



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

May 2020

News from our President

Hello everyone - hope you are keeping well and finding plenty to do at home during the lockdown. Isn't it unfortunate that we have had all this lovely sunshine and not had chance to get on the greens.

I thought you might find this item of bowling history interesting -

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers.

Unfortunately, all Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire.

So we'll never know For Whom The Tells Bowled.

Hope to see you all soon

John

News of Wayne Braddock

I had hoped to report that Wayne had been discharged from Hospital and well on the road to recovery from his recent surgery for Bowel Cancer. As at this morning, Thursday 30th April, he is about to undergo further surgery. What was supposed to be a 5-6 day spell in hospital has turned into a 5-6 week period.

We all wish Wayne well and a very speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing him back at the Club.

If you have his e mail address I'm sure he'd love to hear from you as he is now showing signs of boredom. During this lockdown period he has had no visitors so he'd love to hear your news. email me if you would like his email address _____

Jackie

News from our Club and Ladies' Captain

Hello Everyone

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing to occupy yourselves in these strange times. It is disappointing that we are not bowling on our lovely Green in this fantastic weather, we all miss our favourite summer pastime and meeting up with our many friends at the club.

I know we can't wait for that Jack to take its' position on the Green but we must keep it tightly closed in its' box. When it is safe to do so we can lift the lid and let it jump out so that we can once again enjoy the sport that we all love. Everything is in place for a quick start up once the restrictions are lifted.

For those of us who are lucky enough to still have gardens the sunny weather has kept us busy with those numerous Spring jobs but it has probably been hard work at times. The ground needed the welcome rain and my outdoor vegetables are now emerging into growth. In the greenhouse the tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers are growing well and will make an appearance at match teas, whenever that will be. My chickens are happy laying and I look forward to using their eggs to make cakes for our members once again.

The rules and regulations concerning the Pandemic mean that all bowling sections are on hold until further notice, we will all be missing something whether it be Roll ups, Friendly matches, Ladies matches, Les Thomas Wednesday night league, U3A afternoons, County competitions, Inter Club competitions or our very own Priory competitions.

The Social Distancing Rules will apply for some time yet and as most of us are in the over 70s age group we must remain patient as it looks like we will not be out and about for a few more weeks yet.

Stay safe Lorna

Green News

I hope you are all weathering this pandemic storm. It reminds me of our time sailing our yacht 'Songster' from New Zealand to Fiji in 2008 when we were caught in a bad storm and had to batten down the hatches and stay below to weather it out over 3 days. At least during the current lockdown we have the comforts of home and no seasickness or the threat of a disaster. After the third night of being thrown around in huge seas we opened the hatch to see blue skies, unfurled the sails and made our way towards Fiji. I hope we will experience the time when we can open our doors and feel free to go out and socialise once again.

The builder has now completed all his work with the installation of the new irrigation system. The system has been tested, set up and programmed to give the most efficient way of irrigating the green. The system has been running for a couple of weeks now and operates in the early hours twice a week. The whole operation takes in the region of 5 hours and puts 11 cubic metres of water onto the green. The reason for the length of time is that the water tank has to refill. Using WhatsApp and phone calls to Richard Keech, he looks after the green, between us Richard has completed setting the system up for us. Without his co-operation and technical knowledge we could not have got this far.

However, there is still work to be completed - the electrical system has to be reworked and made good. I needed to prove the system worked so set up a temporary electrical supply which now has to be made permanent. This will take me 2 days minimum to do with no interruptions.

Unfortunately I did not calculate just how much spoil would be left over, we have 6 tons to remove - a large amount. The quotations I got coincided with the lockdown and people were taking advantage and quoting exorbitant prices. If you have any suggestions of how this can be removed, or contacts please let me know.

Richard and I have worked out a schedule for looking after the green using Bowls England's recommendations under the Covid 19 lockdown. The green at the present moment is looking superb and is cut to 9mm. It has been fed and scarified but it will take about 2 weeks of cutting before it will be good enough to bowl on. The grass must not be stressed by cutting it too short too quickly. Other outstanding items are the refitting of the rink markers and scoreboard holders, Roy has got the jig for scoreboard holders and I have remade all the green markers. This will take 2-3 days minimum to measure and reinstall. Volunteers will be asked for in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Monday morning irrigation feasibility group, especially David Irvine, for all their input. It is David's basic principle design that I have used within our club's monetary constraints. There will be the usual beginning of season work party day to prepare the green for opening.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Keep safe, stay home.
Brian Palmer, Green Secretary

Note from Club Secretary

I am posting the emails from Bowls England and WBA on <https://malvernprioritybowlingclub.org.uk/bowls-england-county-news/>

There are a number there already including one from Persimmon Homes offering help and several Bowls England videos.

Graham Anderson
Secretary

A membership challenge - A small prize for a piece of craft, art or the like which has been made/done in the period of social distancing.

Just a reminder of the craft challenge, I hope you are finding time to produce a piece of craft.
Jackie

Membership Secretary's report

I want to say a very big thank you to all those members who responded to my request who have renewed their membership. The response has been excellent. The club appreciates your loyalty during this difficult time.

