



# NEWSLETTER



**April 2018**

**Buntings** Est. 1896  
of Harrow

With grateful thanks to Roger at **Buntings**

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[service@buntings.plus.com](mailto:service@buntings.plus.com)

**For his donation to the club of £50,**

following an approach by Mary Warner.

If anyone knows a suitable company to approach for sponsorship or donation please let Mary know or, by all means, make an approach yourself on behalf of the club.

Our green team have spent the winter working hard for us!



Only joking! The green and environs tell the full story. They look fantastic.  
OK. So do the “lads”!

The next day!!



It is staggering how quickly the weather changes.

Photo thanks to Nick Woolford.

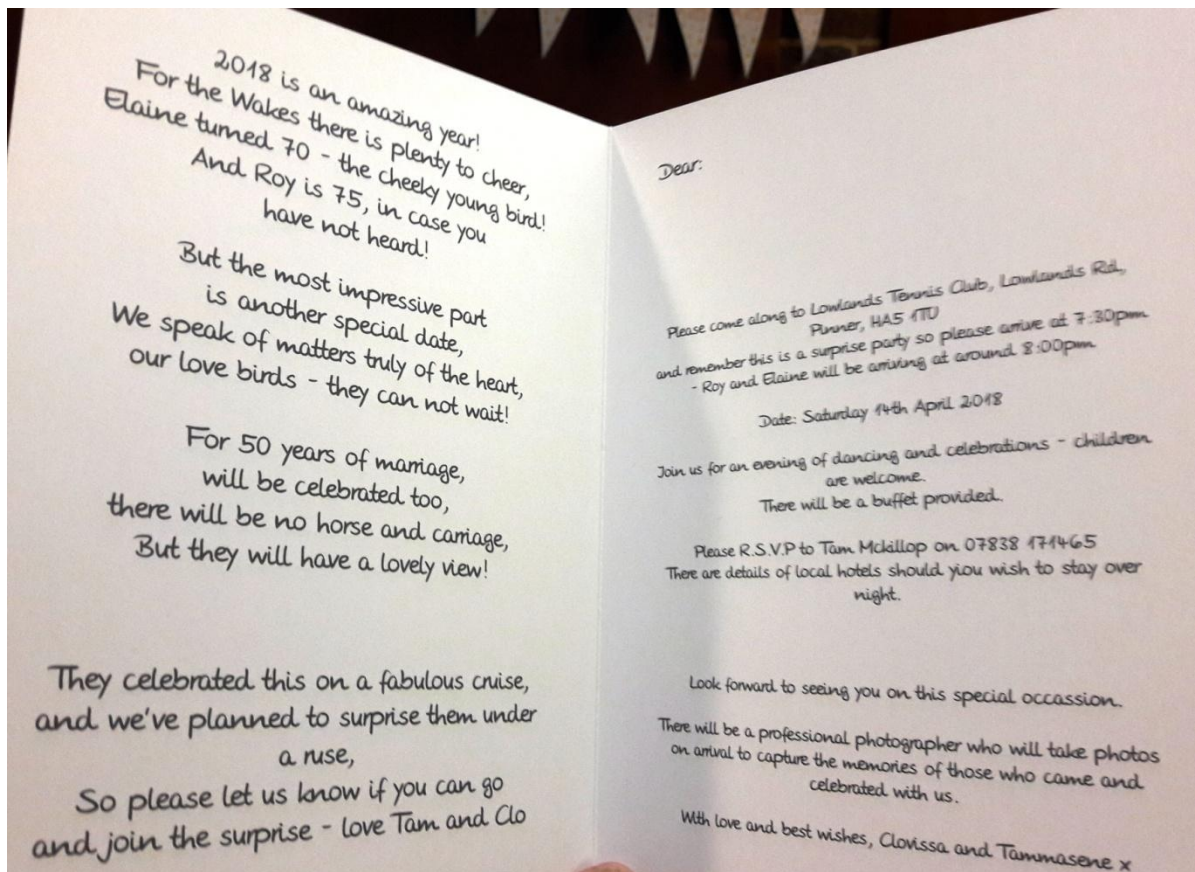
A week later. Proof that the "lads" had been working.



Thanks to Peter Lee.



