



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2022

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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.



Happy New Year!

Well, January is now almost gone, can you believe it?

April is edging it's way slowly towards us leaving winter behind and bringing spring and the start of the bowls season with it.

Our opening weekend will be SATURDAY 9th and SUNDAY 10th April so please put the dates in your diary. Saturday will be the first time we get to bowl this season with a chocolate drive in the afternoon with tea and biscuits. The Sunday will see the President V Captain match with a cream tea.

The green team are busy preparing the green and caring for the club in general. The committee are busy confirming the fixtures and matches and doing all the other background stuff that goes on to run the club and get it ready for the 2022 season. We can't wait!



Monday is Games afternoon & Friday is Whist.

Monday afternoons are proving very successful as our games afternoon 2 till 4 ish and Friday is whist from 2 till 5pm.

On Monday, so far, we have mastered Rumikub, Triomino's and another domino's game called Mexican Train. All good fun and all helped along with a cuppa and cake. If you would like to join us for either afternoon please just pop along.



The Alarm is on!

So far so good. The alarm has been on for a few weeks now and no mishaps. The code for the alarm is the same as the door and gate lock. The code needs to be put in once the door is open and then set on going out. Make sure windows and doors are shut before setting the alarm.

Recruitment team.

Jan and her team (Deb, Keith W, Alan and Paula D) have been busy putting a plan together to encourage new members into the club.

There are a couple of dates coming up where we could do with your help. The team plan to have a table in the foyer of Sainsburys and M&S in London Colney in April and possibly Tesco in Borehamwood. The slots will hopefully be 10 till 2 where the team will be handing out flyers and talking about the club to whoever wants to know more. Once we have the dates confirmed, if you can spare an hour or two of your time to help we can man the stall in two's or three's.

It is also hoped that members will distribute flyers in their roads and put posters in local shops etc to help promote how good bowls can be for your health, both physical health and mental health wellbeing.

We have submitted articles to the London Colney local mag, Chischat and the local Bricketwood and Park street magazines. If anyone can think of any other local ones please let us know.

The team have also invited other local clubs down for a 'have a go at bowls' session with cake and a cuppa.

These includes the local WI, Abbey View Golf society and Greenwood park Tennis club. If you can think of any other local clubs that might fancy an afternoon/eve with us please let us know.

We are on a mission to get the bowling membership up!

Committee News



Pat and Alan wanted to say a MASSIVE Thank you to all the members that contributed to their Ruby Anniversary present. They are very grateful to have so many lovely friends at the bowls club.

The committee would like to thank Sue Oakley, who has volunteered to sort out the club's bowls/woods in the shed. She will be keeping records of who has borrowed which woods so we can keep track of what we have 'in stock'. If anyone has any woods that have been on a long term 'loan' please let Sue know. In future there will be an agreed 'loan' period after which members will be expected to purchase their own woods and new bowlers can then have the use of the right size woods when they start to bowl.

The committee would like to advertise 3 positions that would help the running of the club.

A position has become available for a **RAFFLE person EXTRAORDINAIRE** or even a mediocre one will do. The qualities needed are:

- A well organised person
- Someone who can spot a bargain

The position of Raffle Person Extraordinaire would help the club captain – GREATLY!

Each weekend home game will now have a raffle of 4 prizes. The role involves the purchase of 4 prizes- Sweets, wine, biscuits and one other for each home weekend game. The laminated raffle tickets need to be sorted into the glass jugs for the tables before the day of the game and the matching ones goes in the raffle drum ready for the match.

If you think you could help out and take this role on please let Deb know.

A position has become available for a **TEAM of Groovy Grass Cutters**.

The team will be responsible for cutting the grass surrounding the green and the grass outside the club as you walk into the club.

It is hoped that we will have enough members volunteer to join this amazing team so that 2 members take a turn each week to keep the grass looking trimmed and gorgeous as Tim managed to do on his own last season. The day it is cut can be flexible but Thurs or Fri would be ideal ready for the weekend games.

The more people that are prepared to help the less times we will all have to take a turn.

