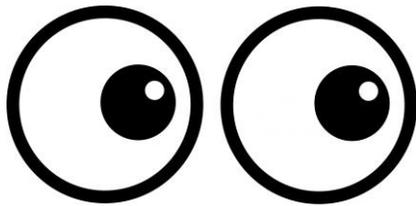




Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2019

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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.



How observant are you??

Those of you that take an interest in your surroundings will notice that ditches have been dug around the green by the hedges, water pipes laid and filled back in again!

You may have also noticed that we have a new massive gate at the rear of the club.



If you go down to the club today, you're sure of a big surprise! If you go down to the club today, you'll hardly believe your eyes! For every bloke that ever there was will gather there for certain because well not all the blokes but a few and a gal!

They take pride in Harperbury bowls club, they want to improve Harperbury bowls club and improve the security of the club with the new houses going up at a rate of knots!

The working party group including Ken, Dave L, Michael and Aaron Langley with the organisational skills and guest appearances when needed from Peter C, Robbie, John G and Sue. They have been working tirelessly again on the water system and security of the club. The water pipes now go all around the hedges making watering the gardens easier. The sprinkler heads have all been raised meaning that along with more water pressure the green is actually getting watered in the middle of the green this year.

Peter carries on his negotiating with Bloor homes discussing lots of different things to help the club. We will hopefully be getting new gates if approved, CCT cameras to help with security, we will be having a new path laid from the carpark to the club, a bigger carpark has been negotiated and the 'chats' continue. So everyone on the committee and some members not on the committee have been working really hard, as always on the members behalf.

Quick members quiz...

1) An event has finished up the club and it is time to go home. Do you?

A – get your stuff and off you go

B – take your cups and glasses into the club house?

C- Take your cups and glasses into the club house bar or kitchen and wash them up and dry them and put them away?

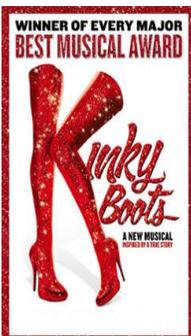
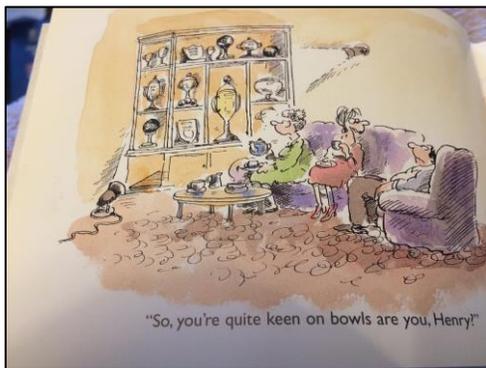
D – Do C and ask if there is anything else that needs doing as well?

The committee appreciate that members want different things from Harperbury in so much as how often they bowl. However the committee really hope that all members are willing to get involved with keeping the club tidy and that members will take pride in the club etc and support the Captains with games when they can.

Thankfully we do have many members that are willing to be on the committee and carry out duties, members that give support to the games, the working parties, captains that sort the teams out, a bar manager and members that will do bar work, members that will take their turn with club meals and cleaning and help in the kitchen for big games. Members that cut the grass etc when they can and take it in turns to clean the club.

Without your help, as members, all of the day to day stuff would fall on the same people all the time. There have been a few occasions recently when the walk away approach has been very evident with little or no support for members in the kitchen or in the bar or generally clearing up after games or events. On the tea roster members appear unaware that it is their turn as they have not ticked their names on the list. This means the captain has to ring them to make sure they know and on a few occasions the members had not been aware.

We can all get involvedIf you see that the chairs need sorting on the patio area – sort them. If the tables are in need of a wipe – wash them down. If there are empty glasses on the table take them into the bar and wash them, likewise cups in the kitchen. If our new cupboards have tea or coffee splashes on them – give them a wipe. These little things really help keep the club tidy – it is your club after all. You will not be stepping on anyone's toes honest! Thank you.



Money is now due for Kinky Boots in Milton Keynes on Oct 29th.

£27.50 pp. Cheques made payable to Harperbury bowls club please.

Please let either Peter or I have your payments. Coach will be approx. £14 pp payable by the end of Sept please.

Deb, Emma, Net, Sheila, Les, Gary, Kirstie, Mo & Ron +2, Maggie and Alan L + 1, Allen and Janet N, Lou and Maria, Kat (Deb), Caroline (Deb), Diane (Deb) Hayley, Pat W, Aaron and Rose L, Peter and Ivy F, Judy + 2. 29 people. 27 going by coach.



The Bill Thorne Triples day was another great success.

Sheila's family were out in force with their friends making up 7 of the triples.

The day raised £ for the family's charity.

The winners were Keith and Ivy F and Gill D. With Craig Charlie and Christine coming top in the family teams.

It was a really lovely day and if you get the chance next year come along.

Keith W takes the pictures and there are a lot more on our web site.

