



# NEWSLETTER



**May 2021**



**Hurray.**

We are up and running again.

Not quite our usual club but the best it can be.

A really good turn out on enrolment day

and

lots of entries for the club competitions.

The draw has been made by Roy our Club captain and Doreen, Ladies captain and the lists are in the club house. Please note the dates by which rounds have to be completed. You may want to wait a bit for more practice but you can still arrange dates to play the competitions. Please note the new rule if you are unable to fix a date between you. It is on the board but I include here too as well as the rule on choosing rinks.



**Remember**



**The challenger should approach the opponent in the first instant and offer 3 dates. If these are not suitable the opponent should offer 3 alternative**

**dates. If these are also not suitable and no other date can be found, the walkover will be decided by the throw of a coin.**

**To decide on the rink, on the day that the match is to be played all the available rink numbers are placed in a bag and the challenger draws a number out in the presence of the opponent or opposition skip.**



## **At present**

You need to check 2 things so it is particularly important that competition matches are arranged well ahead.

Look in the rink book to see that the session that you have arranged is available and not pre-booked for matches or by others.

Contact Mary Warner to ensure there is a free rink. You will probably need to book 2 consecutive sessions as each session is at present only 1 ½ hours.

## **Getting a practice game**

Of course, hopefully things will change soon and we will be able to go back to our usual roll ups on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday club night.

**Until then** you need to use the pre booking system run by Mary Warner.

If you are not getting any games, you need to either phone around to a few fellow members and get 4 or 6 people together and then book a rink or find out who is booking rinks and ask to join in.

A bit more difficult than just turning up to roll up but the only way we can abide by the Bowls England guidelines.

**HBC website.**



Our website is up to date and full of useful information.

The **competitions** can be found there as well as all the **fixtures**.

The **catering lists** are available on the website as well as pinned to the notice board in the clubhouse.

Please put all relevant information in your diaries.

It is so good to have something in our diaries

...even if that is doing Friday night catering.

We have worked on the assumption that this will return in due course but need to adapt according to instructions from Boris!



Can I have a “P” please, Bob!



### **Plants, pots and pallets!**

As well as looking after the garden at the club, lovely Eileen Goodall has come up with an excellent fundraising idea. She will be supplying plants for sale. The price will be on each pot and there will be an honesty box in the clubhouse with the money going to club funds. Her plants are fantastic and many people have admired this one of hers which is in my front garden.



What a fantastic club we are! Hearing about Eileen's idea, Peter Lee came up with a sale table constructed from pallets!

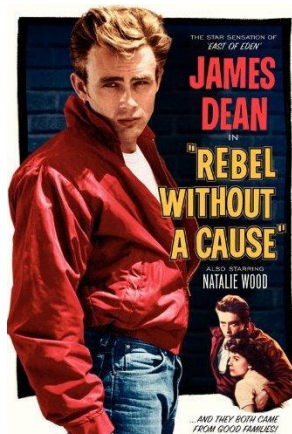


Eileen would welcome spare pots as she always needs more for her cuttings. Please place **here** as indicated!



Mind you I put them in the equipment container in the recent storm.

I am just such a rebel!



**Finally.** For those of us who thought we were brave to play in recent windy cold conditions...Do we really compete with the brave swimmers captured by Geoff Thomas (who also supplied the frontal pictures) ..swimming in a river near his home?



**And even more finally** what a brave hardworking bunch of lads we have in the club! Not only that – shock horror – they are surprisingly intelligent!



On a cold windy day they lowered the flagpole to the ground.



Would they drop it on Andrew Georgiou's head? It was a definite possibility!



It all depended on Tony Ret.  
Could he hang onto that rope long enough?  
Were there any old scores to settle?



Luckily Eileen Goodall was on hand to photograph the proceedings so preventing any “accidents”.



Well done, boys! We are proud of you.  
Tony, Andrew, Alan, Mark, Nick, Ian and Barry.



**We salute you!**