



# Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

## Monthly Newsletter

March 2022

### General News

We are now into March and spring is just around the corner with longer and hopefully warmer days.

We hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to seeing you at the club. Have a look at the bowls and social events coming up and see you there.

Sadly Covid is still with us but our government have lifted most of the restrictions and we are starting to live with it, which we will all have to do. If you are fully jabbed and catch it, hopefully it is not too serious.

We are suggesting that all our members still take precautions where necessary. That may mean still wearing a mask and keeping hands washed and taking a covid test if you have been with someone that has tested positive or feeling poorly.

Our Club license regulations require guests to pay a 50p membership fee for their visit, what great value that is!! If you are a visiting team or their

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supporters, whether it be bowls / darts etc. you are not required to pay the 50p, even better!

### **Club Improvement News**

We have started to update and improve some of the existing fixtures and fittings within the club house and externally, these include:

New flood lights outside – installed.

New LED lights throughout the club house – installed.

New emergency back door – installed.

Boiler and heating upgrade has begun and will also include a new radiator in the ladies changing room and dining room.

New indoor vending machine for indoor bowls rink to be installed.

BT WiFi upgrade.

A new raised seat installed in the disabled toilet.

New Hatfield Bowls Club sign has been made and will be installed at the entrance to the car park where the old one is.

If you are a handyman/woman please let us know. There are always lots of small jobs that require being done around the club.

Also if you have spare time to join in the occasional work party please let us know.

A gentle reminder to all our members that smoking outside the front entrance is not permitted within the club rules, please use the designated area outside the emergency exit doors next to the dance floor. Thank you.

The club AGM is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm, please come along.

### **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

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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.

### Social Events

**Saturday 12th February** Valentine's Day - entertainment by ExAct JayDee and Sally. What a great evening JayDee and Sally performed music from pop to opera. Very very entertaining, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, so much so that they will be returning in October.

#### Social events coming up:

**Saturday 19th March** St Patricks Day – A fun evening of Irish music and Quiz hosted by Kath and Howard - plus raffle

**Saturday 23rd April** St Georges Day - entertainment by Sue, Andy Reid, and Friends - plus raffle and quiz

**Saturday 14th May** - PYCR - plus raffle or ELVIS TBC

**Friday 3rd June** Queen's Jubilee day – 5.30 pm BBQ, games etc. Disco with Sue and Live music from guest artists in the evening 7.30pm – Plus Raffle

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Music from duo 'When We Had Hair' Great musicians and songs – Plus Raffle

**Saturday 20<sup>TH</sup> August** PYCR / Quiz with fish and chips

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** ExAct JayDee and Sally – Plus Raffle

**Saturday 12 / 19 / 26th November** Comedian / singer TBC

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**Saturday 17<sup>TH</sup>** December PYCR with mince pies etc.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** December NYE Party

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

## **General**

New Lucky Dip Pull Tab machine.

The New Lucky Dip machine is proving to be very popular, especially with the winners!

The machine has 4 columns, 2 columns will be 50p tickets with prizes from £1.00 to £250.00, the other 2 columns will have £1.00 tickets with prizes from £1.00 to £500.00.

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## Darts

So far the team has won ten and lost five league games

Full results can be seen on the darts notice board.

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

### Club Fun Dart Competition

A fun night of darts was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, everyone really enjoyed the evening. It's not about the winning but the taking part that counts, so they say!! Well done the winners Ian and Richard (Sadly not me another Richard) for playing some great darts.



Thank you to Kath and Howard for organising the evening. You could tell who had brought their own arrows along. There were also some very lucky beginners. Mixed in with the cheers for big scores, were giggles of embarrassment from those who had still not made a double to start.

We will look to do this evening a few times a year as it was so well supported.

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## Bridge Club

Bridge group plays on Mondays between 13.30 and 16.30 and are a group who enjoy playing social bridge. 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.

If anyone is interested in learning bridge there will be the opportunity on a Friday afternoon at 3.30 pm. Please contact Tony Bristow if you are interested, the number to ring is 01707 896196.

## 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.

## Booking System Praise (From Kay)

During the last month Hatfield Club has been approached by two outdoor clubs regarding our online booking systems. Both clubs are very interested as they are convinced this is the way forward.

We have a rink booking diary and a match availability/selection system. It is important to these clubs that their members are able to book rinks, nominate for matches, see if they have been selected all on line. This system is always "live" - current and up to date. Details have been forwarded to both clubs.

Hatfield Club did extremely well in our our first full year outdoors online. A great tribute to our members.

Forwards and onwards for Hatfield !

## Indoor leagues

Finals of the indoors leagues are Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April, 10am start. Please come and watch some great bowling and support our bowlers.

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### Men's Indoor Roll Up

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.

### Outdoor Bowls Section

Ian Powell Outdoor Bowls Secretary and Men's Captain - Ladies Captain Sue Winship

The County had cancelled the usual Men's and Ladies Annual Prize Giving Dinner and Lunch for 2021 due to COVID. They have now announced that these are to be replaced with a luncheon on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at the Homestead Court Hotel, Welwyn Garden City, 12.45 for 13.30.

This will be a three course lunch @£30 per head.

