



## Second September newsletter



### Friday night club night

Date	Top rink	Catering	Bar
12/09/25	Kamalpreet Loyal Elaine Wake Peter Lee	Liz Mitchell Pete Mitchell John Southgate	Phil Bayley
19/09/25*	Marios Z Shelagh Z Jim Waller	Jeanette Swaffield Peter Swaffield Jill Stokes	Alan Pullford

\*Winner of Friday night club night shield. Gavin Hampton

## Results

15/09/25: F A to Iver Heath. Won 44 to 42.

Top rink: Olly Mazzitelli, Anne Snell, Geoff Ham

17/09/25: F A to Oxhey Pavilion. Lost 56 to 88.

Top rink: Kelly Wong, Peter Lee.

17/09/25: Ladies F H to Court Park: Lost 27 to 62.



Gavin Hampton presented with the shield.

## **Club finals 12<sup>th</sup>&13<sup>th</sup> September**

A glorious blue sky awaited the green team as they prepared the green for play. As usual the green team have done a magnificent job through the season despite challenges related to the very dry and hot summer.



## **Down came the rain!**

A bit of craziness from the 50s.



Was Doreen joining Charlie Drake in singing “Down came the rain!”

Well, it certainly did! Would we need to use the reserve Sunday?



Luckily despite a number of rain breaks we completed the events by Saturday evening with the Centenary challenge won by Brian Moates who completed a 2 sets win over Mike Tawn.



Brian was also victorious in the Singles handicap winning 21 to 16 v Magan.



Charlie Drake also had a hit with “My boomerang won’t come back”!



Unfortunately for me our own “boomerang” Dawn Allwood did come back and won the Ladies Championship 21 to 8. A better game than the score suggests! She also defeated Kamalpreet Loyal in Ladies 2 woods 16 to 12.



However Kamalpreet had a good win in the Ladies handicap overcoming Anne Snell 21 to 12.



A number of rain breaks interspersed with the bright sun seen in the above photos allowed for entertaining card games and entertaining supporters.





Woodcock Green sent in their spies but who sent the helicopters to keep an eye on our play!



Harry Leonidas from Woodcock Park was there to support his son in law, Mike Tawn.

Mike was victorious in 2 of his 4 finals. The drawn pairs with Mike Keller which they won 28 to 11 against Anne Snell and Tony Paulley and the named pairs played with Ian de Souza another new member who beat Anne Snell and



Magan 30 to 16. I think Mike and Ian's handicap may increase somewhat next year!! Sorry for the blurred photo boys.



Mike was defeated in the triples (with Hyacinth and Alan Goodall) by Satnam, P J D'Cruz and Magan.



Magan was pleased to win the Triples having lost earlier in the day to Prakash Kotecha in the over 65s (21 to 18).



In a rain disturbed match Alan Bellamy beat Jo Driver 20 to 16 in the over 80s.



They look somewhat bedraggled by the rain so it is a good job my photo is blurred!!



Another 2 newer members who will find their handicaps increasing after very good runs in competitions are Vivian Vallance and Paul Wong.

Vivian beat Paul in the Junior competition 22-11.



Last but obviously not least, our Captain Grant Rickells came away with 2 wins. The 2 woods against Jim Waller (21 – 4) and a win in the Men's Championship (21 – 8) against Vivian, who did exceptionally well to get there.



By the end of the day I felt somewhat like this statue (shot by Jeanette on a holiday to Dusseldorf). Very stiff and not wanting to look at the green!



**Rex Anthony Freeman**



Lovely bunch of flowers for a lovely chap.



Rex's funeral and wake was attended by a large number of HBC members. We were encouraged by the celebrant to think of the many happy occasions with such a great guy and as usual many of us discovered lots that we didn't know about Rex. His son David kindly sent me a copy of his speech and that of the celebrant. I am including a few extracts here but if anyone wants a copy of both speeches let me know.

Ian Gibbins of course would probably have discovered nothing new about his mate Rex having known him for about 67 years!



*From a young age, Rex demonstrated a keen athletic prowess. He was a talented footballer, even playing semi-professionally for Wealdstone FC, and in cross-country running representing Middlesex. His sports achievements were given more focus than the academic side, though it was always a given that he would transition into the family business, Weald Photographic, which, upon leaving school, he did between 1962 and 1965.*

*In his teens, he had a number of friends, including Ian Gibbins, who hailed from down the road; their friendship continued through those years after school and into a lifelong friendship where they were each other's best man and god parents to their children.*

*Rex's passion for Manchester United started young, and when not working on Saturdays, they would head off to watch the football.*

*Rex was a huge music fan, and as David will share more shortly, indeed quite the mover. He adored Queen, and in recent years, saw Adam Lambert live with Queen. He worshipped Tina Turner, which never failed to get him up dancing and back in the 70s, at parties and he would always request Disco Inferno by The Tramps*

