



# NEWSLETTER

**January 2018**



## **A Date for your diary**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### **The great dinner and dance and prize giving.**

This is a different weekend from usual as the other dates were taken.

You do not want to miss this and should **not** do so unless you are Portuguese and are celebrating independence from Spain in 1640! I have a very informative diary!

## New Year Social 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018



On a bright but cold January lunchtime over 40 members of HBC gathered to admire the work of the green and maintenance team. Had the green recovered from the covering of snow?



Whilst there, it was considered necessary to make merry and this we did with copious amounts of delicious food followed by a “question of sport” quiz. Both were as usual ably organised by Maureen Alder and Ann Sharples. Naturally Dennis Alder was there in support and adopted his usual restful pose.



A “rose” between 2 “thorns”!



Tony Oakes later shames all Norwich fans by not getting full marks on the “spot the mascot” competition unlike Brian Moates – his fellow Norwich supporter – who spotted them all easily!



“If you keep going back for more food, don’t think you are being greedy, you are just taking your daily exercise!” *Maureen Alder*

The sports quiz was run by Maureen with Ann Sharples adjudicating. Polly Lee, Tony Oakes, Doreen Bayley were the Phil Tufnell team with one half of the room assisting. Anthony Gray, Barry Miller and Mary Warner were the Matt Dawson team with their half of the room.



Somehow despite the Matt Dawson team excelling in the anagram round and the spot the mascot round and being gifted a point by Dennis Alder shouting out the answer for the opposing team, they were declared the losers! Ignoring shouts of “recount” the adjudicator awarded the win to Phil Tufnell’s team 20 -18 points.

Peter Sharples’ suggestion, that the winners took home 2 trays of sausage rolls and the losers 4 trays, was needed as a result of the excess of very tasty food.

This newly established event in many ways sums up the spirit of Harrow Bowls Club. An immense amount of hard work by Maureen and Ann in organising the event, setting up the room and supplying some unbelievably tasty food was well supported by the members who were delighted to have the opportunity to meet up in the winter and bring along yet more food. As reported the next day at the AGM (see later) the event also raised £97.30 for club funds but its main purpose was to bring us back together during the long winter months and remind us of the fun and laughter which we enjoy in the clubhouse.

## **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COACHING TEAM**

We are pleased to report another successful year. The season started with Paul Adams – an experienced bowler who was known to many of us – joining. Our open day followed early in the season. This was well attended and we would like to thank members who came along to assist in any way helping the day to run so smoothly. We have welcomed ten new bowlers to the Club:-

George Ottley

Liz Mitchell

Jeanette Swaffield

Eric Everatt

Janet Everatt

Terry Hooper

Nick Woolford

Sandy Parker

Eamonn Hamilton

Terry Liddle

And one new social member – Anna Hooper

One new member came and went - Simon Bishop

We are particularly delighted to welcome our new lady members this year – they are showing real talent and have all begun to enter and enjoy – we hope – some of the ladies' matches. Of course the men are doing very well too!!

*(Editor: Some are contributing already as part of the green team and supplying photos. All are keen to join in social events.)*

We are now enjoying a rest but already two people have approached us with regard to joining next year! **Anne and Geoff**

## New Members and Club Competitions

All members including new members are encouraged to enter club competitions. However I remember when I was a new member I was somewhat confused about the whole process.



When you get your enrolment form later this year it will look a bit like this. The fees will be agreed at the AGM .

<b>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>£ : p</b>
- Full membership		:
- Weekday membership ( see note 2 overleaf )		:
- Junior/Student membership (requires parental consent if under 18 years of		:
- Non playing / Social		:
- Donation		:
<b>CLUB COMPETITIONS</b>		
- Men's Championship (singles)	£2 : 00	:
- Ladies Championship (singles)	£2 : 00	:
- Men's Two Woods (singles)	£2 : 00	:
- Ladies Two Woods (singles)	£2 : 00	:
- Ladies Handicap (singles) (only one singles handicap may be entered )	£2 : 00	:
- Singles Handicap (mixed ) (only one singles handicap may be entered )	£2 : 00	:
- Junior (mixed singles – eligibility: no singles competition won previously)	£2 : 00	:
- Over 65's Singles	£2 : 00	:
- Centenary Challenge Trophy (singles competition, played in sets)	£2 : 00	:
- Named Pairs Handicap <b>Named Partner:</b> per pair	£4 : 00	
- Drawn Pairs Handicap (teams will be drawn by selection committee)	£2 : 00	:
- Drawn Triples Handicap (teams will be drawn by selection committee)	£2 : 00	:

New members can progress well if they enter handicap competitions as they will have a very favourable handicap. The Junior competition is for anyone who has not previously won a singles competition so is also a good one to enter. You can choose your playing partner for the Named Pairs and if you are both new you may start off with, say, 12 points against an experienced pair. You can of course enter the non handicapped ones as well if you wish.

