



NEWSLETTER



November 2016



Look at the green now!

(First photo thanks to Peter Lee. Second photo thanks to Ian Gibbins)



September



October

Autumn in the park

Work continues during the off season and the views can be spectacular!



(Thanks to Geoff Thomas for these brilliant photos)

Thanks from Anne and Mark Snell

We would just like to thank you all for the good wishes received on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary and for the beautiful flowers. We can't believe where all those years have gone and even more that we are still talking to each other – occasionally!!

Holiday news from Anne and Mark- this will whet your appetite!

Whilst on holiday in Portugal we visited the venue for next year's bowls tour. The hotel is well situated just across the road from a large marina that is full of restaurants, bars, shops and ice-cream parlours!! Something for everyone!! (Photo thanks to Alan English)



We also popped into a local bowls club – they were very welcoming and we were delighted to see that they were playing on a lawn grass green which was in very good condition.

As promised in the last newsletter, the contribution by new member Tony Oakes.

Tony Oakes – My first year at Harrow Bowls Club

“Why don’t you try bowls?” my pal Brian Moates one day enquired.

“I’d like to – but isn’t it just for those who are retired?”



“No it isn’t- why don’t you come to the open day,



It’s at the end of the football season shutterstock · 65519794 – in early May”

A 4-2 win over Watford at Carrow Road wasn’t enough to prevent Alex Neil’s side being relegated from the Premier League on Wednesday evening.

(We tried our best to help you, Tony (and Brian))!

So I came along and Geoff supplied me with woods and shoes,

“That’s a start” Geoff said “but now you must learn the rules.

Greys in the week and whites at weekend. This is how you place the mat – you go from end to end.



As a beginner you play the lead, which sounds really super.



But don’t forget if you lose the end you have to push the scooper.

Come along during the week for extra training”.

Bowlers are a hardy bunch – we even play when it’s raining.



So with Geoff’s help and personal attention

I was able in mid June to put my name up for selection.



And in mid June I was selected for my first club game

Stoke Poges at home – having only played roll ups would it be the same.

I played in a triple with Elaine who looked after me and kept me in check.

I will just treat it as a normal game – what the heck.



I am happy to say we won at a canter.

And what made it more fun, there was plenty of banter.

Elaine helped me greatly – Doreen Bayley as well.



But neither could help when in antique bowls I lost to Anne Snell.



Did my first catering with Sheila Low on a Friday night.

Tony Paulley was also there, some said



with Sheila and Tony together there's bound to be a fight.



All went well – together we were great.



And most importantly – everything was ate.



Another enjoyment has been reading Shelagh Z's newsletter.



Brilliant read – every month gets better and better.

Friday night socials I have thoroughly enjoyed.



But often struggling to be on time – as am full time employed.



“You’re late!”

Everybody has been so welcoming and nice- not a bad word spoken.



And best of all every now and then, Roy gives me a bar token.



So no more Friday nights – no more sausage rolls.

Roll on next May to recommence the bowls.

I shall really miss it and while it's a pity

I can now concentrate on my other love –

Following Norwich City.



So thank you Jim for the woods



Geoff for the training



Thank you Mark and Roy

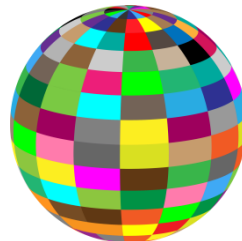


Thank you one and all.

You've really made me feel at home.



I've really had a ball.



And won the Friday night shield!



Well done, Tony!

Anne and Gerry Musgrave's poem will be included in the post AGM edition.

Dinner and dance and trophy presentations



Toast to the Queen proposed by our oldest member Doug Hadland.



Mark Snell, our President, said grace, proposed the toast to Harrow Bowls Club and presented the trophies.



Current President to previous President.

He even turned up early to assist with the preparations.



Who is behind the board with only fingers showing?

Report from Maureen Alder

Saturday, 26th November saw Grimsdyke Golf Club rocking. That was when we had our annual jamboree and trophy presentation – and did we enjoy ourselves!



Dennis Alder adopting his usual pose – relaxing in readiness for a long evening of eating, drinking and dancing!

The club served us well, and Brian and his staff (as we expected) served us up with very tasty starters



and main courses and THEN – THE SWEETS. (Next year I might have a sweet for starter, followed by a different sweet for my main, followed by a different sweet for my dessert!)

Then followed the presentation of trophies. Well done Shelagh for your organization. Although it's good to see "the old guard" haven't lost their touch, how nice to see some new names getting on the list for the first time.

Rex kindly collected Jim's trophies for him (he was on holiday) and even gave a thank you speech.



We eagerly await next year when Rex collects his very own trophy.

Then came the action. Michael knows what we want and played and sang his heart out. Although I didn't see any feckles, and our top lines weren't always strong, and there may have been the odd thumb sticking up (*including Roy's!!*), I do think that most of us would have been awarded "severrrrrn" for our energy and enthusiasm.



But Elaine is shocked it is not "a ten from Len"!! A thumbs up from captain Roy to everyone involved in making the season such a success.

Another big thank you to Mike and Sara for yet again "doing the raffle". This makes a considerable amount towards the cost of the evening.

Mary and her helpers.



A big, big thank you to Mary for all her hard work.

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Dates for your diaries



Reminder: AGM Sunday 8th January at Windsock Club.

Maureen Alder requests that you mark Thursday, 12th January 6.30 in your new diary now.

We're holding a sort of new year party/get together in our pavilion. Nothing too organized – just a lot of chat, a bit of nonsense, a bit of eating and loads of laughs. Just bring a plate of food for the buffet table – anything that you like to eat 'cos someone else will like it too, and your own drink. Anyone can make tea and coffee. We'll probably ask for around £2/3 each just to cover any costs.

Although it isn't written in stone it would be helpful nearer the time to let us know if you think you might come. It's easier to get tables and chairs organized beforehand. You will need to wear a lot of warm clothes. Any "printable" suggestions for evening will be acceptable.



We are sending our sympathy and love to Harry and Elizabeth Gallagher on the sudden death of their daughter Helen. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 11.30 at Breakspear Crematorium.