Qualities: Keen to help the club, you will need a hat and sun cream for when it is hot and need to be able to work as part of a 2 man team when it is your turn to cut the grass.

If you think you can help please let Deb know.

Men's Team Manager. - A men's team selector is required for the following club entries. This is similar to the Captains role (on a much smaller scale) and will entail speaking to other clubs to confirm dates and details, notifying the members of match dates, times and locations requesting members to put their names down for selection and then selecting and notifying the members who have been selected.

COUNTY - Club League (Two Fours)

SADBA - Jones Cup, Bob Vise Trophy, Triples League (Friday)

W&D - Evening League (Friday)

Aaron Langley has kindly volunteered to undertake some/all of this role, however he would be appreciative of a member(s) helping to lighten the load by volunteering for any of the above.

If you wish to volunteer to help Aaron with managing the men's team for any of the above, please contact Gillian Carvin by email gdcarvin@gmail.com before Wednesday 9th March 2022.

Captains Report.



Two indoor games left. Hatfield on SUN 30th Jan and Watford IBC on SAT 19th Feb.

A massive thank you to everyone that has put their name down to play in our indoor fixtures. I think it is fair to say we see these games as a get together, some games we have held our own and other games, like this one at Harpenden indoor club – we got splattered! But, it was a nice afternoon, it was nice to see everyone and we had tea and biscuits.



Captains Charity.

It was really hard deciding on the Captains Charity for this season. I have seen so many great charities at work recently. However, In view of the fact that Rob M was cared for in the Watford Peace Hospice and Nessa and Geoff are having support from Rennie Grove I have decided on these two charities for 2022.

The charity pot has already had a great start from donations from Anita's funeral both from club members and from Matthew and Andrew – Anita's sons. Geoff and Nessa have also donated the money from the re sale of two of their theatre tickets for Pretty Woman go into the charity pot.

The Peace hospice support people at the end of their life but the vast majority of their work is about empowering patients to achieve the best quality of life possible. They do that with their work in the community but, also, at the Hospice itself. Rob spent his last few days in the hospice and passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Rennie Grove Hospice Care is a charity providing specialist care and support for adults and children with a life-limiting illness in Bucks and West Herts. Through their unique Hospice at Home service, available day and night, and a range of day services they support their patients to live the best quality life they can with a choice about how and where they are cared for towards the end of life. They are also there for the families of their patients, ensuring that everyone can receive the right support, when they need it, to help them make every moment together matter.

I am really looking forward to the start of the season and the pre season 'get together' evening to submit membership forms and catch up with everyone. This will be on WEDS 16th MARCH at 7pm.

Take Care, Debs

Social events for 2022.

Pre-season Break.

The 25th March see's a few of us (28) visiting Potters for a 3 night pre season break. Having spoken to a few members that went to Potters in Dec 2021 the general feeling is that we give the Mon – Fri a miss this year. It is getting very expensive and I will be interested to see what the feedback is from the March outing.

Pretty Woman – Savoy Theatre

This theatre trip on 9th Feb has 50 of us on a jolly to see this fab show. Sadly no Richard Geer or Julia Roberts but I am sure it will be amazing. I still have 1 ticket left if anyone fancies joining us let me know

The Drifters Girl

Another London theatre trip this time on Weds 16th March when we are off to see Beverly Knight and the cast with lots of Drifters music.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Norfolk.

It has been suggested that we have an outing, by coach with an overnight stay, to start our Christmas celebrations to Norfolk this year to see this Christmas spectacular.

So, say no more.....

I have reserved 22 tickets at £42 each for TUESDAY 6TH DEC for the eve performance at 7pm and need to know if you would like to come? If you do.....

- Do you want a coach or make your own way?
- Do you want an overnight stay – prob premier inn or similar with breakfast on the Weds before we make our way home.

Let me know if you fancy coming. Here is the link to find out more www.thursford.com

Pre- season Quiz Night.

Just to get the Captains Charity well under way we will be running a quiz night on FRIDAY 18TH MARCH, 6 for a 6.30 start. 8 max in a team £10 pp. Bring your own nibbles and supper. This motley crew won the last quiz.