If you want any further information ask any member but particularly the coaches (Anne Snell and Geoff Thomas) or the Competition Secretary (Shelagh Zachariades).



**BUT**

**do not enter**

if you are unavailable for the club finals.

(Dates of the final will be provided with the enrolment)



*Revised 12.09.17. Jim Hughes.*

<b>RED TEAM</b>	MARK SNELL
<b>MON-TUES</b>	BARRY RUDOLPH
<b>MORNING</b>	REX FREEMAN
	IAN GIBBONS
	ALAN GOODALL
	NICK WOOLFORD
	DENNIS WOOD
	ERIC EVERATT
<b>WHITE TEAM</b>	ROLAND PETTITT
<b>WED-THURS</b>	ROY WAKE
<b>MORNING</b>	TONY RET
<b>BLUE TEAM</b>	JIM HUGHES
<b>FRI-MORNING</b>	PETER LEE
<b>(SAT AM IF</b>	
<b>REQUIRED)</b>	GEOFFREY THOMAS
<b>GARDEN TEAM</b>	DOREEN BAYLEY
<b>AT ANY TIME</b>	DENNIS ALDER
<b>CONVENIENT</b>	EILEEN GOODALL
	GEOFFREY THOMAS

New volunteers always welcome to join us

**AGM Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at Windsock Club**

As early as 10.15 members were gathering to obtain their desired seats for the AGM. At this early hour Dennis Alder had not yet fully achieved his desired relaxed position as he was keen to retrieve the necessary paperwork for the meeting.



41 members attended the 115<sup>th</sup> AGM of the club. 22 apologies were received from members who were on holiday or unfortunately unwell. This included Alan Goodall who is unwell in Hillingdon Hospital and our best wishes were extended to him. Reports had previously been circulated and matters arising were discussed. Thanks were extended all round to the very many hardworking members and particularly to the officers, captains, catering, social and green and maintenance teams (and to Wally Rose for offering a strimmer for club use). Special mention was made about our hedge cutter extraordinaire, Tony Ret, who undertakes this thankless and repetitive task with equanimity. He is hiding away at the back of this photo!!





As our very hardworking President, Mark Snell said, so many people are responsible for the success of our club in continuing to have such a strong and vibrant membership when so many clubs are teetering on the brink of closure. I have met established members of other clubs who are unsure of the appearance of their club captain! We could not fail to recognise Roy Wake, Andrew Georgiou or Maureen Alder. Even shrinking violets such as our catering officer Elaine Wake are known to the newest members! We are blest with our 2 coaches who do so much to encourage and support our newbies. Our very professional treasurer, Phil Bayley, has saved us oodles of money by renegotiating contracts for all sorts of utilities. We have John Austin to thank for supporting our splendid bar manager Mike Rosenthal when he ventures to Europe to obtain supplies and fraternise with the French. Myriam Tsang and Colin Hobbs have offered to deputise in future. The green team have rightly been mentioned many times in the newsletter as have the maintenance team and those tending the flower beds. A small committee have been responsible for our excellent website which is regularly updated. If I have inadvertently left anyone out please let me know so I can rectify this in the future.