*He joined Harrow Bowls Club around 15 years ago, and it became a big part of his life. He loved meeting a large number of new friends both through playing and at various functions, including the annual awards dinner, where, over the years, Rex collected more trophies than any other player. It was just a shame none of them were for him, as it became a running joke that he would go up and accept prizes on behalf of those who could not be there in person.*

*Rex was a well-loved face at the club. In a lovely testament to Rex, when joining, it was heard from one of the older members of the club, 'it was the best thing that could have happened to Harrow Bowls Club, because all of a sudden, when people were playing, you could hear laughter, whereas you never heard it before'.*

*Two days before mum's funeral, we went up to see mum and initially dad wasn't going to come in, but he changed his mind at the last minute and was pleased he did, as his mood after seeing mum as she was again, visibly lightened. Dad's parting words to mum, as we stood behind him were "wait for me" and I did say to him "steady on dad – we don't need you going anywhere just yet" to which he smiled,....so in someways he may of got his wish, albeit far sooner than any of us wanted, but we are trying to take some comfort that dad and mum are back together again.*

I am including a few photos I found to raise a smile as well as some from the family.





## From the newsletter account of 2018 Bowls Holiday to Dawlish

Top rink went to Isabelita John, Fay Mortimer, Rex Freeman and Ian Gibbins.



Why only a photo of the top rink at Topsham? Is it because they are more photogenic than top rink at Bitton Park or is it because it was impossible to get Peter Lee and Ann Sharples into the same photo because of height differences?





## **Captain v Vice Captain's match and meal**

**20<sup>th</sup> September.**

The weather threatened and indeed produced everything other than snow.



Jackets and coats were constantly being exchanged. Nevertheless the players on the 7 rinks enjoyed their games and were pleased with the mid match refreshments prepared beforehand by Liz and Jeanette.

The Captain's team won by 129 to 84.

Top rink for captain: Steve Wyatt, Shailesh Patel and Liz Mitchell.

Top rink for vice captain: Janet Everatt, Vivian Vallance, Barry Rudolph.



After a splendid meal produced by Blue Check and desserts provided by members, we had coffee...but “where were the mints?” I hear you ask?

Check Mary’s growing weight over the next few days, as she consumes the mints she left behind in her flat!

Despite this **serious** error Mary together with Liz and Pete, Allan Pullford, Jeanette and Peter and Grant did a splendid job in preparing the tables for the meal. Mary’s carefully prepared name placements with the food choices were under serious threat from the gusty wind every time anyone entered!



The excellent wine on the tables was generously provided by the captain Grant and vice captain Jim Waller.

Despite the copious amounts of wine the members were suitably attentive to the speeches.

Grant expressed this thanks to the many hardworking club members.

**Roy Wake** our President, who despite many health issues was always available for advice.

Secretary **Mary Warner**, **Phil Bayley** our treasurer, Mary Hughes, fixtures secretary and administrator of the Friday night statistics and vice captain, **Jim Waller**.

**Doreen Bayley** and Mary were presented with flowers by Grant. Doreen had been ladies captain before giving up due to health issues. Anne Snell took on the role of ladies captain manfully!



After such an incredibly hot and dry summer, the **green team** were thanked yet again for their incredible work, including new members **Ray Davies** and **Rico Lee**. **Dawn Allwood** is now our chemical expert having attended an intensive course together with exams. **Eileen and Alan Goodall** and **Terry Liddle** had a special mention for making our greens so colourful... well at least the surroundings!

Thanks were also extended to **Shelagh Zachariades** competition secretary and newsletter producer (plus her special assistant **Marios**), to the catering manager **Kamalpreet Loyal** and her helper **Vicki Wong**.

Bar Manager **Liz Mitchell** helped by the 2 **Petes** and **Allan Pulford** (when not sunning it in Spain) got a special cheer for the bar work and helping with the beetle drive and quiz night.

Another very intensive course was that attended by **Liz and Jeanette** to be development officers. As expected they passed with flying colours and have been working tirelessly coaching 15 new members this year! Many of these new members have had their photos in recent newsletters. I will be enclosing some more in future editions.

Thanks were also extended to **Magan Kanjia** (vets A captain), **Barry Miller** (Vets B), **Tony Paulley** (Bidgood A) and **Vivian Vallance** (Bidgood B).

As tradition requires speeches from 2 new members, we heard from Liz Hopley and Ian de Souza. They both talked about being recruited by existing members and they both commented on how friendly they found the club. Long may this continue!

Roy then made a toast to the most important person in the club our incredibly hardworking captain, **Grant Rickells**. This is an arduous and costly role which involves many difficult decisions. Roy said Grant has done more than any



other recent captain and this statement came from Roy another incredibly dedicated and hardworking previous captain. We were all delighted that Grant had agreed to carry on as captain next year.

Grant then reported on club achievements.

We won the Jubilee cup back from Harrow Weald.