The club relies on membership subscriptions and roll ups to finance the maintenance of the green and clubhouse during the season. Income this year will be greatly reduced but we still have to keep the green and clubhouse maintained and pay our bills. It is not too late to fill in a form to renew your membership and pay. Forms can be sent back to me electronically. Payment can be made electronically on line. (Club bank details are on the forms). Alternatively just return the completed form/forms with a cheque made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club.

Fees for the 2020 season are £60 for current members, £10 for Social membership, £30 for new members (those who have not played at MPBC before). Short mat membership will continue at £20 for new players but will increase to £25 for new members for the next season. Short Mat membership for full Lawn Green members will be £20.

If anyone needs help on this please give me a call 01684 575957.

Lets hope the situation improves and restrictions begin to be relaxed..

Jackie Oakey
Membership Secretary

News from Jean Endall

We are both well. We are lucky, living in Welland, that we can walk and cycle in the countryside when the weather is fine. We have also rigged up table tennis in the garden and play competitive matches against each other every day plus we have a spinning bike in the conservatory for when the weather is wet so both managing to keep fit Really hope we are able to get out on the green and meet up with friends again soon.

Stay safe,

Jean Endall

Editor's news

I cannot believe we have been in lock down for so long and there is still plenty to keep us occupied.

The garden, although small, is now full of tubs and troughs growing a variety of salads and veggies, some I've even grown from seed.

Last week I completed a sock knitting challenge through Facebook. It must be over 50 years ago that I knitted anything on more than 2 needles, sock knitting needed 5 which took some doing as I struggled to keep the stitches from falling off. One pair of kid's socks done and another pair for myself is almost complete.

We've been using Zoom to keep in touch with family and friends around the world and one evening I went to a WI meeting via Zoom, it was fun. There were 21 of us at the meeting where we had a fun quiz.

Do keep us all up to date with what you are doing. Keep safe, stay home.

Jackie Oakey

From the Social Committee

We hope you are well and looking after yourselves and each other during this Pandemic.

I am sure you are similar to us and missing the Green and our friends. We thoroughly enjoyed the sunny weather, slightly nostalgic as we thought about being on the Green with our wonderful setting.

It feels as if some of the restrictions are about to be lifted slightly when it will affect Bowling we do not know. We can only hope. When the Green is opened I would have thought we shall still have restrictions. Can social distancing and bowling be managed?

It would be great to have a party . Alas I fear that is not going to be possible with social distancing. I am not sure that Terry's suggestion of putting chairs all round the Green 2 metres apart and talking is really going to work LOL.

We hope to see all our friends very soon. In the meantime look after yourselves and each other.

Stay safe

The Social Committee

News from Tom and Caroline stuck in Panama

One positive of the C. V. - because it effects every human and loads of animals, there is a great sense of 'togetherness' and because we all have more time on our hands, and thank goodness for technology, one way and another we communicate more. I have 2 sons (+wives) and 4 grand children in Australia and a daughter in Houston - Texas. (God help her!) and we have regular contact , 'face to face' for free .

I remember, when I was 18 and went to England to learn English working as a land labourer earning 6P a week, my first international call to Holland of 3 minutes, cost me 2/6 p and it took at least 20 minutes before being connected . Now in Panama . We left Ledbury, Caroline was born there and I had my business Treelinks, 25 years ago. We bought a motor home in Toronto, where my brother lives and after Alaska, drove to Panama a 6 months trip . We built a small replica of Eastnor Castle, my daughter was the first to get married there, which we sold 3 years ago and is now the most popular Hostel in Panama. Look up "Bambuda castle - Boquete" . We then built a small house at 1.400m altitude with a view of Vulcan Baru of 3,500m. It is for sale because we have decided to return to England. We bought number 1 Flat, Charlbury House and recently also number 2. Thank goodness the renters in number 2 have just left because in anticipation of being back in Malvern, all our belongings, 6 cubic meters, not furniture, are on their way to Malvern and can just be dumped in flat 2.

No idea when we get back but as it happens better here than there. Full shops and plenty of toilet paper! We do need to queue to get in. Only 50 allowed in at the time. Compulsory masks . Caroline can shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11 and 13hrs. I can on Tuesday and Thursday, same time . NO ONE AT ALL on Saturday and Sunday . Our government did an amazing job limiting infections. Only 121 fatalities so far .

Keep safe and warmest wishes,
Tom and Caroline Bot

An up date from Ron and Glynis

The enforced incarceration has led to tidying up and gardening. We have neighbours opposite who insist we stay home and they do our shopping twice a week. They also keep chickens in a large field so we have plenty of fresh free range eggs. They have two teenage daughters who are good at making cakes and puddings so we get free samples every so often.

We do give the car a short run every three or four days to keep it going and maintain the battery. I (Ron) keep my exercise routine going because I have an exercise bike with rowing action, I can even pedal no-hands!!