### **Short mat bowling**

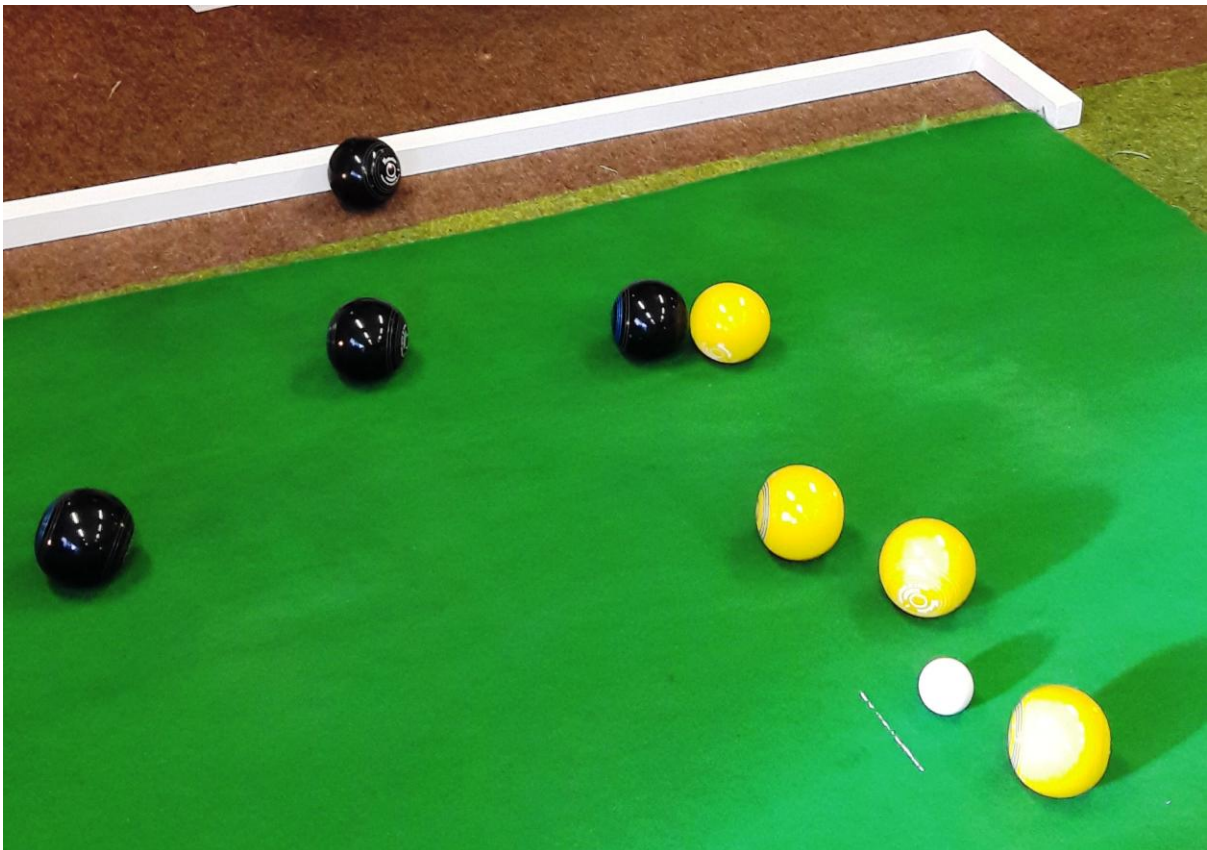


The skills of Peter Lee were once again employed in providing fenders for the short mat bowls provided by Alan Bellamy and the Windsock Club. The mat is now cleaned thanks to Ian Gibbins and we are ready to start short mat bowls. It was decided that there will be sessions on Tuesday at 10.30 and Thursday at 2. However anyone with a key to the clubhouse can come when they want and play. A charge of £2 per session will be made for tea and biscuits and heating.





After a short practice session on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January the inaugural match took place . Despite heroic efforts by the 4 ladies (Myriam Tsang, Ann Sharples, Polly Lee and Shelagh Zachariades) the result was a close (!) win by the men's team (Dennis Wood, Barry Rudolph, Peter Lee and Marios Zachariades). In the pictures below one of Peter Lee's fenders can be seen as well as an impressive 4 for the yellow(men's)team.



Here the triumphal team are seen showing off the resultant score!



### **Over 80s competition**

The family of Doug Hadland, our much loved long standing member who died during the last year, have donated a cup for an over 80s mixed handicapped competition.





## **Banksy of HBC?**



Rescued from destruction by Polly Lee.

Who is the Banksy of the bowls club?

“Graffitiing” Maureen’s tablecloths!



Shall we ever know the identity of our Banksy?

Could it be Eric Janssens?

And is this meant to represent any particular club member?

Our very own coach, Geoff Thomas has an exhibition of *his* art work (examples below) at **Harrow Arts centre** - Hatch End.

