



# Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

April 2019

## Retiring President's message

I cannot believe that the 2019 season is upon us already! Let's hope that we can look forward to a 'normal' bowling summer this year!

I have been honoured to be your President for the last two and half years but now is the time to pass over the reins to the capable hands of John Phillips.

The club as you see it today is a far cry from the one I joined as a raw recruit in mid 2012 - to make up the playing members at the time to 15. We now have a playing membership three times this, the luxury of a fitted kitchen, a nicely decorated clubhouse, and electric central heating radiators (Wow!).

MPBC is a very friendly club, welcomes all bowlers, whether they be members or visitors. Please continue to encourage your family and friends, and also neighbours, to "have a go"!

The club's Committee are dedicated people who work tirelessly during the year to meet the needs and challenges of the club, often having to make difficult decisions on many issues, but always striving to ensure the best interests for all. I have enjoyed working with them and have every confidence that they will continue to serve the club well as we continue to flourish, not just in numbers, but also in the quality of bowling and enjoyment of all that the club has to offer.

Roll-ups, league and fixtures matches are a vital part of the club, and I encourage you all to offer your support by being available for these games. Club competitions are also available at all levels, so please take the opportunity to play bowls, improve your skills and make new friends. So don't hold back on the club competitions, give them a go - you may surprise yourselves!

Every club relies on volunteers and MPBC is no different. If you have any good ideas, or better still, want to help in any way, the club would like to hear from you. The clarion call has already gone out to help prepare the green. The first roll-up starts on Tue 16th April, pre-empted by the Salmon lunch get together at the clubhouse on Sun 14th Apr. There is, however, still much to be done in preparation for the new season.

I will continue as an active playing member, and in a coaching role. Members new and old, I look forward to meeting you on the green, and at social events. Enjoy your bowling season.

Wayne Braddock

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Take a look at our new Club Web page  
[www.malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk)

## U3A Lawn Bowling Group -

First Wednesday afternoon session to start on 1st May (weather permitting). Sessions over the summer will be co-ordinated by Lorna Rodway, Rupert Thomas and Wayne Braddock.

## Les Thomas League (Coordinated by Greville Megson)

First Priory BC fixture against Manor Park BC on 8th May, Wednesday evening (6.15pm) at the Priory ground. The full schedule of fixtures is shown on the clubhouse notice board and below.

## Social Skittles Evening - February

We were sad to miss this highly successful friendly evening that even managed to make a very healthy contribution to club funds. A big thank you to Lorna Rodway, Ladies' Captain for organising the event.

## Quiz Night - March

I understand this was a highly successful fundraising evening. A big thank you to Pip and Roy Barber for organising it.

## New Green layout

Volunteers have been very busy measuring up the green to provide extra rinks for the season. The ditch currently looks as if it will be highly colourful.

Brian Palmer  
Green and Maintenance Sec.

## Worcestershire Bowling Association - "Champion of Champions" elimination contest

Lorna Rodway drawn against Vikki Vernon (Littleton BC, Evesham), to be played before 25 May at the Littleton ground.

Wayne Braddock drawn against Mike Pilling (Manor Park), to be played before 20th May at the Priory Ground.

## Start of season Salmon Lunch - April

There are still a couple of Tickets available for our annual Spring Salmon lunch which takes place on Sunday 14th April - 12.30 for 1.p.m BYOB £13 per person

### Menu

*Roasted sweet red pepper  
and sweet potato soup  
Salmon/chicken/veggie, new potatoes, salad  
Bread and butter pudding/fresh fruit salad.*

Please state when buying your ticket whether you want salmon, chicken or veggie.

Tickets limited to 32 can be obtained from Lorna Rodway 01684 563352 or e mail [lorna.rodway@btinternet.com](mailto:lorna.rodway@btinternet.com)

## A big thank you to the volunteers

Today has seen the start of our three day maintenance project, a very big thank you to those who turned up to help. It was certainly a hive of activity when I arrived with Brian's lunch to be told he had almost run over the hedge and into the bottom garden whilst demonstrating the lawn mower. I think they were having a lot of fun and enjoying themselves, they certainly enjoyed Lorna's Cake! If you have time to spare and can help they will be there Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Jackie Oakey, Club Secretary

# LES THOMAS TRIPLES LEAGUE 2019

## DIVISION 3 - Wednesday Evenings

Team	Team Name	Team Contact	
A	Manor Park Blue	K Spencer	07779392589
B	Malvern Priory	G Megson	01684 572748
C	Eastnor Rebels	R Harris	07890843647
D	Victoria Marks	P Wiggins	01684 563685
E	Victoria Plums	H Steer	01684 893485
F	Ledbury Young Ones	Janet Clarke	01531 637339
G	Tewkesbury C	C Lowry	01242674745