The cat thinks she is in paradise because we are at home so much. She likes company and protection from 'Ginger' who pops in for a meal once a day.

Hope to see everyone in the not too distant future.

Ron and Glynis

For Sale

The club wishes to sell the following irrigation equipment.

1. Crawler
2. .75 HP submersible pump
3. 1 sprinkler
4. Hose reel with 40 metres of yellow 20mm hose pipe and fittings

All the above could be used on a cricket pitch or any large lawn. The sprinkler will work under mains pressure, you do not need a pump. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Brian Palmer [REDACTED] Items available separately.

www.malvernprioritybowlingclub.com

Newsletter Editor - Jackie Oakey
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



Above: SAB Contractors carried out the work, They were excellent and recommended by a club member. Below: some of the 6 tons of spoil that needs removing.

How Upton upon Severn are dealing with social distance - Roger and Jan Davies

Here in Upton we have discovered are very own social distancing method, (it is very effective!)

First you need to wear roll up sleeves.

Then you put your walking boots on and walk down by the river until you see some cows.

You climb over into the cow field and find where they have been grazing.

You find a cow pat, and plunge both arms into the cow pat ...until you are up to your elbows!

You are now free to walk wherever you want to, town, city, beach anywhere.

As you walk through a town you will immediately notice that people are keeping their distance!

When you get home you are forced to wash your hands and arms.

A unique effective solution to keeping social distance!

Keep safe!

Roger and Jan

TIBETAN PIES.

Peregrine Isaac Edgeworthy was a baker and over the years became an expert in his main stay of business making pies in a small cotton town known as Oswaldtwistle. He worked very hard at his shop and became very very famous up and down the town, supplying other similar shops, canteens, the Town Hall, Hospitals, Cottage Hospitals, Pubs, Clubs you name it, he supplied em' all, his pies became very famous as far away as Manchester, then Worcestershire, everyone liked his pies. Then he went national, selling his pies to all of the large stores, in fact other stores as well, he even got the contract to supply pies to the Isle of Man Ferries, everybody loved his pies, as he was an expert pie man. He even made up a new pie for the discerning types, which was a meat and potato custard, the ethnic population loved them(?) He gave talks on pies all over, he could tell a good pie from a bad pie, there wasn't a pie that he could not tell where it came from, as our Peregrine was an expert pie man. Over the years his fame spread, giving talks all over, about his special Steak and Kidney Pies (known as kate and kiddely) Meat and potato, Apple, Goosegog, Cherry pies etc., you name he did 'em. One night he was in the pub, where the Landlord was appreciating the local Hiking and Climbing Club for their efforts in Climbing the " Big Hills" in Tibet and the Himalayas. They asked what had kept them going and they all said that they had me of the best pies that they had come across when in Lhasa, the Capital 'City' in Tibet, after their climbs. This of course intrigued our Peregrine Isaac Edgeworthy, and he vowed to visit this place called Tibet, after enquiries he booked to go to Tibet. After some weeks he ended up in Katmandu, then travelled on to Lhasa, eventually he arrived in Lhasa going straight away to find the Tibetan Pie Shop. Some time later he came across the 'famous' Tibetan Pie Shop, going in a robed red figure asked him 'Wah u Whan,' (this in English meant what do you want!) Our Peregrine asked for a Tibetan pie, the red robed man replied, U wan Tibetan poi, whan poi you like (in English it meant what Tibetan pie would you want!) we have Steak and Kidney Poi, we have Apple Poi, we have Potato Meat poi, and we have Apple Poi, wah you whan?????????????.....

This tale should have been performed back in March on the Pi Night.

Cheers
Peter Storry

Press release from BE - COACH BOWLS TO LAUNCH ONLINE Q&A SESSIONS

Is there a question about skills, tactics and technique in the sport of bowls that you'd like answering but have never known who to ask? Then now is your chance.

Coach Bowls will be running a series of online Q&A sessions with an expert panel drawn from across the sport including three-time Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Ellen Falkner, Bowls England High Performance Director John Mc Guinness and England's most-capped international player John Rednall. Mark Bircumshaw, Chief Executive of British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA), and Brian Baker, Director of Coaching at the English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA), will also be on hand to answer your questions.

Post any questions you would like to ask the panel about coaching, skills, tactics, techniques, or just their experiences to amanda@coachbowls.org by Monday 11th May 2020.

The full panel will feature:

Ellen Falkner (Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist – 2002/2010/2014)

John Mc Guinness (Bowls England High Performance Director)

John Rednall (Bowls England – 100 caps)

Mo Monkton (Bowls England Women's Senior International Team Manager/Disability Bowls England Performance Manager)

Mal Evans (Bowls England Director of Coaching)

Mark Bircumshaw (BCGBA Chief Executive)

Brian Baker (ESMBA Director of Coaching)

This is your opportunity to develop ready for your return to the green!

Matt Wordingham

Publications / Media Officer



Right and left: It works! 1 of the 8 fixed sprinklers



Right: Some of the 6 tons of spoil that needs to be taken away,

