



December 2024



Macmillan coffee morning

Friday 27th September

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us on this occasion and unlike last year when there were many people out in the park who were tempted to come and try some of the lovely cakes on offer, our attendees were limited in number and mainly club members. This was such a pity as there were so many lovely cakes on offer as can be seen below.



So much hard work went into the event.



Despite the limited attendance a good contribution was made to the charity.



Thank you for making our Coffee Morning special

You helped us do whatever it takes. Together, we raised a fabulous

£	468.00	CASH RAISED
	92.50	(25% OFF A £14.85 TO
	560.50	TOTAL

to support people living with cancer.

Scan me to donate

It's not too late to donate. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning. It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.

Headline partner

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

MSS CAFE

FR Registered with THE FINANCIAL REGULATORY

The rain stopped eventually

We plough the fields and scatter

The good seed on the land

But what are they doing to our lovely green?





The green is brown!

The outdoor season ends and members scatter to various activities.

Many joining Herga, many attending short mat at the club.



Some devoting their time to supporting their football team or joining Herga indoor bowls.

Sad news Sonia Kanjia

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sonia Kanjia



1955 - 2024

Her love, warmth, kindness and laughter will forever remain in our hearts. You will be missed forever 💜

Funeral details

Saturday 19 October 2024, 12 noon UK time

Please wear colourful clothing to celebrate Sonia's life

**Hendon Crematorium
Holders Hill Road, London NW7 1NB**

Live link to attend funeral online: <https://watch.obitus.com>
Username: quki4620 / Password: 625439

Magan Kanjia +44 7746 945263. Kush Kanjia +44 7944 016241

A number of members attended her funeral and others watched online and heard the lovely address given by Magan and Sonia's son.

Bowls trip to Dorset

On a glorious autumn Sunday we set off in our various cars to Dorset for a 6 day bowls holiday and surprisingly many of us arrived at the same time. We then learnt that Anne Snell was unwell with covid so had remained at home. We were sad to miss Anne's company and we certainly needed her bowling capability. In addition who was going to keep Barry and Mark under control. The task fell to Cynthia, a friend of Anne's who had joined us for the holiday. After choosing our evening meal and collecting keys we settled into our rooms.



The first morning saw the ladies v men's match. The morning session saw the ladies win 22 to 21. Unfortunately the afternoon ladies fared less well so we lost overall

The afternoon was free but unfortunately the weather was less clement. Marios, Peter Lee and I went to the Sandworld sculpture festival at Weymouth. As we approached I worried that it was aimed at children but I couldn't have been more wrong. It was a semi permanent art collection with sculptors from around the world. There were many different themes.



The most impressive for me was one done by a Ukrainian sculptor.



Peter Lee mesmerised by the sand sculpture.

This girl looks so real and the figure on the cross could grace any church!



The round robin matches began on Tuesday with 3 matches of 8 ends spread throughout the day. The highlight of the day was Barry Rudolph's successful firing which saved his team 5 shots. Unfortunately I was not present to record this magnificent shot but it will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it!

The food as before was excellent but a little too large so some of us started to choose 2 starters in preference to a main, thereby allowing us to maintain our peak physical condition! Surprisingly neither Barry nor Mark chose to demonstrate this on the dance floor. However on the Tuesday night a number of the group were seen strutting their stuff! Peter Sharples even felt compelled to join Ann on the dance floor.



On the Thursday night HBC relied on Phil and Doreen to represent us on the dance floor.



Wednesday was a free day and visits were made to Corfe Castle, Weymouth, Kingston Lacy and Athelhampton House and gardens. As this was a half term week there was a lot more open than on our previous 2 visits in February. Athelhampton House had a living history event with a local theatre company playing the roles of tudor folk rich and poor. They constantly stayed in character.

This was incredibly well done and entertained Mary W, Dawn , Marios and me for over 4 hours.



We partook of potage and learnt to write our names using a quill pen.



