

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 which contains a 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 make sure that you put your money in the OXO tin on top of the fridge-freezer).

Gardening

Under the stewardship of Norman and Barbara Langdon, the gardens are looking fantastic. Now it's our job to maintain them. It doesn't take a minute to check the flower beds and pots to make sure that they have enough water before you leave the club.

The tubs are also ready for those who agreed on Draw Night to 'adopt a pot'. We've already provided the topsoil and compost so all you have to do is plant whatever takes your fancy and make sure it's watered throughout the season.

Car boot sale

Sue North has kindly volunteered to run a stall at the next village car boot sale. If you have anything that we can sell to raise funds for the club, please either tell Sue or Tom and we will collect it from you.

Member of the Year

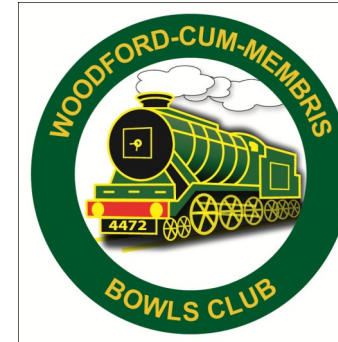
Winning matches and trophies is an important part of the club but there's nothing quite like gaining the respect and admiration of your peers—the people you play with and against every week. So this season the committee has decided to reintroduce the Member of the Year award — and you are the judges. Members will be judged on both their on-field and off-field contributions, so it could be the person who won the most competitions or the member who played consistently well in club matches. Or it could be the most improved player or the person who has done the most to improve the club.

Fundraising

The committee has decided on a number of possible ideas to raise funds for the club. Joan has kindly agreed to organise a bingo night, Tom will be hosting another fish and chip quiz night, Sue Collett and Tom are organising a race night and if her application is successful Jenny has agreed to run the London Marathon next March. If anyone else has any ideas, please tell a member of the committee (Tom, Brian C, Sue N, Mike, Linda, John, Chris W). And if you'd like to join the committee, you'd be very welcome.

Dates for your diary...

5th June	Club Open Day	27th August	Captain's Day
23rd June	Scout Visit	24th & 25th Sept	Finals Weekend
3rd July	President's Day	7th November	Presentation Dinner
17th June	Headley Rose Bowl	24th November	Club AGM
24th June	Ladies Gala	December (tba)	Bingo Night



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On the green...

Overall, a decent start to the season with four wins (including excellent victories against Fenny Compton and Guilsborough) and five losses.. Just as importantly, the enthusiasm, good humour and general camaraderie of Woodford members has been noted by several fellow club officials.

The green is now looking and playing better than it has done in recent years and has received very favourable comments from members and fellow clubs alike. It continues to undergo a regular monthly programme of aeration, feeding and fertilisation and the results are starting to show. The green team deserve an award!

Clubhouse repayments

This month the club will be making a final repayment to those members who helped to finance the building of the clubhouse. Hopefully they can now look at the clubhouse and its grounds and take some pride in what they helped to achieve. Our thanks go to them for their generosity and support over the past few years.

The usual suspects

Attendance at the working day on 29th May was very disappointing. Once again it was left to the small handful of members who are always willing to give up some of their time to do the jobs that keep the club open and allow us to maintain the lowest membership fee in the County. This year we have been extremely lucky, with services and materials donated to the club to the value of almost £20,000. However, next year we won't have the same level of support. We all marvel at the greens and facilities at other clubs and there's no reason why we can't compete. We have two alternatives - to raise the membership fee or all pull together and each do a little bit. The choice is yours.

The Headley Rose Bowl - 17th July

Due to numerous club, County and personal commitments, the date for the Headley Rose Bowl has been changed to Sunday 17th July. Those wishing to enter the chosen mixed pairs competition should either write their name on the appropriate sheet on the clubhouse notice board or complete and return the sheet given to you by Brian Collett. As a result of the reorganisation **Captain's Day will now be held on Saturday 27th August.**

Competitions

June also sees the club competitions get under way. Please check the notice board to see what fixtures you're involved in. The person named first in a fixture is responsible for arranging a convenient date and time to play. Any match not played within the timescale will be decided by the competitions secretary. Once the match has taken place, please make sure that you sign the scorecard (any marker must also do so) and put it in the relevant slot on the shelves. Please also write the score on the notice board.

Club Notice Board

All important memos will be posted on the clubhouse notice board, so please make sure that you check every now and then.

200 Club

May's winners were...

£50 Barbara Langdon
£10 Sue North
£10 Tom Rigby
£10 Dennis Wheatley

June's winners are...

£50 Pam Stillwell
£10 Tony James
£10 Val Moseley
£10 Margaret Goodwin

There are now only a handful of members who have so far resisted the lure of the 200 Club - a vital source of fundraising. If you would like to buy a number in the draw or add another to your collection, please contact Sue and Brian Collett on 01295 760223 or at treasurer@woodfordbowls.co.uk.

Skills Coaching

We have been approached by Peter Bouldern, the County coaching co-ordinator, asking whether the club would like to host a skills day. Peter and his team of qualified coaches will visit the club and teach various aspects of the game at all levels from beginner to experienced. If you would be interested in attending, please write your name on the sheet on the club notice board.

Peter has also asked whether any of our members would be interested in becoming a County coach. If you are, then please let Tom Rigby know as soon as possible.

Club Shirts

There is now a sheet on the clubhouse notice board which has an image of the proposed new club shirt. At this stage we'd like to get an idea of numbers and would like to be able to negotiate the final details with the supplier within the next two weeks. So if you are interested in buying a new club shirt please write your name in the space provided ASAP.

Scouts visit - 23rd June

1st Woodford Halse Scouts Group are visiting the club on Thursday 23rd June, from 7.30pm to 9pm. During the evening we'll introduce them to the game and set up some fun tasks. There are 12 Scouts in all, aged between 11 and 18, and they'll be accompanied by two or three leaders. Would anyone like to help me on the night?

Soldern Hill House

Several residents from Soldern Hill House will be visiting the club every Monday afternoon for the remainder of the season as part of their recreational activity. They have all played before and some have their own bowls. It is a hugely rewarding hour (we've had two so far). If anyone would like to join Sue Collett and Tom Rigby in helping please let either of them know.

Monday Night League

This month sees the Monday Night Triples League get up and running. Please make sure that you know which week you're playing and if you're unable to play that you inform your team members and your opponents and that you rearrange the match.