



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2020

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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

Hello everyone

I hope you are all keeping safe? We all feel gutted about Christmas and being in tier 4 as I am sure everyone does.

I took myself off on a bike ride on Sunday to cheer myself up in the winter sunshine I went passed the bowls club and down to the end of Harper Lane to see what is going on with the bridge. It is SO important to get some fresh air every day if you can for your wellbeing, both emotionally and mentally. I know I felt better for it.

As I rode past the bowls club feeling sorry for myself, I began thinking about everything that has gone on this year and family members and friends we have lost or who are fighting their own health battles. Losing Rosie and Alan B was tragic, lovely Nessa undergoing treatment now, Malc with his set back pushing positively on,, and brave Rob M recuperating at home now with Joan as they adapt to a new way of life. Then there is Shirley B also adapting to a new normal way of life for her. They are the members we know about. Some of you may also be fighting your own health battles. You all probably know more people that have lost their lives this year or who are conquering their own daily challenges. Suddenly Christmas without my kids and grandkids around me is put into perspective as tough as it will be.

As for what 2021 has in store for us all who knows but I can't help feeling like there is a flickering of light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine. It feels like an age since we have been up the club socialising and playing bowls and we are keeping our fingers crossed that by April we will all be allowed to venture to Potters for our pre-season break and then back up to the club for the 2021 season.

I then decided, do you know what.... it is OK to not be OK today if that makes sense? I know tomorrow is another day and things will look better and I will feel more positive. So, don't beat yourselves up or feel guilty if you feel a bit 'not ok' sometimes, allow yourself those moments as long as you bounce back. After all this year has been enough to test the most positive of people!

If you know someone is on their own why not give them a call?

*Wishing you all a MERRY Christmas and
a HAPPY HEALTHY 2021.*

The January newsletter will be posted out to everyone as it will replace the AGM. The committee felt with covid still lingering that it was unlikely that we will be able to get everyone together to hold one anytime soon but that we still needed to update members so this seemed like the logical answer.

The newsletter will contain updates and the treasurers report etc so keep your eyes open for it and please take the time to read it.

Most committee members have agreed to stay in post for 2021 but there are a few vacancies – **Ladies County Rep, Health and safety rep** and a **vice captain** to help Deb in her role as club captain. The vice captain will not necessarily be expected to take every mid-week game as before but to take a few through the season, weekend or mid-week would be amazing if Deb can't be there. Sue did a great job as H&S and everything the club needs is in place and just needs updating when necessary. The county rep involves attending County meetings and reporting back to the committee . If anyone thinks they might be interested in any of these roles and wants more info please let Gillian know as club secretary.

Membership 2021

We, as a committee, appreciate that although quite a few members made use of the green in 2020, quite a few decided not to. We also know that a few of our bowling members are considering taking up associate membership as they enjoyed a break from bowls this summer as it allowed them more family time etc.

We also acknowledge that a few clubs around us could be struggling in 2021. These are all frequent agenda items that have been discussed at length by the committee as to how to best proceed in 2021.

None of us know what 2021 will bring (hopefully with a vaccine some sort of normality by spring time) but in order for us to plan we would like to ask our members whether, at the moment, you feel you will be re-joining and whether you see yourselves as full bowling members or associates?

If you could either text me or email me as membership secretary it would be very helpful as we plan for 2021.

Text with your name to 07736305128 or email to debs.trollope@live.co.uk

[Thank you](#)

One lot hoping to get out and about as soon as allowed are the Harperbury 9 Hole crew. We had some great days out in 2020 so let's hope 2021 we be just as much fun!





Some Pictures from the season this year.



See you on the other side in 2021 and keep your eyes out for the January Newsletter popping through your door.

Have a good one!