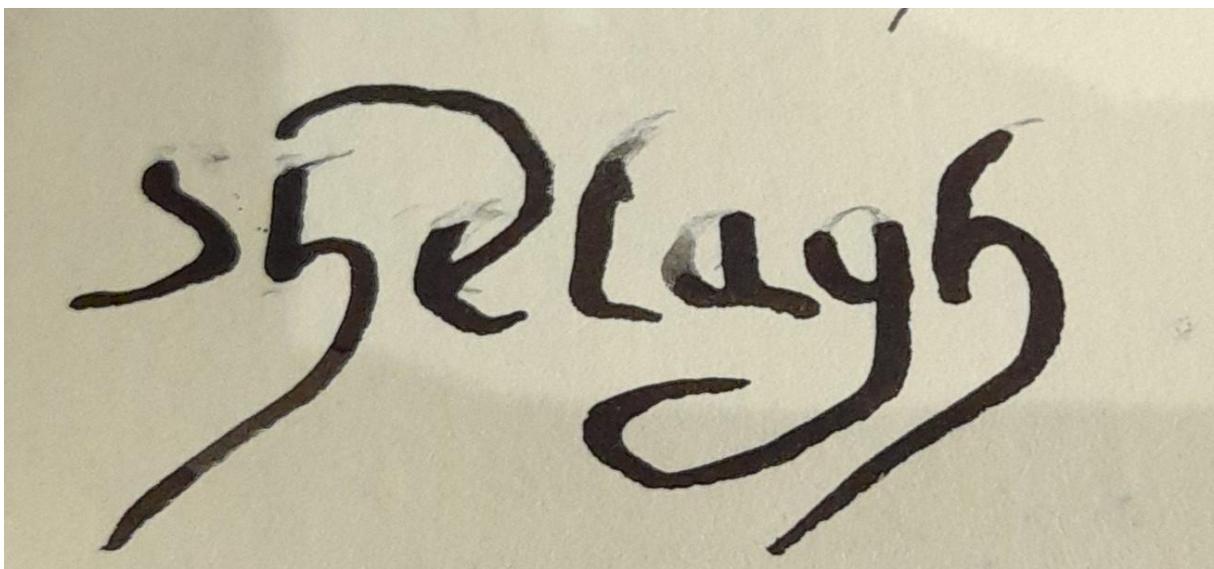
Making sweet meats tudor style.

We were hoping to be offered some but no such luck!



Mary writing her name with a quill pen. Surprisingly difficult!

Perhaps if I sign all my legitimate emails with my name in tudor style, members will stop telling me about the fake emails they receive from “me”!



After dinner on Thursday evening the various prizes were awarded. Barry Rudolph (our famous firer!) got a runner up prize in the wedge bowling.

Even more impressive was Maureen Ham who was awarded the wally certificate for the number of wrong biases. However the certificate had the wrong surname and when redone it still had Ham spelt wrongly!! If the certificate was not eventually presented we will have to ask Mike Rosenthal, who produces our dinner dance certificates, to produce one for Maureen as it MUST go on the noticeboard!!



Maureen was up again to be presented with the ladies top rink award together with Doreen, myself and a member from Hampton.



Doreen also got the bottom team in the 4s together with Mary W, Phil and a Hampton member.



Anne Sharples, Mark and Barry R plus a Hampton member got a 4th place prize.



Dawn, Maureen Ham, Jeff Ham and Peter Lee received the 3rd place prize.



We generously allowed the top 2 prizes to go to the Hampton team, who had Middlesex bowlers who regularly play indoor bowls.



Mary W was presented with a bottle of wine for arranging the holiday.

We were all very grateful to Mary for organising this autumn holiday and I think we all agreed this is a better time to go than in February.

HRUA sent the following to Mark Snell

We have put on our website a wish list of projects for improvements to the park and a questionnaire so that we can find out what park users regard as important.

Please forward the link to your members and encourage them to reply, even if only to the questions that affect them most. There is a space at the bottom to add any other improvements that you would like to see in the park.

The link is <https://harrowrec.org.uk/news-article-have-your-say>



November, 2024

Have Your Say - Projects for Harrow Recreation Ground 2024/5 and beyond!

Jane Galbraith,
HRUA Secretary

We have an ever-lengthening wish list of improvements to the park.

Some of them have been achieved, such as resurfacing several paths and the car park, others we hope to achieve next year, such as renovating the basketball court, but new proposals keep coming.

Harrow Council will carry out some maintenance and improvements in the park and we may be able to influence what they choose to do. Other projects may require funding through grants. For example, we have been offered £20,000 from the Marlborough Ward Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy and we need to discuss with park users and Harrow Council which projects should be prioritised.

Below is a list of possible projects with brief explanations. Please email info@harrowrec.org.uk if you would like more information.