In H&D triples we got to the final. Prakash Kotecha got to the H&D 2 woods semi finals and Magan Kanjia got to H&D singles semi finals.

Dawn Allwood entered the champion of champions competition and did very well to get through 3 rounds.

In C&T league we won the division and got through to the semi final where we met Gerrards Cross who are multiple winners. We won that match but lost in the final to Broadway.

In the various leagues we had a somewhat middle of the road season except for Bidgood B, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the division so will be promoted to division 1. Bidgood A will stay in that division despite coming 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10. It has been decided to have a trophy in memory of Tony Oakes (who set up Bidgood B). This will be played between Bidgood A and B.

In MML we were mid table in division 1.

Vets A 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 and vets B 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 in division 3.

## **Joy Cooper**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September there was a gathering of ladies at the clubhouse for afternoon tea. Organised by Anne Snell this was to thank Joy Cooper for the donation to the club to remember Len Cooper. We used this donation to get our smart new scoreboards.



Anne invited many of our past lady members as can be seen in the following pictures. There was plenty to catch up on and reminisce about.



Seen here Doreen Brewer, Isabellita John, Pat Austin look at photos of past teams who were very successful in various competitions. Dorren Brewer donated the ladies handicap trophy. Elizabeth Gallagher, Jai and Sara Rosenthal can also be seen.





Seen here are Sylvia Colbourne, Joy Cooper deep in conversation with Mike Rosenthal, Kath Smith and Jan Ansley.





The boys were rightly kept at arms length. Quite how Mike Rosenthal infiltrated the girls table, I am not sure! Perhaps he was discussing 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Anne thanks Joy for the donation. Some of the tasty cakes can be seen in the picture.



And scones!



Anne also reported on some of the members who were invited but were unable to attend. Ann Sharples had just gone off on holiday. We were sorry to hear that others such as Maureen Alder, Fay Mortimer, Betty Carlin and Rene Lloyd were not particularly well.



Jai doing her best not to be speared by the new scoreboard



And Anne emerges! Brilliant organisation as usual.

## Correction

The Herga open day will take place as advertised but it is Bowls Direct who will be attending not Potters roadshow as incorrectly stated before!



## Future events

### Macmillan coffee morning

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10 -12**







*Harrow Bowls Club*

SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER  
12.30 FOR 1.00 P.M.  
IN THE CLUBHOUSE



ENTRANCE FEE  
£12  
TO INCLUDE  
REFRESHMENTS (SANDWICHES) AND 1  
CARD WHICH ALLOWS 6 GAMES  
TEA/COFFEE £1



Organised

PRIZES FOR  
1 LINE AND  
A FULL  
HOUSE

EXTRA  
CARDS

£5

Organised by  
Kamalpreet  
Loyal  
and  
Myriam Tsang



## **Dinner Dance Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

The list of tables is up in the clubhouse, so do sign up for the annual presentation dinner dance at the Blue Check. If you can't get to the club, pass your names directly to Mary Warner. I enclose the menu for information. Order from the enclosed menu on the night. Bank transfer for payment after 1<sup>st</sup> November or by post dated cheque to Phil.



## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

BLUE CHECK RESTAURANT

144-146 High Street,

Bushey, WD23 3DH

### Harrow Bowls Club Dinner

French Onion Soup (v)  
Goats Cheese in Filo Pastry (v)  
Fried Cauliflower & Sweet Chili (ve)  
Melon & Parma Ham (v)  
Salted & Pepper Squid with chili Jam  
Prawn Cocktail  
Thai Chicken BBQ Salad  
Sautéed Mushrooms on Garlic Bread (v)

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Fillet of Seabass (g/f)  
(With Lemon Butter)

Cajun Salmon (g/f)  
(With Tomato Salsa)

Grilled Sirloin Steak (g/f)  
(With Pepper Sauce & Chips)

Confit of Duck  
(With Black Cherry Sauce)

Lamb Mediterranean Style  
(With Rosemary Red Wine & Tomatoes)

Chicken Marsala (g/f)  
(With Mushrooms Marsala Wine & Cream Sauce)

Penne Pesto (v)  
(With Mixed Peppers and Spinach in a tomato Sauce)

Chickpea Spinach & Butternut Squash Curry (ve)  
(With Rice)

Mushroom Stroganoff (ve)  
(Served with Rice)

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Crème Brûlée (g/f)

Fresh Fruit Salad and Mango Sorbet

Salted Caramel Profiteroles

French Apple Tart with Custard

New York Cheesecake

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Coffee / Tea & Mints

£45 per  
head

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head

DRESS CODE: SMART

Drink on arrival (Kir Royal/Bucks Fizz) with Canapés.  
Draught beers/Bottles/Wine/J20s/Soft Drinks on table. Canapes (Hot/Cold – mainly fish  
and vegetarian). 3 Course meal (menu above) + coffee and mints





