



# Malvern Priory Bowling Club

## Newsletter

### October 2019

#### End of Season putting the green to bed

The annual end of season preparation will be done on Monday 7th October and if the work is not completed due to weather or other problems we will continue on Monday 14th October. A schedule of the work to be done is up on the board along with a list for you to sign up to help.

Lorna has kindly offered to cook hot dogs for lunch for those who come along to work.

These days have always turned into very sociable events and much enjoyed by those who come along.

Looking forward to seeing as many members as possible next Monday.

Brian P

#### Green Closure

The green was officially closed at the end of September and the contractor will be starting work early on Tuesday 8th October. There will definitely be no play after Sunday 6th October until May 2020.

Brian P

#### Presidents message

As the end of the outdoor season has arrived, it seems appropriate to review the past few months. We are pleased to welcome so many new members to the club and to see how well you have supported the variety of activities on offer. The Roll-ups have been very well attended this season, as have the Short Mat sessions, (for the first time continuing through the summer months).

Throughout the year volunteers have worked regularly and reliably, indoors and outdoors, on the maintenance of the building, the grounds and the green keeping our surroundings safe, in good order and of pleasing aspect. We are also very grateful to those ladies who keep the club house clean, tidy and well organised and for those delicious teas after our home matches. We thank you all for the great amount of time and effort this has involved.

It was excellent news to hear that the local council has awarded the club a grant of £2,500 towards the installation of an automatic watering system. This was achieved through the work of Brian and Jackie who spent much time on research, in meetings with the council and on dealing with the application forms. We are very grateful for all you have done.

LOOKING AHEAD.....your help is required on October 7th, next Monday, for the "Putting the green to bed" maintenance, cleaning and tidying. Please spare a few hours to help with this.

The AGM is coming soon when the election of committee members will take place. There is a notice in the club house asking for nominations for the various roles. As yet there are no nominations - please give some thought as to who might be able to take on the positions - past members will be able to offer guidance to those who take on a role if needed.

I look forward to seeing you at other forthcoming events - the Presentation Lunch, the "Halloween Skeleton Drive" and the Christmas event in December.

"May the bowls be with you"  
John

## Priory Competitions

These are almost completed, let's hope that the 3 outstanding matches are played in this final week of the season.

## Inter Club Competitions

I attended the finals at Manor Park Bowling Club on the two consecutive afternoons that these were held.

It was all Manor Park Players in the three finals this year, I was the lone spectator from Priory and there were none from Victoria. After the final match the presentations were held and there were light refreshments.

Thank you to all our members who supported the raffle. I was extremely pleased to bring back 7 of the 20 prizes available for lucky Priory winners.

Lorna Rodway

## Disappointments for the Ladies

It was disappointing that the season ended with 2 cancelled matches for the Ladies team.

Our bowlers had nominated early and we had our full complement of 3 x triples for both matches but on each occasion the opposition had insufficient players.

A big thank you to all the ladies who have represented Priory this season, enjoy the winter break, recharge your batteries and be ready to do it all again next Spring!

Lorna  
Ladies' Captain

## Annual Prizegiving lunch

The Presentation Lunch will be on Tuesday 22nd October at The Royal Oak, Broadwas at 12.00 for 12.30. It will be a three course meal + tea or coffee at a cost of £15 per person.

We will have a big area of the restaurant for our sole use.

A form with details is at the end of the newsletter. Please complete as requested and leave in the suggestion box complete with your cheque. **NO CASH IN THERE PLEASE.**  
**Final date for Forms Friday 11th October.**

Newsletter Editor - Jackie Oakey

## Bridge Day

Our Annual Duplicate Bridge Drive takes place on Saturday 19th October and includes a Buffet Lunch. There are only 2 tickets, at £12.50 each, left for this event, if you are interested or know of others who might be interested please contact Lorna.

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[secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk)

## AGM

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 7th November at 10.00 am at the club house when coffee and cakes will be served FOC.

Now is the time to start thinking of who you would like to run your club. This year the Club Captain, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Green/maintenance secretary will be standing down. If you would like to join the committee of our growing friendly club please come forward.

Our club has grown substantially over the past few years thanks to the hard work put in by members. We must strive to continue this momentum.

The club needs a committee to run the club, why not come forward and help. Speak to those on the committee who will guide you in the right direction.