DATE	MANOR P <b>A</b>	PRIORY <b>B</b>	EASTNOR <b>C</b>	VICTORIA <b>D E</b>	LEDBURY Y O <b>F</b>	T'BURY <b>G</b>
08-May	AB		CG	D bye EF		
15-May		BC		E bye	FD	GA
22-May		bye	CE	DA	FG	
29-May	AE	BF	CD			bye
05-Jun	AC			DG EB	bye	
12-Jun	bye	BD	CF	EG		
19-Jun			bye	DE	FA	GB
26-Jun	GAP WEEK					
03-Jul		BA		D bye	FE	GC
10-Jul	AG		CB	DF E bye		
17-Jul	AD	bye		EC		GF
24-Jul				DC EA	FB	bye
31-Jul		BE	CA		bye	GD
07-Aug	bye			DB	FC	GE
14-Aug	AF	BG	bye	ED		
21-Aug	GAP WEEK					

Winner £80.00 + Banner

Runner Up £40.00 + Banner

Results to: [rorgill01@btinternet.com](mailto:rorgill01@btinternet.com) Tel. 01684 560259

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## Membership Renewals

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All existing Lawn Bowls members should have received their Membership renewal forms by email in early March. The Club's Privacy Statement was also circulated at the same time. As of 1<sup>st</sup> April only a handful of members had renewed. Although I am told this is the usual pattern, might I urge all renewing Lawn Bowl members to get their forms and payment in as soon as possible as the Club relies heavily on this significant block of income. If you need a form there are a supply on the kitchen counter.

A few members have advised that they will not be renewing and we need at least to replace them with new recruits. We will be represented at the Wellness Fair in Rosebank Gardens on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and hope to be able to direct potential members down the hill to the Club House to try their hand at the game. Once again, our friends, relations and neighbours form a rich pool of potential recruits and I hope that we can continue to attract people from that source.

Finally, if you are not renewing your membership, could you, please, drop me an email so that I can remove you from our lists - [dimmockg@yahoo.com](mailto:dimmockg@yahoo.com)

Graham Dimmock



The new entrance doors, fitted today 2nd April 2019. They certainly look very good and provide easy access. A key safe box is mounted on the wall beside the door. Further details for access will be forwarded after the committee meeting on Friday 5th April..

Brian

## The Green

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I was pleased to see there had been some growth over the winter months but due to the lack of rain and varying temperatures this has stunted germination, however, with a lot of care our contractor, Worcestershire Golf Club, assures me that the green will be fine by the time we have some home matches.

We have today Tuesday 2nd April had a demonstration and practice for the standby mower operators. This proved to be highly amusing at times as our contractor had lent us a mower whilst ours is being serviced. These demos will continue tomorrow Wednesday and Thursday when, Richard, our new mowing contractor will be on site. One very important item came out of a meeting with Steve Lloyd of Worcestershire Golf Club is that we must water everyday throughout the season for a minimum of 1 hour daily. Over watering can cause as many problems as under watering. I will be looking for volunteers to work on a rota basis to do this throughout the season.

Brian Palmer  
Green and Maintenance Secretary

## Dates for your diary

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**Sunday 14th April - Start of season Spring salmon lunch** 12 for 12.30 pm £13.00 per head. Tickets limited. There are just a few tickets left on sale and available from Lorna Rodway 01684 563352.

**Monday 15th April - ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN DAY - remember many hands make light work!**  
Bring along your lunch and have a laugh or two whilst working

**Tuesday 16th April - 2.15 pm - first roll up of Season**

**Thursday 17th April - 2.15 pm - first Thursday roll up**

**Friday 18th April - 2.15 pm first Friday roll up**

**Sunday 28th April - 2.30 pm First match of the season away at Bredon.**

**Wednesday 1st May - U3A bowls to start.** Contact Lorna Rodway or Rupert Thomas for more information.

**Saturday 4th May - Promotional stall at Malvern Town Council Health and Wellbeing Fayre at Rosebank Gardens, Wells Road, Malvern - volunteers needed to man the stall.** Those interested in having a go will be redirected to the club where there will be a coach on hand.

**Wednesday 8th May, Senior Games at Worcester University.** We are looking for three teams to play in the short mat competitions. The club has had great successes over the past few years. If you would like to take part please add your name to the list on the board.

**Sunday 12th May - 2.30 pm - first Match at home against County.**

**Tuesday 14th May Ladies first match against Manor Park at home.**

**19th May OPEN DAY**

**Tuesday 4th June 6.30 pm - Bowling experience evening for Malvern 41 Club**

**Sunday 9th June - Club Garden Party - possible bbq**

**Sunday July 7th at 2.30 pm - Challenge match between Ladies and Gents teams MPBC**

**Friday 19th July - Florida Tourists v MPBC** A team of bowlers from the US has asked for an afternoon match followed by refreshments. More information to follow

**Sunday 11th August - President's day - BBQ more details to follow.**

## Signing up to play in matches

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Look out for lists that will soon be appearing on the board where you can put your name forward to play in matches. Remember to add your name to the unavailable section if you are not able to play. This helps the Club Captain considerably. We look forward to as many as possible participating and having fun in friendly matches.