



# Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

## Monthly Newsletter

### December 2021

#### General News

Christmas is only 25 days away, we hope you all have your turkeys, wine and toilet rolls for Christmas! Sadly we are still not rid of COVID but the NHS is keeping on top of all the new cases. We would like to wish all our members and their families and friends a very happy and festive Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully with Covid behind us all. Keep well all, hope to see you at our bowls and social events through December to the New Year.

We are suggesting that all our members still take precautions where necessary. That may mean still wearing a mask and keeping hands washed.

It is a requirement of our Club to sign in guests. This is part of our Club license regulations, guests must pay the 50p membership fee for their visit. This is applicable for attending a function or just popping in for a drink or watching a bowls match.

Teams from other clubs playing matches at our club whether it be bowls / darts etc. are not required to pay the 50p membership.

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You will be delighted to know that the new pigeon hole system is in place. It is on the wall in reception on the right as you come into the club.

## Bar Opening Times

### Winter Bar Opening Times from October to March

	<b>Lunch Time</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Monday	12.30pm - 2.00pm	6.00pm -10.30pm
Tuesday	Closed	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 2.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Thursday	Closed	6.00pm -10.30pm
Friday	12.30pm -2.00pm	6.00pm -10.00pm
Saturday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed**
Sunday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed

\*\*Upon request the bar can remain open until 11.30pm for Social and Private Functions.

Times subject to change, dependant on bowls / dart matches and league fixtures.

We would like to give Danielle (Danny) a warm welcome to the club. She is helping Alun behind the bar. Keep pulling those great pints Danny.

## Social Events

**Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>** Spencer as Buddy Holly. What a great night and a full house! Spencer did not disappoint as Buddy Holly and the second part of his show, playing mainly rock 'n roll hits was just as good, everyone was rocking along. A great evening.

I had many requests at the end of the evening to bring Spencer back next year, he is booked for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022, that is the earliest I could get him!

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## Social events coming up:

**Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>** Bowls Christmas dinner - entertainment from Sue after the meal

**Don't forget 4<sup>th</sup> December!**

Hope you are all looking forward to the Bowls Christmas dinner.

It would be really great if you could come in a Christmas hat or scarf or even socks, to get us all in the mood.

Time 6.45pm for 7.00pm sit down.



**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>** Social Christmas dinner with fun and games

**PYCR Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Christmas special. Mince pies, sausage rolls etc. Plus raffle

**New Years Eve,** Friday 31st December Sue and disco £12 including buffet. Always a great night. Tickets on sale from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Saturday 15th January** Quiz with Kath and Howard - Plus raffle

**Saturday 29th January** PYCR with fish and chips – Plus raffle

**Saturday 12th February** Valentine's Day - entertainment by JayDee and Sally – plus raffle

**Saturday 19th March** St Patricks Day - plus raffle

**Saturday 23rd April** St Georges Day - entertainment by Andy Reid plus raffle

**Saturday 14th May** PYCR - plus raffle

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**Friday 3rd June** Queen's Jubilee day - BBQ, games etc. Plus Disco with Sue in the evening – Plus Raffle

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** Spencer as Buddy Holly, back by popular demand - plus raffle

Please attend as many of these functions as you can. We need your support for them to continue.

## General

Heineken our Beer supplier generously donated tickets for Spurs game against Vitesse at Tottenham in the Europa League. All those interested in going to the match were put into a raffle and the winners were Geoff Dodding and Marc Sycamore, each received two tickets.

Geoff writes:

“Walking to the stadium from White Hart Lane station was exciting as this amazing stadium became clearly visible. The crowd was large and were clearly anticipating excitement for the match.

The match started at 20.00 and the welcome Conte received was amazing. Spurs failed to disappoint. Every part of their play was on view. Spurs played with passion and were 3 up in less than 30 minutes and it could have been more. Then the other side of Spurs showed. They were hauled back to 3 – 2 before halftime. In the second half it looked ominous as Spurs failed to take control. It was not until the 85<sup>th</sup> minute when the Vitesse captain was given a second yellow card for manhandling Harry that things changed, this was followed shortly after by the goalkeeper being given a straight red.. Thankfully there was no VAR as it would have been likely the keeper would have remained. Conte found with this one game that he has a lot to resolve.

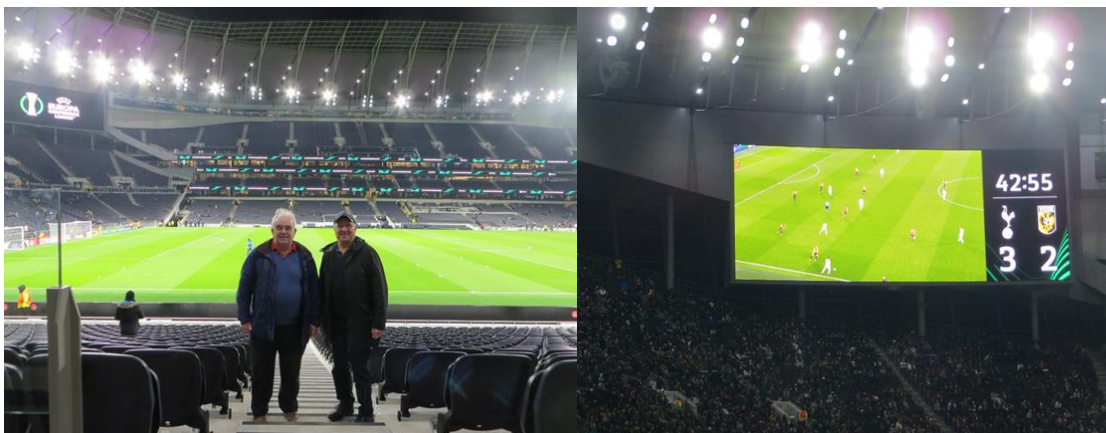
I can confirm this is a fantastic stadium and probably the best I have visited. The noise made by the crowd reverberated all around so the atmosphere was unbelievable.

