

Drinks Fridge

Chris Willies has kindly donated a drinks fridge to the club. This will be regularly topped up with beer, wine and soft drinks. It is customary to offer your opposite number a drink after a match and if you do so, please make sure that you pay for it and put the money in the Oxo tin on top of the fridge-freezer.

Work in progress

I appreciate that some areas of the club still resemble a building site . While most of the major work is now complete, it still remains a work in progress, But hopefully you can see the potential of what we're doing through the bricks and dust.

Gardening

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

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.

Monday Nights

Although the Monday Night Triples League doesn't start until next month, Monday evening is still a club night and your £1.50 goes directly back into the club for your benefit. So please, all those with short arms and deep pockets, don't avoid Mondays and play on another night instead.

Fundraising

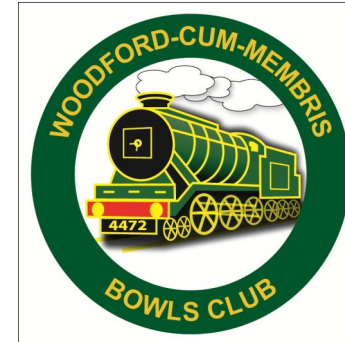
If anyone has an fundraising ideas, the committee and I would love to hear them. Whether they involve sitting in a bath full of custard, jumping out of a plane, running a marathon or a sponsored silence (a few names immediately spring to mind), I'm sure that we can find a willing member to participate.

The Headley Bowl

Derek Headley has very kindly donated a silver rose bowl to the club. The committee has decided that it would be appropriate for the bowl to be awarded to the winners of an annual chosen mixed pairs competition. Any pairs wishing to play in the inaugural competition should add their names to the sheet on the club notice board.

Dates for your diary...

29th May	Working Day	17th July	Captain's Day
5th June	Club Open Day	24th July	Ladies Gala
18th June	Headley Rose Bowl	24th & 25th Sept	Finals Weekend
23rd June	Scout's Visit	7th Nov	Presentation Dinner
3rd July	President's Day	24th November	Club AGM



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What a very encouraging start to the season! After a narrow defeat at Harpole and a loss at West Haddon, we've had two convincing victories against Fenny Compton and Heyford. Let's hope it continues at Brackley, Kislingbury, Leamington Hastings and Guilsborough. And the very best of luck to those involved in County competitions which start this week.

John Cook

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of John Cook, who died peacefully in his sleep on 22nd April. John had been unwell for some time but despite his failing health, he continued to be an active member of the club and was looking forward to playing this season. John was a founding member of the club and was also treasurer for a short time. He was also one of the driving forces behind the building of the clubhouse. He will be greatly missed by everyone at the club and our thoughts are with his wife Rita and his family at this sad time.

Green Report

While we've all been enjoying the sunshine during the past couple of months, spare a thought for the green. We are doing all that we can to help it cope with regular aeration, Fertilising and watering but there's only so much that we can do. The rest is up to nature. While the majority of the green plays reasonably well there are still areas which carry scars from previous years. These have already, and are continuing to be treated but will take longer to recover so please be patient. I'm confident that it will be looking and playing better come our first home match on 4th June. In the meantime, please try to avoid standing or placing mats on the bare patches too much. The less wear and tear it has at this early stage, the quicker it will recover.

Competitions

Thank you to all those who came up to the club for draw night. It was an enjoyable evening catching up with old friends and making new ones, and we were delighted that Derek Headley and Gina Howard agreed to make the draw. Despite his illness, Derek's mind is still as sharp as ever and he's hoping to visit as often as he can this year. Although they're not due to start until next month, the competition fixtures are now on the board. On each sheet is a brief list of rules so there should be no confusion. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Tom Rigby.

New Members

The season may have started but we'll always welcome new members. We already have three new faces (Paul Shrimpton, Chris Willies and Leon Fuller) and several others are filling in their membership forms as we speak. If you know anyone who might be interested in taking up the game or moving from another club, why not offer to take them for a roll-up and show them around the club?

Ladies Gala

The next meeting for the Ladies Gala committee will be held at Sue North's (23 Westhorpe Lane, Byfield) on Friday 20th May at 7pm. All lady members are welcome to attend. We are delighted that Katherine and Peter Nicholl have agreed to donate a trophy for the ladies gala. Our thanks go to them both.

200 Club

April's winners were...

£50 Richard Acton
£10 Tony James
£10 Valerie Moseley
£10 Margaret Goodwin

May's winners are...

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

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.

Club Open Day - 5th June

On Sunday 5th June, the club will be opening its doors to the public. This is a great opportunity to show people around, introduce the game and hopefully sign up one or two new members. The success of the day depends entirely on the support of current members and we hope that you can all come down for at least an hour during the afternoon. We will also be holding an open evening later in the season.

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. I need three volunteers to help me on the evening. Anyone?

New Shirts

Following a number of member comments, the committee is considering changing the club shirt. We have been speaking to a supplier and they have come up with a design. It is made from 100% lightweight, breathable Polyester Jacquard and features green collars, sleeves and side panels with gold piping. At this stage the committee would like to know how many members would purchase a new shirt. There are further details and a picture of the design on the club notice board. If you would be interested please sign your name on the sheet.

Soldern Hill House

I have been in conversation with staff at Soldern Hill House in Byfield and agreed that some of its residents who already play bowls can use the green as part of their recreational activity, visiting the club with staff for an hour two or three times each month. Paul, Emma and I met with them for the first time last week and we had a lovely time teaching them the game and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. Sue Collett has already volunteered to help with further sessions and if anyone else would like to do so you'd be most welcome.

Working Party - 29th May

Our first home game of the season is on 4th June, so I'd like all members to meet at the club on Sunday 29th May to help get the place spick and span by doing a few little jobs.