Posters including a menu are attached to the outdoor bowls notice boards. If you wish to book a place, please use the poster on display in the club and put your payment, made payable to Hatfield Bowls Club in post box in the indoor green.

I will then complete the details and forward to the County.

This year's outdoor season will start on Saturday 9th April with a Club Event. Our first match will be on **Sunday 24th April** when we play 5 mixed rinks at Sawbridgeworth. As per last season, Ladies Captain Sue Winship will captain the Saturday matches and as Men's Captain I will captain the Sunday fixtures. We have a full programme of both friendly and competitive games this year for which Sue and I ask for your full support.

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To prepare the green in advance of the opening day (clear & prepare ditches, put out the benches, tidy grounds etc.) we are holding a Grounds Maintenance Working Party on **Monday 28th March** 10-00am to 12noon. Free bacon rolls will be served to all helpers, so please come along, many hands make light work.

To help with catering please let me know you are coming and would like a roll by **Friday 25th March**. My contact details are below, emails are good.

Club Events will start at 2-30pm, but we require your attendance by 2-10pm. Everyone who reports by this time will play. We need you to arrive promptly to allow us to organise the rinks to start play at 2-30pm. There is no need to book in advance for these events, although it is helpful if you could indicate your intention to play on the on-line Availability Sheet.

Many clubs coming to Hatfield at weekends this year have asked for tea, biscuits & cake and not a meal. Our ladies have offered to prepare this for us, but it would be unfair to expect them to do the washing up afterwards on every occasion as well. Therefore, a draw will be made at each game amongst leads, number 2s, 3s and skips to decide who will do this. We ask for your co-operation please, I am sure you will understand. Cost of matches with tea, biscuits & cake will be £2 and £5.50 for a meal payable by both Hatfield members and visitors. We will continue to use the on-line availability sheets and as has been practice indoors ask you to confirm your availability once selected. Computer terminals are now operating in the clubhouse to help those who are not on-line. Please ask a club member or contact me if you have difficulties. If you are no longer available, please enter "NA" against your name and let the captain know as soon as you can, but please do not delete your name once entered.

Peter Crouch will be organising a full programme of club competitions as last year. Competition draws, results and rules will be posted both on-line and on the club noticeboard.

Captain Sue and I wish everyone a very enjoyable and successful season. If we can help you, please contact us.

Ian Powell Outdoor Bowls Secretary and Men's Captain.

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### **General outdoor bowls**

As above outdoor season opens on 9<sup>th</sup> April, we look forward to seeing you all out on our rinks enjoying the fresh air and some great bowls.

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The Online diary and competitions are now available via our website.

<https://hatfieldbowlsclub.com/>

The availability sheets are also on the website but under members only. If you have forgotten the password please email Kay [drovah@gmail.com](mailto:drovah@gmail.com)

There is a computer in the indoor green, and an ipad in the dining room for your use when at the club. Just by pressing the HATFIELD BADGE the website will show. If you need advice there will surely be a member around to help.

Please always leave ipad on HOME PAGE - By press Home button located in black slot left hand side

Please also return to Home Screen on the computer, again where Hatfield Badge shows

Happy Bowling!

Our open day for showing our great club off is **Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> May**, spread the word to all. More details to follow.

The outdoor competition trophies & individual pewter plates are at the engravers for engraving regarding winners & runners up for all the 2021 competitions & the Ladies & Men's Championship Singles winners & runners up for 2020, they are due to be completed by Monday 28th February 2022.

Bowls section v social section bowls comp will be on **18<sup>th</sup> June**. The bowls match will be followed by a BBQ this is always a great event and a chance for our non-bowlers to give bowls a go. More details to follow.

Outdoor finals day weekend is **16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September**, please come along and see some great bowls and support our bowlers.

Outdoor bowls presentation lunch will be **25<sup>th</sup> September**. More details to follow.

Outdoor AGM Saturday **1st October** 2pm

### **The Ladies section**

No updates for March news letter

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## Potters October 2022

From: Sylvia and Alan Gough

Date: 22 February 2022

Thank you for the publicity relating to our visit to Potters. We can add further people to the group as Potters is not quite full yet. We have put together a new paragraph that we hope you will put in a future edition of the Monthly Newsletter.

### POTTERS 2022

We have now booked a further eight people into Potters for our Bowls Week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. These are all bowlers so we currently have 28 entered into that week's competition and a total group of 33 people.

**For those still thinking about joining us:** there is still some accommodation available for that week (in a bungalow or bungalow plus), so we would be pleased to hear from you. For further information, call us on 01707 267 289 or put a note in the pigeon holes.

**For those already booked in:** the balance payment will be required in July. We will send you a reminder before then with a note of the balance; which is dependant on the type of room you are booked into.

Sylvia & Alan Gough

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## Allotment News

Cliff Batts allotment.

Things will start to happen in the coming weeks!

We have to clean up after Storm Eunice, once complete and organised again, will start some veggies off in the greenhouse (hopefully we don't get hit with frost like last year) as well as preparing beds.

If anyone has any suggestions on what they'd like to see being produced, please let us know! Always wanting to try new things.

Outside the front entrance my dad Chris has made some planters to make it look a bit more appealing.

Thank you Chris from the club.

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

Martine

## General

I hope you all found something of interest in the March 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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