

### John Cook Memorial

The club is to plant a Rowan Sorbus (Mountain Ash) tree at the front of the club in memory of John Cook who sadly passed away in April. There will be a short memorial at 11am on Sunday 25th September which will be attended by his wife Rita and his children Nigel and Anita. All club members are invited to attend and pay their respects.

### Finals Weekend (24th & 25th September)

It's another chance for members to enjoy their well-earned turn in the spotlight. So whether you're involved in any of the finals or not, everyone is invited to support and celebrate what has been a very successful season on the green. The match schedule will be posted on the club notice board in due course. As usual can everyone please bring a packed lunch. Matches on Saturday will start at 10.30am and matches on Sunday will start following the memorial service for John Cook.

### Happy Birthday!

Richard Acton celebrates his 90th birthday on 14th September and I'm sure that I speak for us all when I wish him good health and many happy returns. Richard has been out of action for the second half of the season but assures me that he will be fit and ready when play resumes in April.



### New club shirts

The new shirts will be arriving in the next few days and can be collected from Tom Rigby.

### Member of the Year

There have been some notable performances and achievements both on and off the green this year. The committee has narrowed them down to a shortlist of five people who we think have shone through this season - Sue Collett, Paul Shrimpton, Linda Brassington, Chris Willies and Norman and Barbara Langdon. In the clubhouse are some voting slips and a post box (beautifully decorated by Sam and Katie). Please put an 'X' next to the member you would like to vote for and post your slip in the box.

### Skills coaching



Don't forget, Peter Bouldern and his team will be visiting the club at 2pm on Sunday 11th September. This is a great opportunity to learn from experienced coaches and improve any aspect of your game which you might need to brush up on. And all for just £2.50! There is a list of registered participants in the clubhouse.

### Security alert

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...

17th Sept	Quiz Night	6th October	Club AGM
24th & 25th Sept	Finals Weekend	7th November	Presentation Dinner



## Woodford-cum-Membris Bowls Club

### Newsletter

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## From the Chairman

This will be the last of my regular monthly newsletters although I will try and send out one or two during the winter months to keep you all in touch with the various comings and goings at Woodford Bowls Club.

This has been a memorable season for many reasons, both on and off the green. You only have to have heard visiting teams who have all remarked on how the green has improved, how beautiful the gardens look and how much better the overall atmosphere of the club is.

But equally the club faces a challenging future. Like Daventry District, many clubs all over the UK are facing closure due to a lack of members and income. That is why it's vital that we all work together to continue these improvements.

We've all got other commitments and can find reasons not to help. Luckily, there are a few members who (like you pay they pay their annual membership and green fees) always turn out to lend a helping hand. And once again, our thanks must go to them.

At £27 our membership fee is still considerably cheaper than any of the other clubs we play against, as are our green fees and unlike other clubs everyone has an equal opportunity to play in matches.

But for this to remain the case and if we're to find the money necessary to continue maintaining and improving the green and facilities and pay the bills, we must find new ways of raising funds.

The club doesn't ask much of its members - the odd bit of help with the green and clubhouse, selling a handful of balloon tickets and so on. This season has demonstrated what can be achieved and I hope that next year more of you will be encouraged to join in.

## Working Party (Tuesday 4th October, 10am)



Before we close the gates for another year there's plenty of work to be done. Dean Broughton will be visiting the club with his machinery on Tuesday 4th October to remove the thatch layer, scarify, tine, seed and dress the green in preparation for next season. The **more volunteers** we have the quicker and easier it will be. The kettle will go on at 10am and the chairman promises to provide refreshment for all those who help.

## Over the Winter...

Although he doesn't know it yet, Paul and I will be spending much of the winter at the club as the programme of maintenance and improvement continues. If anyone wants to help for a morning or afternoon, there will always be something to do - even if it's just putting the kettle on!. Please give me call on 01327 261560 or 07715 171286.

## URGENT REMINDER

All trophies must be returned to Tom Rigby by Finals Weekend so that they can be sent away for engraving ready for presentation night.

## 200 Club

Augusts' winners were...

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

September's winners are...

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

## AGM (Thursday 6th October, 7pm)

There are some important decisions to be taken at the AGM and it's essential that every member attends. Remember, this is your club and you have a say in what has past and what's to come. If you have any suggestions or there is a particular issue that you think should be addressed, please contact Tom Rigby (01327 261560 or [chairman@woodfordbowls.co.uk](mailto:chairman@woodfordbowls.co.uk)) or Linda Brassington (01327 260106 or [secretary@woodfordbowls.co.uk](mailto:secretary@woodfordbowls.co.uk)) in complete confidence.

Included with this newsletter is a nomination form for the various officer posts. If you would like to put your name forward for any position, please complete the form and ask two members to propose you and second you. All completed forms **MUST** be returned to Linda Brassington by 3rd October (83 Byfield Road).

## Captain's Day

Unfortunately, Captain's Day was somewhat marred by the weather which varied between hail, torrential rain and gale force winds. However, they did manage to get on the green and christened the new barbecue in the evening. The event raised £165 which like all other funds will go towards maintaining club facilities. Thank you to everyone who came.

## Up, up and away...

On captain's day we released 500 balloons, raising just under £350 for the club. Local firm Woodford Tool & Plant Hire generously donated £150 towards the cost of the helium and balloons. The efforts by members to sell the 10 tickets they were allocated were variable - some sold between 60 and 80 while others (I shall spare their blushes) didn't sell any. Brilliant work Sue C!

## One man's junk...

Tom, Emma, Sue C and Brian C raised over £100 at a car boot sale which will go towards end of season green renovations. Many thanks to the four volunteers and to all those who donated things to sell. The club will do another car boot sale later in the year, so if anyone has anything to donate please tell either Tom or Sue C and we'll arrange to collect it.

## Quiz Night (Saturday 17th September, 7pm)

It's quiz night again at Woodford Bowls and everyone is invited. Each team should have four people and tickets are £8 per person which includes a delicious fish and chip supper. Other refreshments (soft drinks, beer, wine) will be available. To register your team contact Tom Rigby on 01327 261560 or at [info@woodfordbowls.co.uk](mailto:info@woodfordbowls.co.uk). Payment should be made in advance by cash or cheque (payable to Woodford-cum-Membris Bowls Club).