Jackie Oakey  
Secretary

## Skeleton Drive

Avoid Brexit, come to our Halloween Skeleton (like Beetle) Drive on Thursday 31st October at 7.30 pm. Light Refreshments. Bring your own bottle. Raffle, Tickets £3, \*\* Limited to 32 persons, available from Lorna.

## Monday Maintenance Day

A very big thank you to all those who have given up their time to lend a hand on Mondays and to water during the weeks to keep the green in a good condition and the club and grounds so spic and span.

Don't forget if you notice anything that needs to be repaired such as loose toilet seats etc. please report them so they can be rectified.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Brian Palmer

## Suggestions

The committee love to receive suggestions. If you have any good ideas on how to make things run more smoothly at the club or perhaps a good idea for a social/fund raising event, put a note in the suggestion box. You can do this anonymously if you don't want to add your name.

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 19th October Bridge drive 10 am - 5pm.** Finger buffet Lunch and afternoon tea and cakes £12.50 per person. 2 Tickets only available from Lorna

**Tuesday 22nd October 2019 - 12 for 12.30 pm Prizegiving** 3 course lunch - will be held at the Royal Oak, Broadwas £15 per person to include tea/coffee. Menu details have been circulated. A list will be on board for you to add your name along with choices. Money to be paid up front by cash or cheques made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club. Bring along your spouse/partner or friend.

### Thursday 31st October SKELETON DRIVE

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**Thursday 7th November - AGM - 10.00 - am free tea/ coffee and cake**

**December - Christmas Party - date to be confirmed**

**February/March - New Folk Play**

## BARBEQUE SUNDAY 22nd Sept

In spite of the rain we had an enjoyable lunch and afternoon. A big thank you to Peter and Joy, John and Sue, Lorna for the delicious cake and the kitchen helpers on the day, especially Terry who donned his pinny to help.

## Open Bowling Triples Tournament, Barbourne, Worcester 22nd September 2019

The day started at 6.30 am on the morning of Sunday 22nd September for the intrepid trio of optimistic men! Members of Malvern Priory Bowling Club (not to be confused with the intrepid Ladies!) this trio of raring to go men was made up of Daniel (not of the Lions Den!) in number 1, Wayne (of the haircut) number 2 and finally Peter (the Northern one) as Skip. Oh, and their Roadie Spectator and mascot as in Joy.

They met up as you do, when, looking on in great awe, Wayne off loaded bag after bag from his already over loaded boot of his 'Jagwhare' into Peter's already loaded boot, it would appear that they were full of sets of woods (Bowls) to choose from, depending on the grass conditions and very impressive to the team and their Rodie. Somehow everything was stacked away into Peter's made for the road car and then off they drove for this momentous occasion.

Duly arriving at the venue by 9.15 am to sign in and book a meal - a choice of sandwiches or quiche. Peter went for "Lorraine" the quiche type! Prematch fortification was then taken in the form of tea or coffee. Then it all began, that is to say at 9.55 am. All the Competitions (players) in a state of excited anxiety eagerly waiting for the peel of the bell to start at dead on 10 am. Then the anticipation was over, suddenly the crisp morning air was shattered by the "Dong ding dong from the great ship's bell, they were off. Jacks flying all over the rinks followed by the woods. By the start of the second match the weather decided to put a dampener on these keen bowlers, in other words it raineth and did do so, rather wet you could say.

12 teams from around the country had entered the tournament and were divided into two groups (Blue and Green) - six teams in each. Time limited games were scheduled to take place in each group up to a maximum of 10 ends - with the winners of each Group progressing into the final. Playing conditions on the day were extreme - ranging from torrential rain, light rain and bright sunshine periods, interspersed with the prospect of thunderstorms.

We were placed in the Blue Group and were scheduled to undertake 4 x 1 hour games up to a maximum of 10 ends each, whichever came sooner. A ship's bell would be sounded at the start and end of each game. No trial ends were allowed. However, we soon managed to come to terms with the playing conditions imposed by the weather and win three of the games, but narrowly losing out on one. At no time during these games did we win the toss for the mat. Maybe this was something of an omen for later on!

