



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter January 2020



President's message

I'm sorry I was unable to attend the Christmas party at the club, but was most pleased to hear that everyone had a good time.

Many thanks to the Social Committee members for their time and work put in to deliver such a successful event.

I look forward to seeing you at future fund raising events - they are great social occasions, as well as playing an important part in providing funds for further developments at the club.

Very best wishes to you all.

John Phillips
President

Club Captain's New Year's message

Thank goodness winter is now half way through and as we enter the Leap Year of 2020 let's hope our club also leaps forward and we manage to install our new irrigation system.

The bowling season will soon be in full swing with our first match away to Bredon on Sunday 26th April.

Our club socials not only raise much needed funds they are also a brilliant way to keep in touch in the closed season, please come and join us when you can.

The Christmas Party was a great success and we can look forward to another entertaining evening at the Beetle Drive on Thursday 16th January.

With best wishes to everyone for a very happy new year.
Lorna Rodway
Club Captain

Cash Arrangements- from 1st January 2020 - IMPORTANT NOTICE

From 1st January 2020 for any cash put into the safe, the amount should be entered into the small diary on the top of the safe.

Enter the amount in the appropriate day/date with what briefly the cash was for. (This applies all year round. It is required to verify people have paid for shortmat and roll up etc. and that the correct amount has been paid).

The Club Diary is separate from this.

Roger Davies
Treasurer

GOOD NEWS for 2020 - Automatic Watering system on its way!

At a meeting of Committee members held on Friday 6th December 2019 it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and installation of an automatic irrigation system. The club has been successful in receiving grants of £3,100 towards the cost. With a contribution from club funds and a loan the committee feels confident we should go ahead. It is thanks to all members who have helped raise funds that we are now able to go ahead with this ambitious project.

An application has been made for monies which will enable the club to ensure the system is installed (weather permitting) prior to the start of the 2020 season.

There will obviously be some interruptions and inconvenience whilst the work is being carried out and we hope all members will understand. The benefits of such a system will be huge for the club.

In my absence Normal Hall will Project Manage the installation with David Irvine as Chief Engineer with assistance from Roy Barber and Terry Bartlett. These four people know the design and precise requirements and have been fully involved in the final design.

The prime dates are:

December 2019	Kit has been ordered
Monday 10th February	Contractor due to start modifying and rectifying the ditch to accommodate the irrigation system
Thursday 20th February -	Delivery of the irrigation system and installation instruction by the supplier
	Installation will continue immediately after this with testing due to take place 1 week later
12th March	Landscaping by the building contractor to be completed

These date may well move due to adverse weather. A lot of the installation equipment and tooling will have to be stored in the clubhouse and there will be many people working on the green during the entire period. The contractor and members of the club working on the installation will need access to the club so we hope all short mat members will understand during this period.

This is a huge step forward and commitment for the club that a few years ago was struggling to find enough players to participate in friendly matches with other clubs.

To save money much of the work will be done by club members, if you are able to help in any way please contact Normal Hall - this could even be making tea/coffee for the workers. Any queries must be made to Norman not to the contractors or individuals working on the green.

The club's future is looking extremely healthy. Back in the late 1980's the council had a professional company carry out a survey of the condition of the green and it was recommended back then that a permanent watering system should be installed - it will have taken 30 years but we will have done it ourselves!

Happy New Year to you all.
Brian Palmer

CHRISTMAS PARTY

An evening of fun and laughter was had by all. It was a full house and great to see so many partners there as well.

It was a merry night with a variety of entertainment. We had quizzes that Sue Phillips had carefully devised for us. Lorna provided a game of Bingo whilst we all sat quietlywell reasonably quietly that isafter a splendid Buffet.

There was merriment as we serenaded ourselves with the Twelve Days of Christmas and The Music Man. Peter Story shared some of his inimitable jokes. There was a visit from The Man himself and do you know he had been keeping an eye on us during the year! He had tales to share. Glenys closed the evening by leading us all in Carols.

Our thanks to Bill and Terry who tended the bar in their own special way.....they even looked the part. A special toast was given to Ron White who celebrates his 90th Birthday on Christmas Day. Congratulations Ron.

All in all a special evening which raised £301.23 for Club funds. Hope you all had a Happy Christmas everybody and see you all next year

The Social Committee

THE BEETLE DRIVE

This is the Beetle Drive to end all Beetle Drives.....not to be missed

This is to be held on Thursday 16th January at 7.30 pm. It is £6.00 per person including a Baked Potato Supper. This will need ordering.

Tickets available from Bronwen or Lorna

DON'T FORGET THE 60's NIGHT. COMING SOON 60's FASION OPTIONAL!!

Suggestion Box

We love receiving your suggestions. If you have any please put them into the Suggestion box. These can be done quite anonymously.

These suggestions help the Committee considerably in the running of the club.

A late message from Santa

Santa and his helpful Elf were delighted to have received such a warm welcome at the Priors BC Christmas Party... and what a successful evening thanks to Lorna and the hard work of her Social team.

Santa said, "I didn't see Billy, Terry and Bronwen because they were out of sight, working behind the Bar. "What I was going to say was : Billy Broom sweeps up the mess everyone leaves!

The letter I had said: "Don't forget 'Bonny Bronwen' - you can't miss her - She's probably with her dancing partner, 'Two step Terry the Tottenham supporter and ex-Teddy boy!

The other omissions were 'Peter the Patio Barbeque-er with his Joy to behold, and the letter I had explaining that the President couldn't be present because of a prior engagement.

WELL DONE ALL AND A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th January, 2020 7.30pm. Beetle Drive with baked potato supper. £6.00
Tickets now on sale from Lorna Rodway - [REDACTED] and Bronwen Harrison
[REDACTED]

Saturday 15th February, 2020. 7.00 pm 60's evening. 60's music, 60's quiz and dressing 60's style. £7.00

Friday 6th March 2020 - Fold Theatre, 6th March 2020. This is a joint venture with Victoria Park. This is a Folk Evening which promises to be excellent. More details will be given, in the meantime make sure it is in your diary.

Saturday 14th March 7.30. Pi Evening. Celebrating Pi. This will be a pie supper with quiz and entertainment. Ticket price to follow. Pi day was first introduced on 14th March 1988 and has been celebrated every year since then. It's a good excuse for a yummy Pi supper!!!

Thursday 23rd April there will be a St Geroge's Day BBQ to mark the opening of the Green and the new irrigation system. This will be weather permitting. We shall keep you all posted.

Sunday 26th April - First match - away against Bredon

Wednesday 6th May - first home match - Les Thomas League

Sunday 10th May - first home Club match - County

Tuesday 2nd June - 41 Club - Bowls Experience evening

Tickets and more information on all events can be obtained from Bronwen Harrison.

Social evenings produce a much needed source of income so it is important that these continue throughout the year. If you can help with the organisation of a social event do come forward please. If you can help the social committee in any way please speak with the Social Secretary, Bronwen Harrison, she would love to hear from you [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The next Newsletter will be for March/April. Remember to get articles in to editor in good time.

Subscriptions and fees for 2020

Membership renewal forms will be despatched early March 2020.

Bowling on the Green - Summer 2020

Memberships fees	£60.00
New members where this is their first season at MPBC	£30.00
Match fees	£2.50
Les Thomas fees	£2.50
Roll Ups	£2.50
Public Green (per Hour)	£5.00
All competition fees as roll ups (i.e £2.50 per person for each round other than the final)	

Short Mat

Membership	£20.00 for Lawn Green members £25.00 for Short Mat only - with effect from 1.10.20
Roll ups	£2.00
Social membership	£10.00



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Father Christmas
and his helpful Elf