



NEWSLETTER



May 2018



Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
4/5/18	Terry Liddle Shelagh Z Grant Rickells	£20 Geoff Thomas £10 Sam Brown	Tony Oakes Geoff Thomas Sheilah Lowe	Colin Hobbs Myriam Tsang
11/5/18 *	Allan Pulford Pat Austin Brian Moates	£20 Jill Williams £10 Kris Beejay	Polly Lee Peter Lee Yash Raval	Mike Rosenthal Colin Hobbs

***A record attendance of 40 players for a club night**

A reminder to arrive between 5.30/5.45 for Friday club night.

Phone ahead if necessary.

We now have a Bidgood 2 team. Tony Oakes is the Captain.

On **Friday 18th May at 5 o'clock** there will be the opportunity to for members to find out about the rules involved with marking for singles matches and how to set up the rink. Please do not agree to mark matches without the necessary knowledge.

April's Caption competition



My suggestion:

David to Nick.

"I expect payment for this chat. After all I get paid for chatting to people at Lords!"

I was overwhelmed by entries as listed below:

Maureen Alder suggested that David was saying

"All I said was "Take the weight off!""

Nick Woolford suggested

"Nick, I think you would be better off if you stick to just cutting the grass!"

Bowls tour to Dawlish



Over 40 members of “Mrs Snell’s Bowls Holiday” descended on Langstone Cliff Hotel in Dawlish at different times and a variety of directions on Sunday 29th April.

Unfortunately I arrived too late to photograph Dennis Alder relaxing on his balcony – dressed in a jumper, scarf and thick coat. I was hopeful that further such photo opportunities would arise during the holiday.

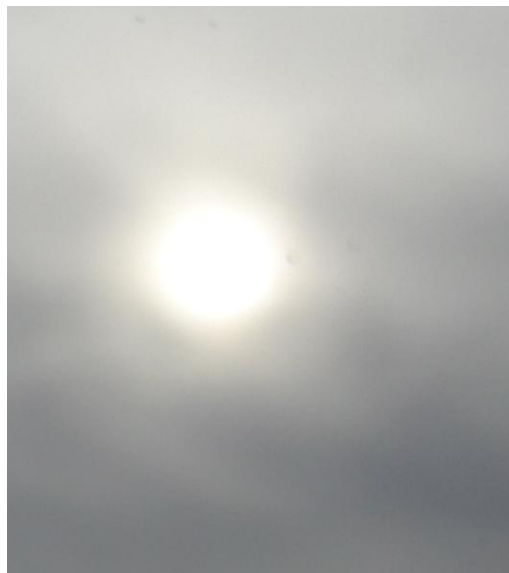
As well as bowlers and their partners, a number of friends were able to join us. A particular first was the presence of our social member, Solo. He waited eagerly when tea and biscuits were served



But slumped in disappointment when no biscuits were forthcoming as they all contained chocolate.



On the Monday, despite heavy rain and damaging winds on the South East coast, the Devon morning dawned bright and the Harrow crowd are eager to begin their exploration of the area. The astronomers among us were able to identify the unusual ball in the sky despite its long non appearance.



The morning saw people scattering far and wide...



(Surely Marios doesn't think he can compete with Dennis when it comes to relaxing)

...before 24 bowlers and some supporters gathered at Bitton Bowls Club in Teignmouth for our first match. Despite the efforts of Paul Adams, Shelagh Zachariades, Doreen Bayley and Peter Lee (top rink) we lost 4 rinks to 2 and by 29 shots. Nevertheless we enjoyed the afternoon and were happy to see the sun making an appearance.



On returning to the Hotel, I once again missed a photo opportunity of snapping Dennis, this time relaxing on his balcony in the sun. I tried to get one on a comfortable seat in the lounge.



But how can a man relax with Sheilah rifling away in her bag?!

After the convincing loss at Bitton Park (whose team contained a number of County players), the troops returned with a glorious victory, by 14 shots, on the Tuesday from Topsham. Top rink was Mary Warner, Linda English, Grant Rickells and Roy Wake.

In addition to the matches the delights of Devon were enjoyed by bowlers and non bowlers. Ideas were exchanged and plans made. The beauty of spring was appreciated and snapped.



