meal time. Lunchtime we can sit anywhere - if you have room for lunch that is.

Breakfast starts at 8.30 and for Dinner we ask that we all go through for dinner at 6.30. After dinner we can move into the theatre if you want to play Bingo or grab a seat for the show. The seats are not reserved so we will probably be spread out a bit. There are other areas to sit as well.

We are looking forward to our first trip to Potters. Well the first one I have organized. ☺

### Captains Report.



The lists are up for the opening weekend games. The Chocolate drive on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Captains V President on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The tea will be the usual 'bring a plate' and Sheila will be putting the list up at the club soon so you can put your names against something to bring for tea please.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April Mary and David B are holding a bowls for Fun day for all from 10 – 12 then 2 – 4pm if you have any friends or relatives that would like to try out bowls with us bring them along.

We then have a game against Lady Gate on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April away and the list is up. We need 5 rinks please.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April is the Nethercote trophy in its new format including North Mymms at Potters Bar. We need four rinks please. Let me know if you can play or put your name down at the club.





**Did you know...** The cleaning list and tea rota will be out soon once we have everyone's subs forms in as to who is re-joining. They will be emailed to you. In the meantime if you have any holiday dates that need to be avoided please let Deb know. Once the lists are up in the club PLEASE tick your dates so that we know you have them in your diary. If you cannot do your allocated date it is up to you to find a swap please.

**Did you know.....** That Deb is collecting BRAS !! 4 packages have been sent so far.

There will be a bag in the ladies for any contributions and the next shipment will go on 30<sup>th</sup> March.... it is an ongoing project so tell your friends!

**Did you know.....** We have a web site! It is up and running. Have a look!

<https://Harperburybc.wixsite.com/harpbc> A massive thank you to Emma Trollope for getting it going and Keith Williams for taking it on.



**Did you know.....** Whist will finish on 4<sup>th</sup> April. It has been a successful winter for whist so thanks to all the ladies for running it and the members for supporting it.

**Did you know.....** The club needs sorting out for the beginning of the season. The list of jobs that need to be done will be up on the members board. We are looking to complete everything over the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April. After all jobs completed Joyce and Sheila will do the carpets.

**Did you know.....** You can look up the rounds and dates etc of the County and District competitions on line on their websites.

**Did you know.....** With Jan's knee on the mend following recent surgery there will be another walk with lunch organized soon in April.

**Did you know.....** We are looking for someone good with wood. We need a plaque making for the club house. Please see Deb for more info.

## Some pictures from 2018.

