

The club gardens

Norman and Barbara Langdon have worked tirelessly to improve and maintain the club grounds and it has never looked so pretty - as one visitor said, "just like bowls clubs used to be". So let's give them a helping hand. It doesn't take a minute to check the flower beds and pots to make sure that they have enough water.

AGM

In July the committee asked club members whether they had any objection to bringing forward the date of the AGM. As no objections were raised, the AGM will now be held on Thursday 6th October at the clubhouse starting at 7pm. This decision will also be recorded in the club's constitution, copies of which are available to members on request.

The committee are busy putting together an agenda for the AGM. After a year which has seen such change at Woodford there's much to reflect on and just as much to look forward to. If you have any matters which you'd like to put forward for discussion, please let Tom, Linda or Brian C know and they can make sure that it's added to the evening's proceedings.

Captain's Day (27th August, 2pm)

Captain's Day is to be a family affair this year with fun and games on the green and around the gardens, the release of 500 balloons and a barbecue in the early evening. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children (which includes food) and there will be plenty of refreshments available. Joan will be running a tombola, so if anyone has any prizes they'd like to donate these will be gratefully received.

Quiz Night (17th September, 7pm)

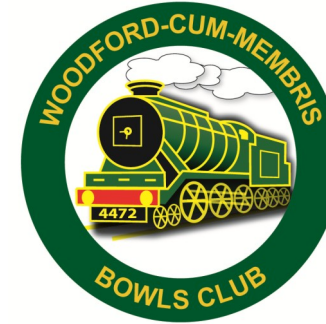
You're all invited to the club's annual quiz night next month. Teams can have up to four people (get together with other club members or family and friends). Tickets cost £8 per person which includes a fish and chip supper and there will also be alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments available. To register a team, contact Tom Rigby on 01327 261560 or at info@woodfordbowls.co.uk before 9th September. Payment can be made by cash or cheque made payable to Woodford-cum-Membris Bowls Club. Please spread the word.

Security alert

The local constabulary have warned me that several local clubs have recently been broken into and had equipment stolen. Please take care to ensure that the clubhouse, shed and all outside gates are secure before you leave.

Dates for your diary...

27th August	Captain's Day	6th October	Club AGM
17th Sept	Quiz Night	7th November	Presentation Dinner
24th & 25th Sept	Finals Weekend		



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On the green, in the clubhouse...

With wins against Cold Ashby, Daventry Tigers, Byfield and Kislingbuty, it's been a very good month on the green. The club has now won 10 of its 17 matches, already more than it did in the whole of last season - a fantastic effort by everyone.

Again, every club that visits Woodford remarks on the astonishing progress we've made both on and off the green, including a standing ovation from members of Kislingbury. It's a credit to all those who have given their time and energy over the past six months.

Several building projects are being completed including the paving, compost bay and barbecue. It has been a monumental effort by Paul (in particular) and Tom and our thanks go to them both.

You'll notice that the conifers have also been cut to a height of 7 feet, allowing more light and air on the green and making them more presentable and easier for members to maintain in the future. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for its help.

The Headley Rose Bowl

After several delays, club members finally gathered for the inaugural Headley Rose Bowl. The man himself was there to oversee all on his 80th birthday and there was some fierce competition on the green. Twelve pairs took part and this was eventually whittled down to just two - Ian and Jo Reid-Jones and two old faces, Tony and Linda James, who had returned to the club especially for the day. In a tense eight ends of some spectacular bowling, Ian and Jo eventually emerged as winners - many congratulations. It was a lovely hot day, enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who took part and provided such a fantastic lunch.

Car boot sale

The club will be running a stall at the village school car boot sale on Sunday 21st August. If you have anything in your garage, loft or garage that you no longer want and that we can sell to raise funds for the club, please tell either Sue Collett or Tom Rigby and they will collect it from you. Would anyone be able to help out for an hour or so on the day?

The Great Woodford Balloon Race

On Captain's Day we'll be releasing in the region of 500 balloons. Hopefully by now, you'll all have received an envelope containing some information and a number of tickets to sell. If we can all sell at least 10 we will reach our target of 500. All proceeds from the race will go towards materials and treatments which will further improve the green next season. All tickets and money must be returned to Tom or Sue C by Friday 19th August.

Solden Hill House

Our friends at Solden Hill have now left for their summer holidays (although those who remain will continue to visit) but before they did so they wrote us a lovely card to say thank you (on the club notice board). They also made a generous donation of £50 to the club. Tom, Paul, Norman, Barbara, Margaret and Sue C have all enjoyed every minute of their Monday afternoons and it has been an absolute pleasure having them at Woodford. We wish them a fun summer and look forward to seeing them all again in September.

200 Club

July's winners were...

£50 Gina Howard
£10 Ally Wright
£10 Linda James
£10 Alan Turner

August's winners are...

£50 Carol Brock
£10 Stan Moseley
£10 Sue North
£10 Dennis Wheatley

Ladies Gala

The clubhouse was beautifully decorated, the food was superb, the gardens looked a picture, the green played well and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We also raised £215. What a fantastic day, enjoyed not only by those who played but also by the 20 or so from Woodford and Byfield who came to support. Congratulations to all involved. I won't mention the final score, safe to say that we'll be fighting to get the trophy back next year.

Skills coaching (11th September, 2pm)

Peter Bouldern and his County coaching team will be visiting the club on Sunday 11th September, The session will start at 2pm and last about three hours, during which time you'll receive expert coaching on all aspects of the game (including video analysis of your delivery) as well as some skills tests. The cost is only

At present 20 members will be attending - Tom, Sue and Brian C, Margaret and Ian, Paul, John and Liz, Chris G, Linda and Mike, Barbara and Norman, Chris W, Joan, Jill, Tony, Sue N, Michael and Leon. If you'd like to attend, there's still time to put your name down (see Tom). And at £2.50 each it's an absolute bargain.

Competitions

Club competitions are now well under way and throwing up one or two intriguing matches and results. Please remember to check the notice board to see what fixtures you're involved in as we want to avoid the chaos which usually ensues as people rush to fit in all their games within a week. Remember, the person named first in a fixture is responsible for arranging a convenient date and time to play and also, if required, finding a marker.

Special Olympics Volunteers

On 22nd July, volunteers from the Special Olympics team visited the club for a social evening of food and bowls. Despite the weather which turned just as they arrived, we did manage to get on the green and later had some delicious food. It was an enjoyable evening making new friends and it was good to see so many members give up their time.

Drinks

Many of us have accepted the hospitality of our opponents after matches when offered a drink from the bar. The club now has a fridge containing a large selection of very reasonably priced alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks so please return the hospitality and offer your opponent a drink after the match. **And** please ensure that you put your payment in the OXO tin on the work surface.