Our Club Gala – The Martin Daly

Thank you to everyone who made this such a big success. That includes the teams that entered, the gang in the kitchen, the committee for their hard work – especially Sheila, Joyce, Sue, Peter and Gillian. Thanks to Dave T for fronting the day and all those that helped with the tea and coffee stall and in the bar. A big thanks to our raffle team as well.

All of you helped to make the day a great success and the feedback was very positive.

Congrats to Aaron, Michael and Ken who won the Gala with runners up from Bushey Bowls Club.



Our Finals day Saturday 14th Sept - is fast approaching and we hope that a few of you will be able to come up and support the finalists. As always there will be a lunch available if pre ordered of soup and a roll with cheese and biscuits.

There is a poster up in the club.

Well done to all those that have made a final this year.



Many of you that attended our Charity quiz night last year in London Colney will remember my friend Julie. She was the reason for the quiz night as she was, and still is, waiting for a new heart. At the quiz night we raised money for the charity group that supports people waiting for a transplant.

Julie and I trained together as midwives back in 1998. Julie's heart is failing. She has an 'artificial' heart called a LVAD that she carries with her all the time. This device is plumbed into her heart and pumps the blood around her body like a normal heart would. A fantastic device- but she is getting worse. She is now on the urgent transplant list and has been in the Royal Brompton for 202 days so far waiting, along with others, for the life changing transplant she needs. She has seen friends walk out with their new hearts but has also lost friends as no organs were available.

I hope you don't mind but I promised Julie that I would spread the word about signing up to be an organ donor on organdonation.nhs.uk.

The ultimate decision about organ donation, be it a heart down to tiny cornea's is up to our families once we have left this mortal planet. Yes they have the final say regardless of whether you have registered. Over 700 families last year went against the wishes of family members that had signed up to donate and declined the use of their loved ones organs.

Julie wants us all to have that conversation with our families.

You can follow Julie as she waits for her new heart on FB – Julie Bartlett waiting for the call. Julie has been told on two occasions that they have a possible heart for her but once all prepped for theatre they have said it was not a close enough match. I can't even begin to imagine how that feels. So close yet so far.



Guide Dogs for the Blind and the London Welsh.



The money was raised by London Welsh and presented by Andy Thomas, one of our Trustees on behalf of them to the Guide Dogs for the blind at our recent match.



Don't forget we have a web site where lots of pictures from our games are posted by Keith W.

www.harperburybowls.org/

Please support the web site as it is a great way to show case the club.

Social Events.....

A few members fancy a visit to the casino in Luton. They do a nice meal and then you can either find a seat, chat and people watch or have a gamble. We did think Saturday 23rd Nov but that is the day after we come back from our Potters trip so we may have to re think. Let me know if you fancy it.

Harperbury Golf Society.....

Following another successful golf outing to The Shire golf club for 9 holes and a scrummy lunch we are hoping the next one will be in September at Aldenham if anyone else wants to join us let one of us know. The day was won by Ken K with John A in 2nd place.

We are talking about a 4 night golf break to Ashbury next year with a bit of bowls, ten pin bowling, cards, craft etc all available at Ashbury as well. We are just debating which end of the bowls season to go. It will probably be Sept. Mon – Fri. As all the golf is included in the price and with the use of buggies it will allow for golf everyday - foursomes, fourball better ball and a 9 hole competition.

This year the full board break is £323 pp . in Sept. Let me know if you are interested.



Captains Report Sue Allen

Dear All as we rapidly approach the end of our season, I would like to thank all those that have played in friendlies, team Inter club competitions and of course representing your club in individual competitions.

As far as our friendly games are concerned we have had a mixed bag of results with some cancellation of games. None of which have been down to Harperbury. A nice cross section of members have included themselves in these games. It would be nice to see a few more of you next season.

We have also played some new clubs, such as Met Police Club and Pinner. Would be nice to see a few more new venues to visit and vice versa.

Congratulations must go to a number of players, individual and teams.

- As you know the men won the Watford and District Triples League on the first year of entering, well done to all the men.
- The Ladies have been successful in the St Albans & District Triple League and will play North Mymms in the final, on Sunday 8th September at Harpenden
- The Ladies have also reached The Semi Final of The Herts County League which will be played on 1st September at 10am if they win the final will be in the afternoon 2pm onwards at Harpenden.
- Malcolm West, Niel Roake and Dave Gauthier have reached the final of the St Albans & District Men's Triples on Saturday 8th September at Potters Bar
- Malc, Judy, Les and Sheila have reached final of Stockman & Winser on Sunday 8th September
- Sue S and Emma T have reached semi of Aussie pairs, played on Wed 27th at Townsend
- Sue A and Joyce semifinals of District pairs Thurs 29th at St Albans
- Debbie T is in the Semi of Champion of Champs Wed 28th at Townsend
- Judy is in the semifinals of the Officers Singles Thursday 28th

Thank you for all your support throughout the season.



Rob Martindill presenting our President Sheila Roberts with a donation from the old Borehamwood Bowls Club.

A few of the committee and other club members attended the presentation evening at Borehamwood recently to receive the donation from the Borehamwood club funds.