## A big surprise



Our new season began this year before the green was open for bowling with a triple celebration. We were all invited to a surprise party



for Roy and Elaine to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary



as well as Elaine's 70<sup>th</sup> and Roy's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The members of Harrow Bowls Club, always eager for a fun get together, attended en masse





And enjoyed a great spread of food



And dancing



Elaine, as well as showing off (understandably) her shapely pair of legs, took every opportunity to “feel the love”!



although why she felt it necessary to head butt Jim Hughes I don't know!



Some however seemed more interested in happenings at Wembley





Clearly a serious business



Is it the head butt or the football worrying Jim?

A great night was had by all and thanks go out to Elaine and Roy's daughters for the invitation.



"Hello, young lovers, wherever you are..."



Still as youthful as ever.



## Short mat bowling



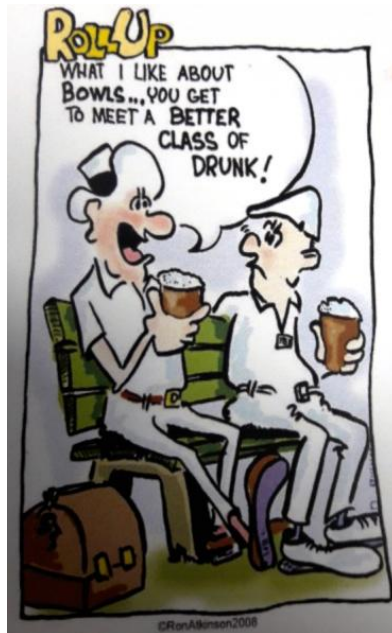
It was good to see the enjoyment continuing throughout the winter with the introduction of short mat bowling. Many members were delighted to be able to continue socialising during the off season. It looks like this will be a regular feature of our club life.

## Enrolment Day.

There was a lively atmosphere in the clubhouse on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April when we had a very successful enrolment day. The majority of people responded to the guidelines to either enrol in person or send in the forms and payment beforehand.

About 60 people have entered club competitions so we will continue to make good use of our club house and excellent green with all the club competitions and very full programme of matches against other clubs which are arranged so efficiently by Maurice Tate. Not an easy job!

One of the matches that Maurice has managed to arrange is against the **Royal Household Bowls Club** at Windsor on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.



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## **Royal Household Bowling Club**

Address: Frogmore, Windsor Castle. Telephone: 01753 850961

Parking: large car park next to green

Take the A329 to Ascot and at the roundabout immediately before the racecourse take the left turn heading for Windsor on the A332 (the racecourse will then be alongside you on your right). After going about half a mile go straight over the small 'double' roundabout. At the next roundabout (which is an elongated one with woods in the middle) keep in the right hand lane and take the second exit: driving through Windsor Great Park. On exiting the park, at the large roundabout in about 1/4 mile turn right (3rd exit) taking the A308 to Old Windsor and Staines. After about 100 yards drive over the Long Walk. The entrance to the grounds containing the bowling green is the first entrance about a quarter of a mile along on the left and signposted "Shaw Farm Gate". Inside is a small lodge and a barrier. Car registration numbers and other details have to be advised before the day of the match - otherwise entry will be refused. The security staff will direct you to the green.

\*\* With thanks to Jamie MacDonald for this cartoon which comes from a calendar supplied by Havering indoor bowls club. I know Jamie likes a mention in our newsletter. Some of you may not have heard of Jamie's



hot shot award

as he is too modest to mention it! As an ex member of HBC Jamie is always welcomed back as a member of Wealdstone, playing for any of



their teams – male or female!



**Before we start...**



**you might need your sunglasses!**

Our pristine gleaming kitchen



Does not just happen.



Elaine Wake and Doreen Bayley (assisted by Mary Warner) chose the hottest day of the year to apply elbow grease.



So woe betides anyone who does not keep it in such fine condition after catering or coffee making!

You will have **Elaine** to answer to!!



And **Doreen** !!



And **Mary**!!



It does not bear thinking about.



## Unofficial start of the season



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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April saw a large turnout of members, keen to take advantage of the glorious weather and to get some practice in for the next day.



A new member to Harrow but not to bowling, Sam Brown, was welcomed to the club. The sight of long standing member, Dennis Alder resting before the match proved that all was well with the world!



Despite the excellent bowling conditions, which were a testament to the hard work of the green team, the usual difficulty of reaching the jack at the start of the season was experienced.



One player, however, got his first 3 pink woods near the jack with one being a toucher! Very impressive!





After the match, members socialised and Roy Wake gave out a number of important announcements.

