



January 2026

Sad News

We were all aware that Jeff Freeman was very ill so were not surprised but very sad to learn that Jeff had died on Christmas Eve. The Barista of the Year trophy prepared by Barry Rudolph was left unpresented. The club as a whole and the Green Team in particular will miss Jeff's huge presence greatly. Among the messages of condolence expressed on the club What's App was a lovely photo posted by Fran Pulford of Jeff propping up the club bar.



AGM 11th January

Despite cold and windy weather 45 club members made their way to the clubhouse for the AGM. 24 further people had given their apologies. Many of those were enjoying warmer climes!

The meeting started with the usual sad business of remembering those members who had died since the last AGM. This year we remembered Rex Freeman and his wife who died within a short time of each other and Jeff Freeman (no relative) who was mentioned earlier.

The reports had already been circulated by our extremely efficient secretary Mary Warner so we were able to deal with these quickly, including Phil Bayley's accounts.

Satnam Loyal who had been proposed as President had withdrawn due to family and work issues, so Roy Wake remained as President.

After short discussion it was agreed that the Ladies 2 wood competition be ceased and any lady wishing to enter a 2 wood competition would be encouraged to join the new combined competition.

Roy then read out Mark's proposal which after some discussion was passed with a very clear majority. As a result the only payments we will make will be for subs, Friday night food and bar drinks. All of the other small but regular payments such as the Friday night match, tea and biscuits for roll ups and match fees will cease. The bar vouchers system will be discontinued as it is very random. Mark had presented figures to show that an increase of £18 on our subs would cover this and result in much less work for the treasurer and Captain and for the various captains of the day. It was also agreed that raffles would end as they generated very little income now.

We were not informed of the prospective sub increase which will be discussed at the first big committee meeting to be held on 28th January at 2pm. However Phil did give an indication of the approximate level of the expected increase.

Two card machines are now in use in the club. One for the bar and one for catering. These proved very popular towards the end of the season when first introduced. However cash will still be taken.

Phil would like the subs to be paid by bank transfer, cheque or even cash rather than by the machines.

Dinner Dance at the Blue Check in Bushey November 2025



Organised as usual by our efficient secretary Mary Warner, this was a particularly successful new venue. Drinks were supplied on arrival together with some too tempting food.





There was plenty of chance to move around, mix and chat.



Giving a chance to catch up with members who have moved onto new areas recently but will hopefully keep coming back.



Great to see the Elbourns back enjoying HBC company.

And Tony Paulley's usual entourage.





There was an extensive menu so whilst waiting for the food more mixing was possible.

Was this reminiscent of the 12 days of Christmas?

One tipsy man



Two good friends



Three wise men



Four jolly chaps



Five gold rings



The wandering around and chatting was eventually curtailed by the arrival of the food.



After food the business of the evening

Presentation of the trophies and certificates presented by Roy Wake our president,



Elaine had already perused the presentation arrangements.



The **Junior winner (Vivian Vallance)** and **Over 65's (Prakash Kotecha)** winners collecting their cups.

The runners up, **Paul Wong** and **Magan Kanjia** were absent.

Also absent was **Gavin Hampton** to collect the club night shield.



The special **Over 80's** competition was won yet again by **Alan Bellamy** with **Jo Driver** as runner up.



Brian Moates came up to collect the **Mixed Handicap cup**

(runner up **Magan Kanjia**)

And the **Centenary Challenge cup** (runner up **Mike Tawn**)

Mike Tawn (with Mike Keller) appeared again!

As winners of the **Drawn Pairs Handicap**.

Runners up **Anne Snell** and **Tony Paulley**



Mike Tawn also won the Named Pairs Handicap with **Ian de Souza**



Runners up: **Anne Snell** was paired with **Magan**.

The final appearance of **Mike** in these photos was as the runner up in the **Drawn Triples Handicap** along with **Hyacinth Fernandes** and **Alan Goodall**.



The Triples winners were Satnam Loyal, P.J.D'Cruz and Magan Kanjia.



Satnam was also responsible for most of the photos together with **Andrew Georgiou.**



It was a successful evening for the Loyal's, as Kamalpreet Loyal won the Ladies handicap against Anne Snell.

Kamalpreet was also runner up in the Ladies 2 woods against **Dawn Allwood**.



Dawn was also the winner of the **Ladies Championship**
with **Shelagh Zachariades** as runner up.





Dawn celebrating with her proud husband!

The **Men's 2 woods** was won by our Captain, **Grant Rickells**

With our vice captain **Jim Waller** as **runner up**.





The final presentation of the evening was to **Grant Rickells, The Men's Champion** and **Vivian Vallance the runner up.**

After the presentation the dancing started and the dance floor was quickly filled with men as well as women!







And with so much movement the photos got a bit blurred!!



Some of course continued chatting





Not a rose between 2 thorns but a thorn between 2 roses!!



All in all a great night was had by all. Mary has booked there again for next year.

So get **Friday 20th November 2026** into your diaries.



