

## 200 Club

September's winners were...

£50 Richard Acton  
£10 Keith Fox  
£10 Mike Brassington  
£10 Stan Moseley

October's winners are...

£50 May Coleman  
£10 Dennis Wheatley  
£10 Liz Hayward  
£10 Joan Bodily

## Competition Results

The competitions were hard fought and it's encouraging to see some more new names coming through as well as one or two older ones reasserting themselves in the challenge for silverware.

Competitions	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Ian Reid-Jones	Norman Langdon
Ladies Singles	Margaret Goodwin	Joan Bodily
Never Won Cup	Chris Willies	John Hayward
2-Wood Handicap	Chris Willies	Tom Rigby
Men's Pairs	Chris Willies & Richard Tyack	Ian Goodwin & Mike Brassington
Ladies Pairs	Sue Collett & Joan Bodily	Margaret Goodwin & Jenny Wright
Mixed Pairs	Chris Willies & Joan Bodily	Mike Brassington & Sue North
Triples	Tom Rigby, Alf Macari & Chris Willies	John Hayward, Mike Brassington & Linda Brassington
Fours	Brian Collett, Gina Howard, Linda Brassington & Sue North	
Triples League	Brian Collett, Richard Tyack & Jill Fox	Tom Rigby, Ian Goodwin & Gina Howard
Headley Rose Bowl	Ian & Jo Reid-Jones	Tony & Linda James

## Presentation Dinner (Monday 7th November, 7pm)

Presentation Evening is fast approaching so if you haven't done so yet, please return your completed menu slips and payment to Sue Collett (Hollyhock Cottage, Moreton Pinkney, NN11 3SQ) as soon as possible. I hope that you can all join us in celebrating a successful season and some worthy winners.

## On the green...

On the 4th of this month the green underwent an intensive renovation to get rid of the thatch (the spongy layer which doesn't allow water to reach the roots). It was also re-seeded and top-dressed and over the winter Paul and I will be locking themselves in the shed with an air pump and all sorts of organic additives in order to come up with the answer to the perfect green.

Throughout the winter we hope to carry out maintenance and further improvements to the green, grounds and clubhouse including improving the electricity supply, a bit of plumbing, a little bit of digging and a spot of painting. If anyone is able to lend Paul and I a hand it would be much appreciated.

The 2012 green team is Paul Shrimpton, John Hayward, Brian North, Chris Golder, Brian Collett, Chris Willies and Mike Brassington.



# Woodford-cum-Membris Bowls Club

## Newsletter

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It's been an eventful year - full of challenges and opportunities on and off the green. Since last November, the committee and I have adopted a business-like approach to club management and set out a programme which will take the club forward over the next three years.

On the green, Brian steered the club to its most successful season in almost a decade with 13 wins and 1 draw from 25 matches. We've competed hard, perhaps harder than ever before, but never at the expense of fun with each other or the opposition.

The club competitions were also closely contested. It's good to see some new faces coming through and some older ones reasserting themselves. Our congratulations go to Chris Willies who becomes the first member in the club's history to win five trophies in a season.

We introduced the Headley Bowl and the first annual ladies match against Byfield, welcomed residents of Solden Hill who have loved every minute of their visits, had a fun evening with the local Scouts and entertained Special Olympics GB and the County coaching team.

Off the green, we've seen considerable improvements. From the transformed entrance to the paved path, the tidying of the conifers to the patio, barbecue and compost bay, the honours board and curtains. And of course, the stunning gardens created by Norman and Barbara.

The green has played better than it has done for some years. And given what we were faced with in January, this is no mean feat. A week ago we started the next phase of renovations, work which we hope will further improve the playing surface.

In such testing economic times we have had to find new ways to raise funds. From president's day to captain's day, the balloon race to quiz night and car boot sale, fundraising has played an essential role in the club's huge step forward and my thanks go to all who participated.

It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces and hugely satisfying to receive so many positive comments from fellow clubs for what we've achieved. We've established a presence within the community and the club's reputation now reaches far beyond the parish boundaries

As you'd expect during times of change, the past 12 months has had a few bumps along the way - experiences from which the committee and I have learnt and will improve on should we be given the opportunity to do so this coming year.

Sadly, we bid farewell to John Cook who passed away in April. We planted a tree at the entrance and his family were delighted with the club's gesture. We also celebrated two notable birthdays for Derek and Richard and our congratulations go to them.

There are many people to thank. In particular I'd like to single out Paul Shrimpton, who almost single-handedly maintained and improved the club and green. I'd also like to thank Norman and Barbara Langdon who made a stunning impact within the grounds and gardens.

I've enjoyed my first year in the chair and look forward to continuing the work we've started. There have been opportunities and I hope I've taken them. There have been challenges and I hope I've risen to them. There have been changes and I hope that they've been for the good of the club.

*Tom*

## AGM

It was encouraging to see so many of you at the AGM and I'm particularly grateful for the invaluable input made by many of you. It was a very constructive meeting with good discussion and several important decisions were made by the membership including:

- The club will not be renewing its membership to the Northamptonshire Bowls Association until membership increases and there is enough interest in playing County competitions.
- The Club membership fee will be increased from £27 to £30 per annum, still almost half the amount charged by fellow clubs.
- In line with increasing food and fuel costs, match fees will be increased to £4 and £6 for home and away matches respectively.
- From the 2012 season personal trophies will only be awarded to competition winners and not to runners-up.
- The Fours competition will be suspended until further notice.
- The clubhouse cleaning rota will be organised in pairs.
- The Never Won Cup will be open to any member who has not won either the men's singles, ladies singles or two-wood handicap competitions.
- The green will open on 22nd April 2012, a week prior to our first club match and there will be regular practice sessions held throughout the season.
- The club will arrange to play at least four more fixtures against other clubs in the region during the 2012 season.
- Finals Weekend will be brought forward to 15th and 16th September 2012.

Club Officers were also elected for the 2012 season. The Officers are as follows:

President	Joan Bodily	
Chairman	Tom Rigby	
Secretary	Linda Brassington	
Treasurer	Brian Collett	
Fixtures Secretary	Sue Collett	
Competitions Secretary	Tom Rigby	
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Chris Willies	
Committee	Mike Brassington	John Hayward
	Sue North	Chris Willies
	Paul Shrimpton	
Club Captain	Brian Collett	
Club Vice-Captain	Sue North	

It was also unanimously agreed that the committee should offer Colin Brock life membership in recognition of his services to the Club since joining in 1995.

## Bonfire Night

The Club will be running a mulled wine stall at the village fireworks display on Saturday 5th November from 5pm (at the Sarafield). We hope to raise funds for treatments the green will need in the Spring. If you'd like to help, please contact Tom Rigby (01327 261560) or Sue Collett (01295 760223).