Cockington



Dartmouth

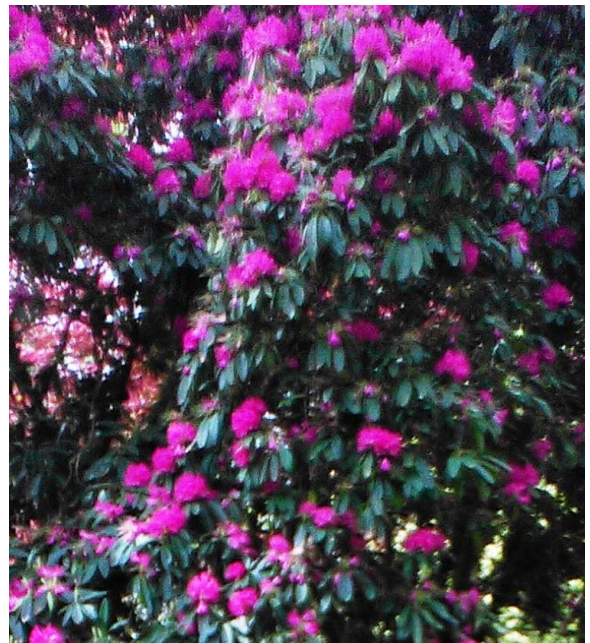


Photo: Pat Freeman



Another of the beauties of spring was Rex, trying to emulate Jamie in his cross dressing! He was clearly appreciating one of the purchases made when the two Pats (Freeman and Gibbins) visited Exeter on a spending spree.

Was it a Tuesday quiz or a GCSE exam? This was the question asked when invigilator, Anne Snell, insisted that all mobiles be handed in. After considerable reluctance we all complied with the rules....except for one. Barry Rudolph, clearly feeling naked without his phone failed to hand his in and was seen by none other than Elaine Wake using it at the end of the quiz. Barry was saved from further ignominy only by the poor performance of his team "Solo". A lack of biscuits affected Solo's attempt to assist his team to a good score.

The winning team consisted of Elaine and Roy Wake, Mary Warner, Doreen and Phil Bayley, Grant Rickells and Shelagh and Marios. Marios was able to use his knowledge of Greek to work out that carpophagous meant fruit eating....but only about 3 minutes after the answers had been handed in!

Elaine's delight at winning the quiz for the third year running was only tempered by the disappointment in not managing to swap her prehistoric phone for a better model when they were returned! I was unable to catch the offending Barry on film as my camera was safely in Anne's bag.

The end of holiday meal saw two birthday celebrations.

Maria's 50th



and Grant's 57th.



The President, Mark Snell said how lovely it was to have a number of new people on the holiday, including new bowlers, social members and Solo. Solo thought he was possibly the best behaved animal on our holiday and put the human animals to shame! He was heard to bark once only but still managed to convey this sentiment to me!

Roy thanked Anne and Mark for their considerable efforts in organising the holiday yet again and looking after everyone.

A number of interesting quotes were heard.

For instance, Elaine Wake claimed to have only become a person when she got to 50. Implying that before that she had been a shrinking violet, only there to serve her husband's every whim!



This is an innocent non person?



NOW.

Rex looks a bit sceptical about this statement.

Roy was heard to say "There are a lot of things I don't like in life but I have to put up with". Who or what was he referring to?

"I'll show you mine if you show me yours" did not sound like appropriate presidential words but were not issued from the mouth of Donald Trump but our own respectable (non Tweeting) president, Mark Snell. Apparently he was referring to his slice of baked Alaska!

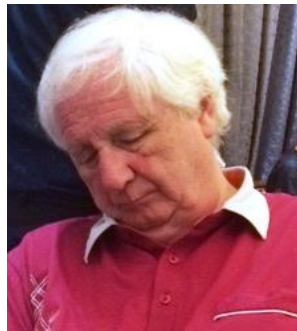


Top rink at Bitton Park



and at Topsham

Solo was particularly proud of his charge, **Peter Lee**, who hadn't bowled outdoors this year before Bitton Park and was also the overall winner in the 2 matches. Congratulations.



It is very tiring being on holiday.

Phil clearly needs to take relaxation lessons from Dennis!



Caught at last!



Phew! Thank goodness they've all gone.

(Thanks to Pat Freeman)

Message from Anne and Mark

We just wanted to say how much we enjoyed your company on our recent tour and to thank you for your kind words and generosity. Well done for your win at Topsham and apologies again for the scones and cream fiasco – I know you all had your taste buds going!! Shame they didn't let us know of their catering changes in advance!! Have a great summer and enjoy your bowling.

HELP!!

