



NEWSLETTER

January 2017

AGM

Before the serious business let's have the fun.

An oasis by Anne and Gerry Musgrave

An oasis in the park

Kept green by rangers led by Mark



Harrow Bowls Club is a place

Where you can meet a friendly face



The club's well run by volunteers

Without them all, we'd not be here



A clubhouse, fine for all to see

Well maintained by Peter Lee



For newbies, coaching is provided

Between Geoff and Anne divided



Anne had trained me well and

encouraged me no end

So Gerry bought me bowls before

I drove him round the bend



My first roll-up, I have some doubt

Will my bowls be too spread out?

Will I cause my team to lose?

Or will somebody blow a fuse?



Teams are sorted, best as able

By Roy at the captain's table


The bell is rung and out we go



To pick our rinks, let's not be slow

My bowls would go one way and then another

The jack I'm sure had a repellent like no other

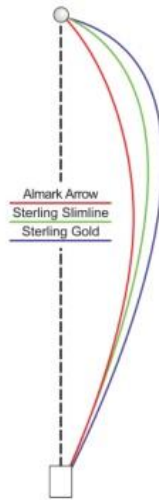
Controlling distance is a bitch 

My first bowl ended in the ditch

"Leads are not supposed to fire"

A voice from one whose skills are higher

I did not mean to wreck the end



I wanted it to slow and bend



Someday soon I'll get it right

But for now it's such a fight

We won an end, I got excited

Called out "three"



(With thanks to the very talented Ann Sharples)

Oh dear me

As a lead, I must not speak



But I'm not one of no opinion



I never was a silent minion



At half time it's tea and cookies

Enjoyed by veterans and rookies

Friday club night's quite a treat

With lots of goodies there to eat
And if our bowling's up to par
Win a voucher for the bar
Then there is the football draw
We hope our team's the one to score



(Apologies to other less important clubs! SZ)

Gala is a day of fun



With games and prizes to be won



When the day has finally finished
We find our money is greatly diminished
But never mind, we've had fun for our spend
So happily homeward bound we wend



When club matches come around
Teams are welcomed to our ground
When clubs arrive we sign them in



I do so wish they would let us win

Catering we take in turn



To make the tea we have an urn

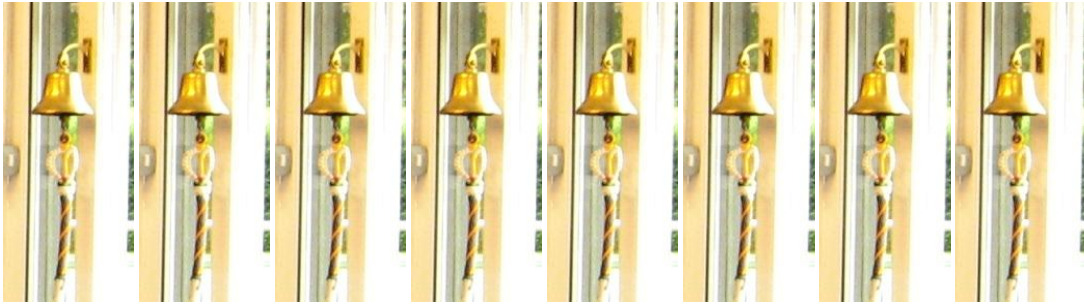


We make up rolls and cut up cake

And for advice there's Elaine Wake



My first season has now ended
Bowling for a while suspended
May I wish all members well
Until the spring, and the call of the bell



AGM Sunday 8th January at Windsock Club



Yet again an impressive number of people gathered for HBC AGM. Thanks were extended all round to the many people who contribute time and effort to the club.

Particular thanks were extended to Sheilah Lowe who is stepping down as secretary having fulfilled numerous posts within the club over very many years.



Andrew Georgiou offered to serve as Vice Captain to Roy Wake who has been without one for the last year. The President, Mark Snell requested that club members assist Roy more next season by putting names down early for matches. This will save Roy the need to phone around to complete teams.

Mary Warner who has taken over as Secretary seen here, proudly wearing the Club badge.



It was agreed that the Arundel coach trip will take place this year subsidised by the HBC but if one occurs in future it should be paid for by those attending the event. Clearly not everyone agreed with the democratically taken decision as indicated here by this limerick from Doreen Bayley.

There was a vote at the club
Whether a day trip away got a sub
I am sorry to say
Scrooge won the day
To fun and new friends
Bah-humbug

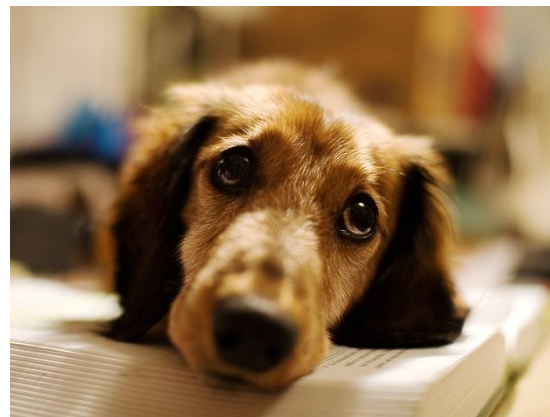
Clearly another controversial vote among some members, to follow on from Brexit and the USA election. Almost but not quite as important!

As agreed at an earlier AGM the subs will increase by £5 pa to £125 for playing members. Non playing members will also experience the £5 increase.

Mark Snell suggested that bar prices are increased by 50p.



Is this Rex's face now?



Even dogs like Solo were sad!

Mark Snell reported that negotiations with regard to the lease are still ongoing but should be sorted out soon.

It was agreed that fees for entry to club competitions should be kept at £2 but that the voucher rewards for winners and runners up should take into account the amount of money raised from the entries rather than being a fixed amount. New members would be encouraged to enter particularly the handicapped competitions as they would have a good chance of progressing through the rounds.

If anyone knows bowlers or ex bowlers or their partners who are struggling financially, please approach Mike Rosenthal who will explain about the Bowler's Benevolent Fund.

New Year Lunch 12th January 2017

A new and very successful addition to our social calendar.



About 44 members (new and old) gathered on a cold, wet lunchtime at the clubhouse wearing many layers of clothing.

However they were warmed by powerful heaters



a huge variety of food



and finally by the string game!



Overheard: "Oh, I don't know how it goes down there!"



It was lovely to see Harry and Elizabeth Gallager.



Their “Thank you” card read:

To the members of HBC we thank you for your kind messages following the death of our daughter Helen. Those who attended her funeral we would like you to know your presence was much appreciated. Thank you again!

A reminder of summer!

Thanks to Geoff Thomas







A chance to catch up with friends



What a sky!



Is this Cyprus?

We all look forward to the new outdoor season.

See you all then!