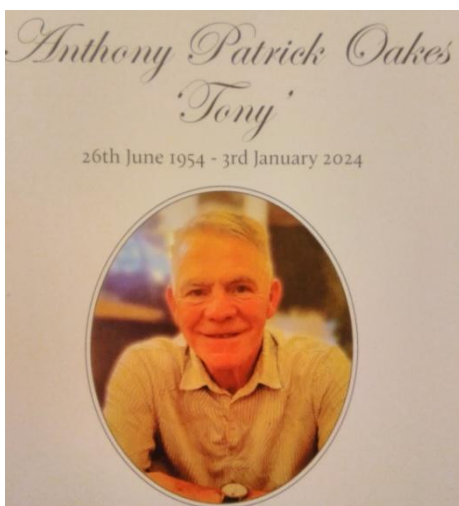
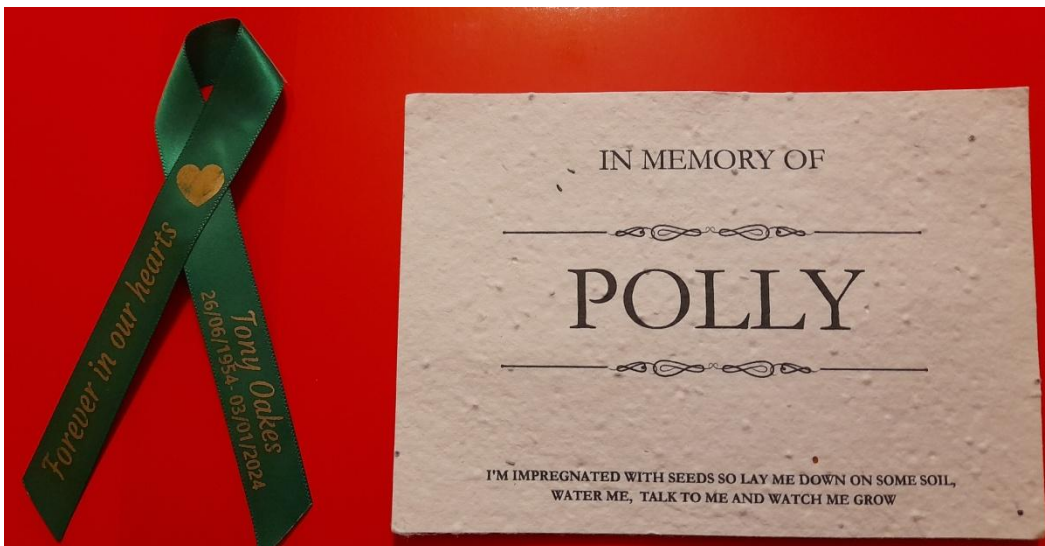




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Why has this latest newsletter taken so long?

Possibly because of these so sad events.



I will say no more but remember both with these lovely pictures and mementoes. Let us all carry on in the spirit that they showed and continue to make our club the best and friendliest!


Bowls holiday in Dorset from 5th to 9th February

There we were upholding the honour of HBC in Dorset. 9 intrepid bowlers including 2 co-opted from Amersham fortified with an appropriate amount of wine in true HBC tradition.



After day 1, the quartet of Barry Rudolph, Linda and Alan English and Mary Warner stood at the top of league B. Would they be there after the next round of matches?



One person stood in their way – the Traitor  Mark Snell who had been co-opted to play for a Kent team!! Would he singlehandedly bamboozle the chances of the Faithfuls?

Our other team fell at the last end in their first match. Their lead of 3 looked unassailable until spoiled by a disappointing loss of 5 in the last end. Their second game saw lead of 1 in the penultimate end but despite the 1 ½ hours time limit being reached a final end was played (as no bell was sounded) and they lost annoyingly by 1 shot.

Day 2 involved the Harrow traitor and resulted in a draw.



Was their place in the final in jeopardy?

Well, a draw in the 4th match meant a total of 6 points so they entered the 3rd/4th playoff and won it!



They were presented with bottles of wine as a reward for coming 3rd.



Confusingly day 1 was not the 1st day of the 5 day 4 night holiday but was the third day! The first bowling day saw the Men v Ladies match. Sandie Parker, Mary Warner and Shelagh Z won top rink in this competition .



Alan English and Barry Rudolph plus 2 others won top rink for the men.



Barry Rudolph won a wedge bowling competition (whatever that is!)



That is 6 photos of Barry. I know he loves having his photo taken!

Alan English was proudly pictured with his “wrong bias” certificate which he will have to display at the Amersham Bowls Club.



We will check that it is up when we go in May to play them!

Mary received another bottle of wine as she was the organiser.



Winter Social 31st January

30 or so HBC members attended a really enjoyable winter social. A wide and tasty variety of food was on offer as everyone brought some offerings with them.



And in my photo gallery I found the following advice to wives which I am sure all HBC Ladies already follow!

Tips to look after your husband

(Extract from 1950 Home Economics Book)

Have dinner ready

Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospects of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed.

Prepare yourself

Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.

Clear away the clutter

Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up school books, toys, paper etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too.

Prepare the children

Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.

Minimise all noise

At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, drier, dishwasher or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and be glad to see him.

Some don'ts

Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day.

Make him comfortable

Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax - unwind.

Listen to him

You may have a lot of things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.

Make the evening his

Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other place of entertainment. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to come home and relax.

The goal

Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.

Harrow v Herga 4th February

This year it was a well contested event. Harrow was in the lead on occasions but lost eventually 116 to 112.

Dinner Dance November 2023

This was a very well attended event and was considered to be an excellent venue with good food which clearly required full concentration.



It was good to see our old friend Michael seen here with Mary the organiser. He had nearly everyone on the floor, especially when he played the Alice song in memory of Polly who always requested it.



There were plenty of raffle prizes



The raffle was run this year by Ian Gibbins seen here enjoying his meal.



The trophy table can be seen in the background and our Captain Grant was on hand to present the trophies.



We were delighted to see Pat Austin there with her daughter



And also amazed that our president Roy was able to attend despite his broken leg.



Mort receiving his Men's Championship Cup



And Mary Warner her Ladies Championship cup again.



Brian Moates came up for his 2 cups – the 2 woods and the centenary challenge.





It is lovely to see him here with his wife and of course Tony Oakes.

Other winners were Shelagh Z for Ladies Handicap



Barry Rudolph for the over 65s.

Barry is smiling in a photo!! Is he asleep though?



Still smiling and awake! Posing for

.....the paparazzi?



Peter Lee winning the over 80's



Nick Woolford wins the Junior in his last season at the club before moving home.



We were pleased to see a newish member winning 2 trophies. Pradip Tailor won the Singles Handicap and the Drawn Pairs with Ian Gibbins.





The named Pairs was won by David Gillan and Tony Ret



The triples was won by Dennis Wood, Barry Miller and Mary Hughes

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening





so we are returning to the same venue for our next Dinner Dance on Saturday 23rd November. Put it in your diary.

Other dates for your diary

Signing on day: Wednesday 10th April. More information soon from Mary.



President v Captain's Match: Saturday 27th April

Gala day plus Green team v HBC match : Sat 3rd August. This is a new timeslot to avoid clashing with other events in Harrow and avoiding Bank Holiday.

Many other fun events were planned in the recent full committee meeting so we can look forward to a great year of bowling and socialising.