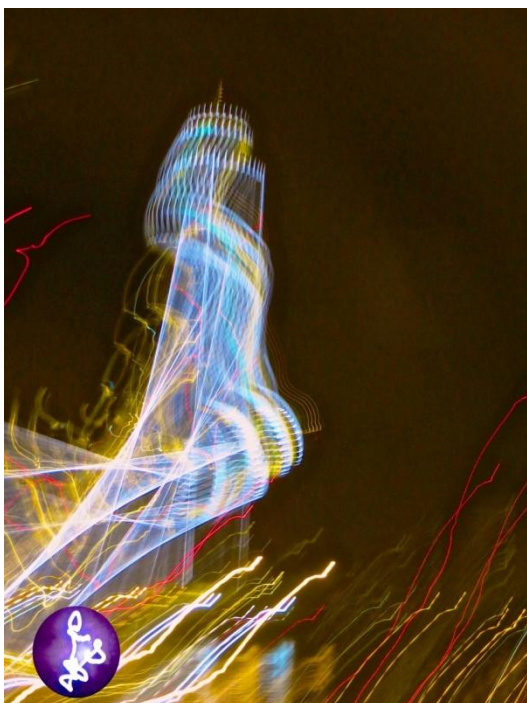
It will run from **1st to 29th March** 2018.



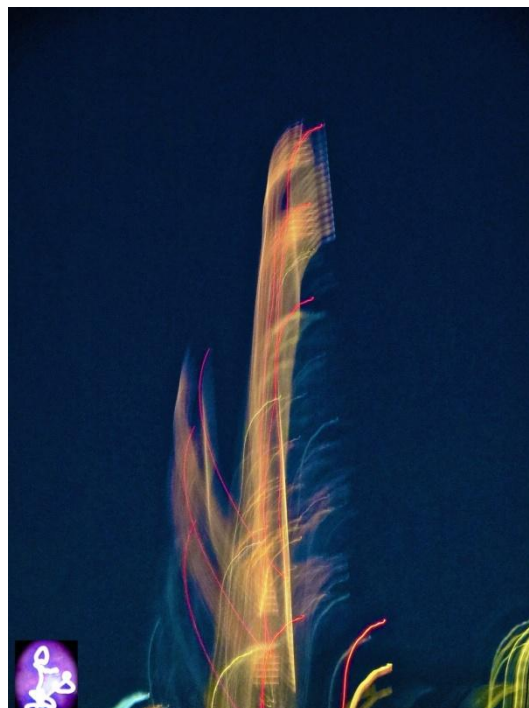
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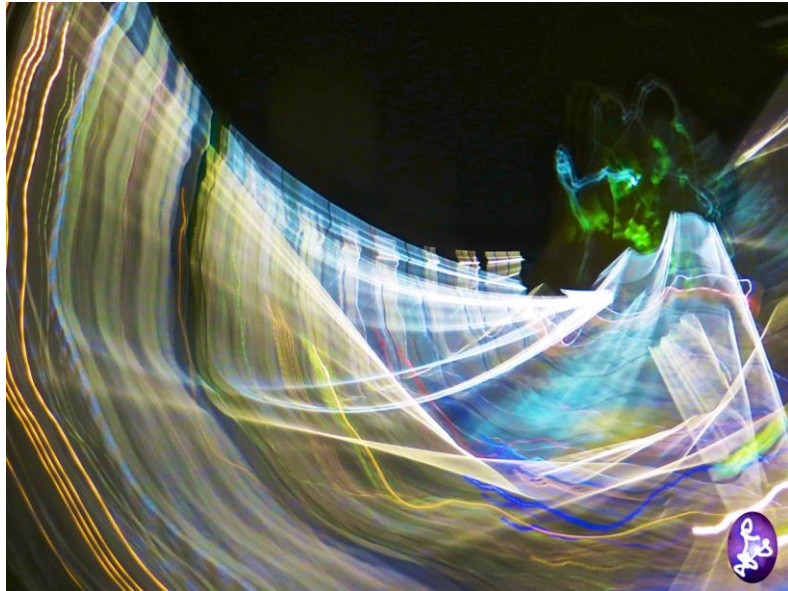
The Arch



Helter Skelta Tower at Vauxhall



The Shard



The couple at Tower Bridge.

**A reminder of winter 2017!**

**Thanks to Sandie Parker for both snow photos**



**A reminder of summer 2017!**

**Thanks to Geoff Thomas**





**If you want more reminders of the lovely summer season of bowling have a look in our website gallery.**

[www.harrowbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.harrowbowlsclub.co.uk)

**We all look forward to the new outdoor season.**

**See you all then!**