



NEWSLETTER



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Will we be substituting the spider with a stork!



NO!

The green team are trying to discourage the birds who are after some grubs which live in the grass. The chemicals we used to use are no longer allowed.

We urgently need a response to Mark's appeal in the last newsletter.

We urgently require someone to attend a two day course at Capel Manor to obtain qualifications to apply fertilizers and herbicides to our green. As our green is in a public park it is a requirement that we have a qualified person to do this work. We apply fertilizer to the green 5 times during the season and herbicides as and when necessary.

The course covers ensuring that the correct quantities are used and how to spray at the correct rate. It is not difficult, (even your President managed to qualify!) and at the end of the course there is a short test which if you pass you get a City and Guilds certificate.

We are no longer permitted to apply pesticides to the green to suppress worms, leatherjackets etc and are only permitted to deal with disease in the turf.

It would be really good if one of our younger members was able to do this course and offer a real service to the club. The club will, of course, pay all the fees and supply all the relevant gear.

If you are interested please contact Mark Snell on 07901 686 354.



Meanwhile some of our number are enjoying outdoor bowling while we enjoy rain!



A glorious sunset in South Africa.



A chilly day in Harrow.

Eileen and Alan Goodall are still working away during the winter.

As are the rest of the green team.

Luckily we have no school near us, so the green team can't be accused of anything.



Thanks to Pat Freeman for the cutting above!

Seen on the website for the Harrow tip. It made me laugh during the coronavirus.

Q: Can I despise old paint at recycling center

A: I can't stand old paint either. ;)

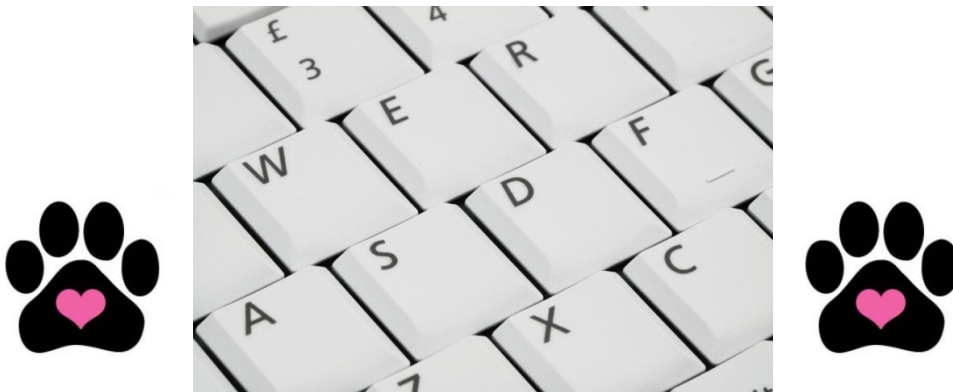


‘God I miss Brexit!’

THE football competition.

Forget Fantasy football. It has nothing on the competition run by another one of our members, Nick Woolford, who is also a member of our green team. Nick carried on administering this competition during the off season. I understand he is thinking of amending the rules to keep everyone in and interested. The current one has only lasted a couple of weeks.

Unbelievably Tony Oakes who put Norwich is still in whereas those who put Leicester, Chelsea and Manchester City are out! Originally Solo was out as Nick had recorded his choice as Leicester. However Solo barked a very loud complaint and insisted that he had chosen Liverpool (along with me). Nick checked his email and found that that was correct so he was reinstated. What a large keyboard he must have got. The keys must be very large to allow for his rather large paws!



Here is Nick being presented with a match ball at Wealdstone f.c.
Looks like he has scored a hat trick!
And who is that in the background?
Our own Tony Paulley who was one of the sponsors at the match.



I was the lucky winner of Tony Paulley's auction of promises.

He offered a VIP trip to Wealdstone f.c.

My son in law and grandson were able to join me.

We went into the director's box before the match, at half time and at the end and chose the man of the match.

Some lovely food was also on offer

as well as a very friendly welcoming atmosphere.

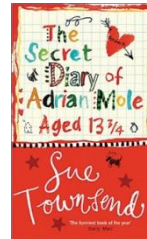
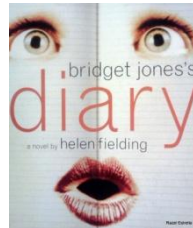
As Phil Bayley said in his AGM report, HBC fundraising is a very important source of income and the gala day including the auction of promises contributes a great deal to this.

Thanks are due to the many members who make the offers and those who bid on them. Not only do we raise lots of money that way but we build and

The many improvements to the club house were listed by Mark and the current financial situation was explained by Phil Bayley our Treasurer. All reports had been circulated before the meeting so members were invited to raise any queries without the need for post holders to read their reports, thus speeding up the meeting.


All the amendments were carried with an adjustment to Mary Warner's. The green team did not want the club to pay for their annual meal out.

Dates for your diaries.



Signing on day: Wednesday 8th April between 10 and 2. All the information you need will be sent by Mary Warner. You will need to enrol for the club and enter competitions on this day. Mary will explain procedure if you can't make the day. Also enclosed will be a reminder of etiquette on the bowling green. Please read.

Captain's versus President's day: Saturday 25th April.

Training day. Tuesday 12th May from 10.00 

The coaching team are arranging a training and marking day to enable our bowlers to "move up the ladder" to take on the roll of threes and skips etc. to replace our retired players who were experienced in these positions. PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY – it would be great to see as many of you as possible. Further details at the beginning of the season.

Open Day: Sunday 17th May. Do encourage all your friends and neighbours to

come and try this fantastic sport.



Quiz night. Wednesday 3rd June.

Invitational Triples. Monday 22nd June.




Antique Bowls. Saturday 8th August.

Fun Gala Day. Monday 31st August.

Finals Days: 11th and 12th September (13th reserve day).

Captain's supper and match: Saturday 19th September.

Closing day for outdoor bowling: Saturday 26th September.

Beetle drive: Friday 2nd October evening   or .

No, this  

Dinner Dance. Saturday 14th November

AGM: Sunday 10th January 2021.