Now it's time to "have your say"

Please help us by completing the survey, to tell us what your priorities are.

Have Your Say - Link to Survey

	Project Title	Brief Explanation
1	Drinking water (Hindes Road)	Re-install fountain (or at least a tap) by Hindes Road entrance to provide drinking water for people and dogs
2	Water supply (Peace Garden)	Renew water supply to manhole near Peace Garden for Council and volunteers to water plants.
3	Tree Planting	Programme to maintain and extend the park's tree stock
4	Bicycle hoops & dog rings	Install bicycle hoops and dog rings by café and maybe elsewhere (e.g. at Roxborough Road Alleyway entrance).
5	Table tennis	Install two table tennis tables near café
6	Renovate basketball court	Renovate and modernise basketball court (Basketball is popular but the court is decrepit!)
7	Information Panel (Beresford Road)	Install a replacement Map & Information panel at the Beresford Road entrance. (Harrow Council plans to remove all the hooped Map & Information panels at the park entrances and to provide 5 new panels (paid for by Green Grid funding) but not the one at the Beresford Road entrance.)
8	Wheelchair access (Peace Garden)	Path across Picnic Area to double gate into Quiet Area of Peace Garden for wheelchairs (note there is already some access via the single gate).
9	Footpath along car park entrance	Resurface footpath along car park entrance. (At present wheelchairs, prams and unsteady walkers can't use the footpath.)
10	Remove gate from car park into playground	Remove gate from car park into playground, for safety as children run across the car park and adults use the playground to enter the park. (This would also allow two more parking spaces.)
11	New car park fence	Replace fence between car park and park with one like that round playground but black and close the gap into the park.
12	Car park bollard	Bollard on footpath at entrance to park to stop vehicles driving into the park from the car park.
13	Improve Log Fitness Trail	Provide anti-mud surface for log fitness trail like that for the Green Gym. Consider having an instruction board.
14	Dog exercise area	Create a closed safe area for dogs off-lead between the Peace Garden and the Basketball Court.

15	Dog-poo-bags	Install dog-poo-bag dispensers to help dog walkers (and others) to keep park clean
16	Hedging improvements	Employ a skilled hedger to layer the hedge round the perimeter of the park, and to teach volunteers how to
17	Composting	Create a composting area next to the cemetery for use by Community Gardeners and Council.
18	Alleyway lights	Install bat-friendly lighting in Beresford Road and Roxborough Road alleyways ... and elsewhere? This is controversial because wildlife, especially bats, don't like light but humans do.
19	Victorian Shelters	Restore the two Victorian shelters: a heritage project but controversial because they encourage anti-social behaviour. They are the oldest buildings in the park
20	Gates	Repair, adjust and paint gates, especially one locally listed at Pinner Road entrance. A heritage project.
21	Mayoral Trees	Replace fallen mayoral trees and repair or replace plaques. A heritage project
22	Green Pavilion improvements	The Green Pavilion needs new shutters, one heater replaced and a noticeboard. It is used for community activities
23	Goal post maintenance	Paint goal posts (replace if needed)
24	Flagpole repair	Install new mechanism in flagpole by Cunningham Park Entrance so that we can raise the Green Flag.
25	Bowls Club fence	Repair the boundary fence round the Bowls Club.
26	Bin Posters to reduce ASB	Put posters on bins to encourage good behaviour and discourage anti-social behaviour (ASB).
27	Canopy maintenance	Maintenance of the canopy by the café. (Harrow Council will not pay for this and it is liable to develop leaks if not maintained!)
28	Mural	Paint a mural on the east wall of the Green Pavilion by an artist working with local school children.

The Annual General Meeting was on Sunday 1st December following the Tree Dressing and Refreshments. I am sure that they would be interested in any suggestions even after the consultation period is over.

Talking of the Harrow Recreation ground, here is a postcard of the park from 1935. Thanks Prakash.



Dinner Dance



Mary Warner and Liz Mitchell were busy all morning getting the room ready for the evening and Liz was also setting up the raffle.





Shelagh and Marios were also in attendance setting up the trophies and certificates to be handed out in the evening by our President Roy Wake.



A big percentage of HBC members attended as can be seen from the table list below.