The two teams that we had soundly beaten (ie. Evesham and Stourbridge), we learned later on, were reckoned to be strong contenders for the final. The intrepid trio's 14 points to Evesham's 3, they resorted to firing about 6 - 8 times, being so exasperated and worked up, they were wasting shots and missing by as much as 6 - 12 inches (or more)

Our overall score, surprisingly, was substantially higher than any of the other teams in the Group and we progressed directly to the final - against the winners from the Green Group. This happened to be the top team from the Barbourne club. The final took place late afternoon in dry conditions - with the green now showing a much faster turn of speed than had been experienced during the morning. Again we lost the toss for the mat. A maximum of 10 ends was played in front of a large and enthusiastic audience. It was 'nip' and 'tuck' for most of the game, with tight and precise build up of the heads. On the 8th end we were 7-5 ahead - only then to be thwarted by some ingenious tactics when the opposition won the mat at the start of the last two ends and placed it half way down the rink. We unfortunately lost by 1 point despite some very good play by all concerned.

The best, however, was yet to come. The applause from the crowds for both teams at the end was incredible with impromptu comments made directly to us afterwards on our high standard of play and conduct - "one of the best finals seen for some time!" "You're from Malvern, aren't you - Manor Park we presume!" No - the Priory - that immediately attracted a quizzical look. Clearly, as an unknown quantity, we had put the Priory BC on the map!

Much praise goes to both Dan and Peter. Dan particularly found his line and length quickly during the changing playing conditions and it was a delight to see the consistency of a tight head being built around the Jack. Peter excelled in both his controlled drives and for drawing his bowls close to the Jack in tight situations when the occasion demanded. It was this overall ability that took the heart out of Evesham's and Stourbridge's game. Finally, many thanks go to Joy Storry who watched and encouraged us throughout the day. The hosting arrangement by the Barbourne club kept us fed and watered, and despite the weather conditions, all the arrangements and coordination of events were spot on. Overall, it was a great day to remember.

Daniel remarked that it was a fantastic day but the weather could have been kinder. In all the aftermath and excitement/confusion/bewilderment of a great win by the 'outsiders' Peter left his new shoes in the men's locker room! No comment.

All in all the Intrepid trio, plus the Roadie went on their way home rejoicing, on cloud 9, exhausted but pleased - stroll on next year.Type to enter text.

Peter Storry and Wayne Braddock



# Malvern Priory Bowling Club

**Prizegiving Lunch at the Royal Oak, Broadwas,  
Worcester WR6 5NE  
on Tuesday 22nd October 12.30 for 1.00 pm**

Please choose 1 starter, 1 main and 1 dessert per person, enter your choice number on the form below which should be marked clearly with your name and phone number. Please then place form in an envelope with a cheque for £15 per person made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club and place it in the locked suggestion box on the counter marked for Jackie by Friday 11th October. If you have more guests feel free to add them to the form.

1. Prawn Cocktail
2. Soup of the Day
3. Brie Wedges
  
4. Carvery of beef, pork or turkey
5. Mushroom Wellington
6. Cod in batter or grilled (please state preference by marking B or G)
7. Pie (not quite sure if this will be meat or fish - a mystery meal!)
  
8. Fruit Crumble
9. Chocolate Fudge Cake
10. Cheesecake

Tea/coffee

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Name/s .....

Phone number (preferably mobile) .....

	Guest 1	Guest 2
Starter	.....	.....
Main	.....	.....
Dessert	.....	.....

I enclose a cheque for the sum of £..... made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER**



# Club clothing

You will be pleased to hear that I have now set up a Club Shop with Zapkam our suppliers so that you can order clothing as and when you would like it. All clothing is made to order and takes 1 month to be delivered.

This is the procedure for ordering club shirts, waterproof jackets, waterproof fleece lined jackets and caps with immediate effect.

1. Log on to [www.zapkam.com](http://www.zapkam.com)
2. You need to open an account before you can proceed - click on register - once you have registered you will log on each time you use the site
3. Click on Club Shop which appears in the menu at the top
4. Type in mal in the box and click on the magnifying glass/search sign - the club badge and name will then appear. If you do not click on the magnifying glass you will get other information come up which is not needed.
5. Click on the club's name - You should now see the range of items you can buy - shirts for both men and women, waterproof jackets unlined and lined with fleece and caps.
6. Select the item/s you want and choose the size you want by selecting size - a drop down menu will appear with a vast number of sizes to choose from.
7. Add to basket and proceed to check out once you are happy with your selection.

Remember each item will have a postage cost added to it. This will be charged just once if you are having multiple items.

Happy shopping, any problems get back to me and I will talk you through it. However, before you order any shirts check with me to see if I have one your size in stock. \*

Jackie Oakey

19.4.2019

\* I have 1 New mens shirt Medium size and 2 second hand ladies shirts one sized 12 and the other a 14.