



Harperbury Bowls Club

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Thanks Ron for the great pictures throughout 2016.



Presentation Night 2016

Oh what a night! Late December back in (you know the rest :)

70 people made it to the presentation night this year ! WOW!

The evening started off with the presentation of the club and individual trophies.



Presentation Evening





Following the presentations Sheila as President treated us to a few jokes, a sing along to 'always look on the bright side of life' and a very emotional what a 'wonderful world' with the help of her girls! John A then finished the entertainment section with a few jokes and the Harper-bury version of 'if I were not upon the stage'. This saw members names 'pulled' out of a hat to help John perform it.

John Webster, Ken Kauder, Tony Plummer, Judy West, Sue Allen and Dave Trollope threw themselves into their parts with hilarious results.



During the evening Peter and Gillian sorted out the raffle. No mean task! Everyone that came was asked to bring a raffle prize so that everyone could win a prize. A few didn't get the message but then others generously brought more than one so it all worked out and everyone received one. Thank you!

We then had a barn dance to get everyone in the mood for the rest of the evening.

The feedback on the night was very positive which was lovely but the committee felt we needed to know what everyone felt to guide us for next years presentation evening. A survey was sent out to all those that came asking their opinions about the venue, food, entertainment and the evening overall.



The feedback told us that the venue for the majority scored very highly with people liking both the location and drink prices and extra space. The food scored mostly 7's and 8's and was reported as being hot and good portion size even though we had to wait for the 2nd delivery! Two members did suggest something different for next year. The entertainment in general was felt to be a good mixture although a few did say that they weren't sure about the karaoke. Everyone agreed that they liked the space and the chance to dance and one member suggested more party dancing music during the evening. Everyone that replied to the survey said they would definitely be there next year. So the Calendon club has been booked again for next year.

The Warners balance is due by 1st Jan please.....
A Cheque through Deb or Mike Booths door or bank transfer please. Don't forget people! Thank you.....



Captains Log.....

For my captains charity for the 2017 season I have chosen The Trussel Trust, Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

The St Albans district foodbank is the specific Trussel Trust charity which I would like us to support. Currently it has 4 distribution centres in Cunningham, Sopwell, Wheathampstead and Harpenden and hopes to open 3 more in the next few months hopefully in Batchwood, London Colney and one other. The manager and people who run the centres and the storage/sorting warehouse are all volunteers - there are no paid staff. The manager told me that there is quite a lot of social housing in St Albans and they are seeing an increasing need for crisis help. Also warehouse space (which is essential to the charity's work) is very expensive in St Albans and they pay a high rent which eats into scarce resources..

Other services which St Albans foodbank is starting to offer include a reading resource for children and adult literacy support, a surviving winter fund to help with items such as heating, and a small fund to provide Christmas presents. They also try to offer non food items such as toiletries and nappies when necessary.

Your support for my chosen charity will be very much appreciated during the 2017 season.

We played our last indoor game of the year on Saturday 17th December against Watford Woodside. It was a very good afternoon of bowls and we fielded 6 Triples in the end (with one Watford player helping us out) as quite a few people weren't able to play because of other commitments. The results were as follows:

Rinks: Harperbury 2, Watford 4

Shots: Harperbury 77, Watford 114

Top Rink: Gillian Carvin, Keith Williams, Tim Anstey

Many thanks to all who played. There were some really good bowls played and some spirited catch-ups - two of our rinks only lost by 1 shot!

The next indoor game is on Sunday 5th February against Hatfield IBC - please put your names down.

Happy Christmas to all and all the best for the New Year.

Mary B

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A Night at The Dogs! SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2017 at Henlow.

The poster is up in the club and there are quite a few names down.



The entrance with a 3 course meal is £15.75 and the coach will be approx £12.50 return if we can get 30 people. The outing will definitely go ahead as we have over 30 names so far. I will need to collect the coach money after the new year and will contact everyone then. Please let me know if you want to come and I will add your name to the list.



Wishing all of our members & their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!



The club applied to the British Heart Foundation for one of their Defib machines ,a cabinet and a training package for the club. Our new member Annette pointed out that the club did not have either a defib or a club phone in case of emergencies on a visit to the club having just done a training course. This prompted us to put the wheels in motion as it was something the committee had been considering for a while.

We heard this week that our application has been approved and it will be arriving in the New Year.

It comes with some stipulations. It has to be in a place that is easily accessible to the community.

The ambulance service will be informed as to where it is so that if anyone calls 999 reporting that someone has had a heart attack ,and are nearby, they can run and collect it to use on the casualty prior to the ambulance getting there.

The other stipulation is that we use the training package to inform the community how to use the defib and how to give basic CPR. To that end Emma and I will be leading a working party to get members confident in how to use the defib - turn it on ,apply the pads then press the button to shock the heart. It sounds really scary but as long as we listen to the defib machine it will guide us through and there will be written instructions as well.

Sue A, Dave L and Les will be helping us in the training sessions as they have knowledge of CPR.

We are not the 'defib' squad as we might not be up the club should someone need CPR or the defib.

We don't know who will be around should someone need help. The more members we have able to use it the better chance for the person having the heart attack. Obviously if we are around we will lead the situation hopefully with other members to help.

There will also be a club mobile phone with the defib that will be pay as you go should it be necessary to call 999 at any time and no one has a phone on them or a flat battery etc. The committee will make sure it is always charged and in working order.

The training dates etc will be up the club and in newsletters once we get the equipment. The package includes 10 manikins to practice CPR on as well. We are hoping to get members that want to come and have a go through by the April season start.