<p>TABLE 1 Doreen Bayley Phi Bayley Grant Rickells Michael St. Clair Elaine Wake Roy Wake Jim Walter Mary Warner</p>	<p>TABLE 3 Christine Liddle Terry Liddle Liz Mitchell Pete Mitchell Jill Stokes Jon Stokes Janette Swaffield Peter Swaffield Steve Wyatt Wendy Wyatt</p>	<p>TABLE 5 Pat Austin Vivian Irvine Lesley MacLeod Barbara Mazzitelli Oily Mazzitelli Beth Moates Brian Moates Fay Mortimer Allan Pulford Fran Pulford</p>	<p>TABLE 7 Anthony Gray Irene O'Brien Jeff Ham Maureen Ham Harry Kirby June Lavers Diane Pettitt Roland Pettitt David South Yvonne South</p>
<p>TABLE 2 Alan Bellamy Isabelita John Charles Coyle Susan Coyle Ann Sharples Peter Sharples Ewan Simpson Hema Simpson Anne Snell Mark Snell</p>	<p>TABLE 4 Rex Freeman Pat Freeman Janice Fox Steve Fox Ian Gibbins Pat Gibbins Margie Judson Peter Lee Beryl Woolford Nick Woolford</p>	<p>TABLE 6 Dawn Allwood Nigel Allwood Dave Higgs Sue Higgs Mike Keller Valerie Keller Jai Mahadeo Barry Miller Alison Vallance Vivian Vallance</p>	<p>TABLE 8 Niranjan Jilka Surekha Jilka Prakash Kotecha Alison Mascarenhas Mort Mascarenhas Daksha Tailor Pradip Tailor Narios Zachariades Shelagh Zachariades</p>
			<p>TABLE 9 Fiona Fraser Tony Paulley Victoria Reyes Allieda Torres Lucy Torres</p>

After a very good meal the presentation took place at a good pace.

This allowed more time for chatting and dancing but made the task of getting photos difficult. Thanks to Allan Pulford who supplied most of the following photos on a memory stick after he had entertained Santa at the railway and just before he disappeared off to sunnier climes.

A number of members had numerous wins and runner up awards.

Firstly Dawn Allwood who I believe was the first lady to win the Junior and Ladies Championship in her first season at the club.



Dawn was runner up in the 2 woods and Drawn Pairs with Tony Ret who was absent. But she was a winner in the Triples with Mort and Yash Raval.



Dawn seen here with some of her silverware.

Mort Mascarenhas was forever moving, probably trying to escape Roy's inability to pronounce his surname.



As well as the Triples, Mort collected the 2 woods trophy and the runner up trophy for the Men's Championship and the Centenary Challenge.

On hand to collect the Men's Championship trophy, after an incredible match against Mort, which will live long in the memory was Brian Moates.

Brian also won the Centenary Challenge and Singles Handicap.





Brian can be seen here with all 3 of his impressive trophies.

Another person in multiple finals was Pradip Tailor, who won the Named Pairs together with Magan Kanjia (who also won the Over 65s) and the Drawn Pairs together with Alan Bellamy.





Pradip was runner up in the Over 65s and drawn triples together with Barry Miller and Gavin Hampton. Barry is looking a bit blurred here. Has he had too much to drink or has the photographer?



Alan also won the over 80s competition. The impressive trophy suffered a mishap on entering the venue. Rest assured that Alan has used his DIY skills to fix it.



Anne Snell won the ladies handicap with Shelagh Z as runner up. Anne was runner up in the Ladies championship to Dawn. Grant collected the Friday night shield.



Mark admiring Anne's trophies whilst serenaded by our usual DJ Michael who as usual got large numbers up on the dance floor.

The photographers were obviously too busy either dancing or chatting to record the crowded floor. However they did photograph various tables no doubt with the hope of selling the photos to Vogue or possibly Country Life!



Peter (one of the photographers) Swaffield's table.



David Bailey himself!



Mary our secretary, who as usual did a brilliant job of organising the event in all its complexity and Grant our Captain did a great job of circulating and making sure that all members new or established are enjoying themselves.



The Wealdstone crew obviously enjoyed themselves and were up dancing – even Dave who looked very threatening with his crutches!





Our next chance to all get together will be the

HBC AGM

which will be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday 12th January at 10.30.

Your chance to put forward your ideas and to vote on any amendments.

This is a well attended event so don't miss your chance to influence the future of the club and to catch up with your friends.

Don't forget

HBC v Herga match on 2nd February



Happy Christmas everyone!

