

## In 2011...

- we welcomed five new playing members.
- we played a total of 25 matches against other clubs, winning 13, losing 11 and Drawing one.
- we scored 1663 shots and conceded 1613 (+50). Last season we scored 1273 and had 1379 scored against us (-127).
- Richard Tyack won his third consecutive Men's Pairs competition, his fifth in the past six years.
- we did the 'double' over three clubs — Guilsborough, Heyford and Cold Ashby.
- we celebrated an 80th and 90th birthday.
- our largest margin of victory (89-42) against Guilsborough. Our heaviest defeat was a 77-53 loss against Brington.
- Tom Rigby became the first member in the Club's history to win the Triples competition three years running.
- we lost five of our matches by a margin of 8 shots or less.
- we welcomed the County coaching team, the local Scout group, members of Special Olympics GB and of course our friends at Solden Hill House.
- Chris Golder, Colin Brock, Ian Reid-Jones and Brian North reached the third round of the County Triples competition.
- the most successful skip was Tom Rigby who won 82% of his 22 matches.
- Chris Willies became the first player in the Club's history to win five competitions in the same season.
- Brian Collett became the first member in the Club's history to win the Club League three years running.
- we raised an magnificent £1081 through car boot sales, a balloon race, an afternoon of crown green, auctions, barbecues, raffles and a tombola.



# Woodford-cum-Membris Bowls Club

## Newsletter

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## **Presentation Dinner**

What a fantastic evening we had at The Red Lion in Culworth on 7th November - brilliant food, and excellent company. It was good to see almost everyone there, particularly Derek who continues to defy his medical science (and Gina) and Cliff Fox, who many of us haven't seen since his illness.

PS. Emma has asked me to say thank you to everyone for the wonderful flowers and cake.

## **On the green...**

Thankfully the frost has relented during October and November and given the re-seeded green a chance to bed in. It has been treated on a weekly basis with organic nutrients, regularly tined and we've flattened out some of the remaining divots and undulations.

However, we do have an outbreak of Fusarium—a common fungus that, if not treated, spreads like the proverbial wildfire. Paul and I have applied fungicide and are maintaining round-the-clock surveillance.

We've also received official approval from the Bowls England green inspectors, receiving a B grade. Well done to everyone on the green team - your magnificent efforts have now been recognised by everyone.

## **Off the green...**

There's to be no let-up in the efforts to improve the Club's facilities either. Paul and I will be fitting some additional kitchen units, painting walls and doors, plastering, fixing leaks, gardening and a whole host of general maintenance and improvement jobs.

I've also been talking to local firm AW Electricals about our current supply. While Mike Brassington did a fantastic job in getting all of the sockets working, it would be nice to be able to switch the kettle and Hoover on at the same time without setting fire to the clubhouse!

If anyone would like to lend a hand in the New Year and early Spring, please get in touch (01327 261560). We'd be delighted to see you.

## **Additional Fixtures**

Over the winter we have arranged several additional fixtures to fill that annoying gap we've always had in the middle of the summer. In 2012 we will also have home and away fixtures against Caldecott Park in Rugby, Bradwell, Bugbrooke and Banbury Chestnuts.

## **New Years Drinks**

Brian and Sue Collett have invited us all to a New Years get-together in Moreton Pinkney on Saturday 7 January. Food and drink will be served and it'll give us all a chance to catch up with each other's news.

## **Recruitment**

We're always on the look-out for new bowlers and it's never too early to start looking. If you know anyone who might like to try the game for the first time or someone who already plays and would like to come and have a go at Woodford, please let me know.

## **200 Club**

October's winners were...	November's winners are...	December's winners are...
£50 May Coleman	£50 Stan Moseley	£50 Ally Wright
£10 Dennis Wheatley	£10 Ian Goodwin	£10 Olwen Kirkham
£10 Liz Hayward	£10 Ally Wright	£10 Linda James
£10 Joan Bodily	£10 Val Moseley	£10 Dennis Wheatley

## **Woodford on tour...**

The 'travel agents' at Woodford have been busy planning the club's first tour. On 30th June and 1st July,, we'll be touring North Yorkshire, playing Tony and Linda James's new club on the Saturday and another local club on the Sunday before returning home.

We'll be staying in a highly recommended local hotel or B&B, which serves good food and a decent pint. Spaces are limited to just 16, so if you'd like to come along please contact Sue Collett on 01295 760223 or at fixtures@woodfordbowls.co.uk as soon as possible.

## **Teas**

So that we all have a chance to play in every match next season without the additional worry of teas, we're talking to a local cafe and caterer about providing teas for home matches. We'll let you know the outcome in due course but if you feel strongly that you would like to continue making teas please let me know.

## **Solden Hill House**

Residents of Solden Hill House will be joining us again this season for their weekly roll-up. If anyone would like to donate an hour or so of their time once a week to help out please let me know. It's great fun as anyone who helped out last year will tell you.

## **Practice Sessions**

We're hoping to get the green open a week before our first fixture against Harpole on 1st May, so we can all get our eye in after a winter off or on the indoor circuit. And following the success of our day with the County coaches, we're also going to have some regular practice/skills sessions for those who want to hone their games.

## **Car Boot Sale**

Such was the success of the last car boot sale and auction (we raised over £100), we're planning to do another during the early part of next year. So if like me you're planning to have a bit of a clear out, don't forget to set aside anything you no longer want, let me know and I'll collect it from you. Again, all money raised will go towards maintaining and improving the green.

## **Greenkeeper's Day**

To reward those who dedicate their time and energy to improving and maintaining the green, I'm re-introducing Greenkeeper's Day next year. Plans are yet to be finalised but it'll be a fun day, no doubt involving lots of beer, a barbecue and some bowls, when we can all show our appreciation for their efforts.