- He was able to present the long service awards to Des and Betty Carlin.
- Roy reminded everyone and especially newer members of the drinks etiquette. Home players offer to buy drinks for their opposite number.
- Thanks to Fay Mortimer and Pauline Dimmock for teas and coffees and Mike Rosenthal for the bar.
- Top rink to Sandie Parker, Tony Oakes and Elaine Wake.
- Maurice Tate is hoping to arrange a bowls holiday to Langham Hotel, Eastbourne next year.



Please put your name down to indicate interest on the notice.

- As we have no social committee (Maureen Alder and Ann Sharples having retired after many years of sterling work) we need a committee to plan for Gala Day which always raises over £1000 for the club and so keeps fees down. Please consider volunteering.
- Competition lists are up already. Please fix matches in plenty of time.
- Catering lists are also up so make a note in your diary and arrange your own swaps if necessary.

## **Official start of the season**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**President versus Captain**

**Meal, spider and match**



A lovely warm morning saw Elaine Wake and Barry Rudolph, ably assisted by Doreen Bayley, beavering away preparing the lovely cheese and wine lunch.



This lunch was followed by the usual spider competition.



which saw 3 woods close to the spider.

Magan Kanjia whose wood was closest was happy to gift the winner's bottle to the second closest, Grant Rickells.



As I was playing in a final at Herga (and winning!!) I had to send cub reporter, Marios Z to report on the game. As he is a man of few words, instead of the usual wordy report, a bare bones summary will be given.

Luckily our professional night photographer, Geoff Thomas, was out there in the daylight recording the event.



Seven rinks were set up for the expected six rinks games and one triple. In the event, due to absenteeism, more than one triple took place.



At the start of a great afternoon's bowling,



there were warm sunny conditions.

Surprisingly after about 8 ends, the match was interrupted by a



heavy rain shower.

So the decision was made to take tea then in the clubhouse.

The light showers



in the second half did nothing to dampen the enjoyment of the day.



Honours were to some extent shared. The Captain won more rinks (4-3) but the President got more points (127 -112).

President's top rink went to Barry Rudolph, Peter Sharples and Anne Snell.



The Captain's top rink went to Janet Everatt, Jim Waller and Magan Kanjia.

### **Caption competition**

Thanks to Geoff Thomas for the idea.



### **What is David saying to Nick?**

Send your suggestions to me for publication in the next newsletter and maybe even a liquid prize if they are really good (and clean...ish!).



## Maureen Alder's online coat shop



An opportunity not to be missed.

Your chance to get one of our well priced club jackets.

They come in burgundy or white.



But don't expect to look as good in them as our photogenic models here!

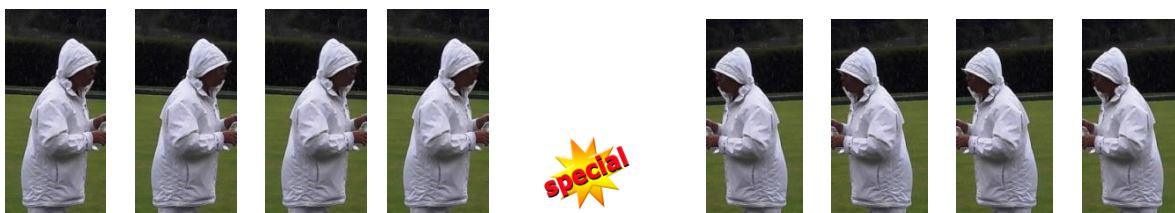
To find out your size – try another person's on! The blue label with size is inside the pocket on the waterproof side. ☁️

A plain reversible jacket is available for the bargain price of £26.

With an embroidered chest logo  and free personal name (if desired) £30.

Do not delay as we need to order a minimum of 10 jackets. Postage divided between purchasers. **BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY**

Orders to: Maureen Alder – 020 8863 4975 – email: [alder164@aol.com](mailto:alder164@aol.com)



## **Nearly finally**

a reminder that those going to Dawlish



should arrive on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April and leave on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

We don't want anyone getting the dates wrong this year. No names mentioned but a little clue on the back of the fixtures book!

Soon after we return it will be

**Open Day.**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

all day.

Do come along and play a roll up.



It creates a lovely atmosphere and shows what a great game bowls is and what a great club we have.



**Remember**



The **Harrow Bowls Club website**

has a wealth of useful information.

Just



Harrow Bowls Club

All the fixtures are there

All the competitions will be there

Even the catering lists

As well as the newsletters back to 2016

And lots of photos to show all your friends what a great time you have.



