



Winter Newsletter 2016

Change of Guard after the AGM

We welcome Dave Allen to the Chairmanship of the Club, wishing him every success as he takes the club further along its journey. Your support will be much appreciated. Roger Ferguson (Chairman), Dave Rydon (Committee) and Bill Brookshaw (Competition Secretary) have stood down, and Pete Kitson has resigned as A Team Captain. Thanks to them all for their efforts.

Our Secretary, Dave Shortman, writes

“As you will remember at the AGM a position of Assistant Club Secretary had been adopted and approved by the management committee as an introduction to the role of the Secretary which is to support the Chair in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Management Committee. My position is that I will be unable to continue in 2018 so it is in the club's interest that a smooth transition will take place when I have completed my term of office. I very much hope that someone can come forward to ensure the continuation of the club.”

So don't be bashful – pick up the phone and have a no obligation chat with him about this vital position.

There has been a major change of policy on our uniform and the new look for ALL matches will require you to wear the shirt hitherto restricted to League matches. To facilitate this, the Club will supply all members who join in 2017 with the shirt which will provide a clear club identity to our opponents.

Ongoing maintenance

If you can make any time available to assist with keeping the club in good repair, please make contact with Dave Allen or Ken Willcox.

There are always plenty of jobs to be done, and if you are unable to make the usual 10.00 am on Thursdays, then have a word with Ken about when you are able to do a specific job. Members will be grateful to the hardy few who are able to do this work on our behalf without seeking credit for doing it & I know that the Committee are aware of them.



Begbrook Green vs England!!

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Plans should shortly be finalised for this potentially prestigious event. The date has been set in July, and it is hoped that this will be well supported by all club members, whether selected to play or not. It would be great if our hospitality were to become as widely appreciated as our reputation for being a friendly Club.

Club Open Day and Hog Roast, 24 July 2016

This was a most successful event, and we gained a few new members from it. Hopefully, something similar will be put on in the future. Thanks to Dave Rydon for organizing it, Cedric Fletcher for improvising the games and Ken Willcox for looking after those trying out the game for the first time.

Reminder – Availability sheets – when you indicate your availability you are expected to turn up when selected. Please don't let your fellow members down by not showing up. You may be interested to know that a list is kept of those who make themselves available and how many friendlies they have played. The intention is to ensure that everyone has a fair share of matches. If you have made yourself available and are selected, you are expected to play in the position you have been selected for. Team Captain's decisions should be respected as final. Please ensure that your name is on the sheet whenever you return it to the box.

Another reminder – Bowls Etiquette, **which must be observed at all times**, will once again be circulated with membership packs together with the revised dress code.



Men Vs Ladies Annual Match

The Ladies (with the help of a couple of non-ladies) triumphed over the Men's team in impressive fashion (if fashion was the right word, given the odd dress code of red, white and blue). As ever it was a good afternoon's bowling, and £109.02 was raised from the Raffle.

Christmas Social

Many thanks to Greg and Fay Marsh for the excellent organization of the annual Christmas Social. For those who were there, the food and music were excellent as was the fun aspect of the whole evening. If you missed it, make sure you are there on Friday 1st December 2017 for another great evening of entertainment. Anyone who would like to be involved in organising it should have a word with Dave Allen or Dave Shortman.

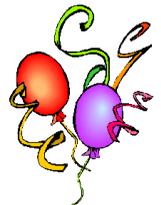


Coffee Mornings

These will continue for the rest of the close season on the second Monday of each month. A good time to chinwag, and, maybe, chat to committee members and give them some ideas about pretty well almost anything to do with bowls.

Reg's Centenary

We were delighted to celebrate Reg Buston's 100th birthday at his Party, well organized by his son Stephen. Members of Reg's family mingled with Club members for a grand time with him. Reg very kindly donated £100 to the Club funds, for which we are very grateful.





Competitions 2016

Congratulations to our winners, and a big thank you to all who took part. Please give all your support to Fay Marsh as she takes on the role of Competition Secretary.

In addition, we should also congratulate the Ladies League Team for gaining promotion to Division Two of the Bristol and District Ladies League.

An excellent presentation lunch was organised by Dave Rydon – thanks Dave – and the following photo captures the sense of enjoyment.

Our Honours Board reads as follows

Men's Singles (Four Bowl)	John Philpotts
Ladies Singles (Two Bowl)	Irene Cole
Four Wood Pairs	Ann Boaden and Debbie Holwell
Two Wood Pairs	Ann Boaden and Alan Dawes
Club Triples	Ken Maynard, Dave Wilmott and Colin Whittle
President's Cup	Mo Fagan, Avis Willcox and Dave Wilmott
Novices Cup	Cedric Fletcher
Livewire	Stuart James

Club Triples Winners 2016

Ken Maynard, Dave Wilmott and Colin Whittle with the cup, presented to them by Club President, Reg Buston, and Competition Secretary, Bill Brookshaw



And Finally.....



We are very grateful for the generous bequest of £500.00 in memory of Mike Ellery's late wife Mary. It is intended to purchase a replacement picnic bench as a result.

Did you know that you can make cash donations to the club that can attract and extra 25%, thanks to the government's Gift Aid Scheme. Please see Ken Maynard, treasurer, for details.

A very Happy New Year to all our readers and supporters.