I would like to thank the club and particularly Heineken for providing the tickets.”

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## Darts

The dart league, so far the team has won five and lost three league games and are through to the semi-finals of the Memorial Plaque knockout tournament. Full results can be seen on the darts notice board.

The fixture list is on the darts notice board at our club. The fixtures run from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

## Bridge Club

Bridge group plays on Mondays between 13.30 and 16.30 and are a group who enjoy playing social bridge. Recently they have been running 2 tables so there is space for more players. They cater for players of all standards but do not teach the game from scratch. If you have played before and would like to play again, then please contact Geoff on Monday afternoon at the club, or leave a message with Shirley via the clubs email.

There will be an update when Fridays restart in the afternoon.

## Bowls News

As always we need more volunteers coming forward to share some of the responsibilities that help to run the bowls and social club. A starting point could be to shadow one of the roles, to get a feel for what is involved before making a full commitment. Please let Graeme or any of the committee members know if you are interested.

## Indoor leagues

The indoor booking systems are up and running on the website for your own practice sessions, rink booking and also friendly club matches, as well as the organised social bowls under "availability sheets". The computer is now

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installed in the indoor bowls area. This will be for indoors and outdoor bowls. Please let the club know if you require help using the computer.

Your indoor bowls programme for this season 2021/2022 is available at the club. It details all the matches to be played and costs. It also gives contact details of indoor bowls committee members, district reps and your Captains. Please get your copy from the club.

Words from Brian Burfoot:

News from the Indoor Green December 2021. The season is now well and truly underway with all aspects of our activities in full flow.

You will have seen by now that the computer for on-line bookings is now installed in the indoor green. It still has some minor adjustments to be made and it will be ready for launch from 1st January 2022. If you are unsure about the operation of the system, please ask one of the officers for help.

Those of you that have already used the diaries on your own equipment will now see two recent additions. A column on the left hand side has been added and highlighted in Blue where you should enter your preferred playing position. Another column on the right hand side, highlighted in Green, is for you to confirm that you are still ok to play, enter 'Y'. You will also note that there is another line just below the Managers name and phone number for you to call if you have to cancel.

The "Officers"- 'Managers' of the day system for matches is working well, you will see the names and phone numbers of the volunteers on page 14 of the fixtures book.

Please support the Club by playing as many friendly matches as you can. Many are Tea & Biscuits but there are still quite a lot that have a two course meal after the match. Visiting Clubs have commented on the quality of our meals, so a big thanks to Ian.

When the match is a Tea & Biscuits event the Ladies will make the tea but the men must, from now on, tidy up and wash up and leave the kitchen tidy. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with the T&B the Ladies would appreciate it.

Also please do not forget that there are other National, County & District games that you can also support. Details are on the notice boards. The Ladies National matches are also on the online rink diary.

We still need volunteers to come forward to join the other officers of the indoor committee. There are notices on the boards in the indoor green showing the vacancies. If you are interested please contact one of the officers shown in the fixtures book. We need more names please for the annual

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seasonal Ladies v Gents match on Thursday 16th December starting at 2.30pm. Dressing up in festive attire is optional. You can look forward to a half time treat rather than T&B. !!

And finally, all the indoor committee and officers wish you all a very Happy Xmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on the green

### Men's Indoor Roll Up

Men's indoor roll up started on Monday 4th October 2021.

Times:

Monday's 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday's 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Times could change subject to matches being played. All men are welcome to play especially new members. Get there early and pick up a token at the indoor rinks to play.

To all indoor Bowls members, when you have finished your sessions please ensure that all lights are turned off, even if you know the rink is being used after you if the next players are not there, thank you. Lighting is a big club expenditure, the more we can save the more we have for other club requirements.

### The Ladies Indoor section

#### Some results:

Played Riverain in the Yetton Trophy on Saturday 6th November and lost.

Played in the Yetton Plate against Havering BC and only lost by 10 shots overall, so we are now out of that competition.

Played Riverain B team in the Mason Trophy on Friday 26th November, 1rink home and 1rink away, sadly our ladies lost.

### Potters

Potters October 2022 – For all those interested you should have received a form to complete and return with your deposit to Sylvia & Alan Gough.

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## Allotment News

Cliff Batts allotment.

All are welcome down the allotment to help out. Any help is always very much appreciated.

We're now at the end of the season, so its preparation for next year.

If there is anything anyone would like planting next year, please let us know!

Martine

## General

I hope you all found something of interest in the December edition. If there are any thoughts or issues that you would like incorporated into the monthly newsletter please let me or a committee member know.

Thank you

Richard Collett

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