As you know Geoff is hoping to move to Suffolk within the next year and we will therefore, require another Coach. If anyone would like to take on this roll I would be delighted to hear from you. I am looking into finding a Coaching Course – sadly they are few and far between at the moment – and ideally, in the meantime, it would be good if volunteers could shadow us during our coaching sessions now. I'm hoping my phone will not stop ringing with willing applicants!

Meanwhile back at the ranch, work was continuing and Eileen Goodall had the bees licking their lips in anticipation.



Bee heaven

Unfortunately vandals have been getting into the grounds and spoiling our gardening efforts which is very disappointing.

First official club night

Talk about bee heaven. This was bowling heaven.



Another birthday!

This time we were celebrating Brian Moates' 50th



and he very generously treated us all to a drink and a slice of this lovely cake, which even Delia Smith would have been proud of



and which eventually resembled Brian's beloved Norwich City fc.

As Tony Paulley said "Rather ragged down the wings! "

And a different colour??!!



Sorry Brian.

Open Day



Over 30 members of the Harrow public made the sensible decision to attend our open day rather than to sit in a boiling car in a traffic jam on the North Circular on a Bank holiday weekend. Our stalwart coaches, Anne and Geoff, as well as many other members were on hand to explain the delights and intricacies of lawn bowls. Hopefully we will have a number of new bowlers as a result of the day but, at the very least, we have provided people with a pleasurable day in the sun, both bowling and socialising.



Thanks to Nick Woolford who came in on the Saturday to cut the grass surrounds in preparation for the open day.

Message from Anne and Geoff

We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather for our annual Open Day and as a result had a constant flow of visitors – in excess of 35! They all seemed to enjoy the experience and some have returned for further coaching – time will tell whether they wish to become Club Members or not. A big thank you again to everyone who turned up to help on the day – many visitors commented on what a friendly and welcoming Club we are. Thanks for your support.

As we left Dawlish we were looking forward to our match at **Windsor** – just 1 week before the Royal Wedding. So is there a link between our time in Devon and Windsor?

Well, here are two tenuous links.

Firstly

The Veale/Savill Garden

The Veale/Savill Garden commemorates Corporal Theodore Veale, a Dartmouth man who was awarded the Victoria Cross - the highest military honour for valour 'in the face of the enemy'.

During the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, Private Veale of the Devonshire Regiment rescued a wounded officer, Lt Eric Savill, who lay within a few yards of the German trenches. To bring the officer back he had to go out into no-man's land five times over several hours, under constant heavy fire.

Initially Veale dragged the officer a few yards into a shell hole. Back in the trenches he gathered three volunteers. Together they crawled out to rescue the wounded man only for one of them to be killed. Undeterred, Veale ventured out once more with two helpers. When they were ambushed, he returned fire with a light machine gun while his comrades ferried Savill back at last to safety.

Veale received his Victoria Cross from King George V at Buckingham Palace in February 1917. He died in 1980 aged 87.

On Remembrance Sunday 2002, a ceremony was held here to commemorate Corporal Veale VC. The occasion was attended by members of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, a military band and guard of honour. Veale's daughter Theodora wore his Victoria Cross and unveiled a plaque to her father which can be seen to the left of where you are standing.

It Eric Savill survived the war and went on to become Deputy Ranger of Windsor Great Park. There he created two gardens and initiated the National Collection of Magnolias. One of the gardens was renamed the Savill Garden, and he was knighted in 1955.

The Veale/Savill Garden plants include four magnolias donated by the Savill Garden at Windsor Great Park, with a fifth adjacent to the war memorial.

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Secondly

This unremarkable garden



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A clue to the importance of this garden



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This is the very garden where the 13 year old Princess Elizabeth fell for the dashing young officer Philip. At the Royal Naval College Dartmouth and here is her kneeler from the College chapel.

Royal Household Bowls Club

Windsor

Saturday 12th May

Every picture tells a story.



Not promising



Still not promising



The game goes ahead with the Queen in her castle planning a wedding. The castle is there. Honest!



A bird looks on in wonder.



And then checks the sanity of the humans, playing in such weather.



As we break for tea, it is a score draw.

Thanks to Angela Hillier for helping with the teas.



The cricketers had the sense to abandon play.



The bowlers didn't, playing the full 21 ends plus 2 trial ends

The ladies changing room at the end of the match!



I was banned from taking pictures after the match as we all looked like drowned rats!

The supporters enjoyed their afternoon though.



Dennis resting and enjoying a pint!



Geoff Thomas contemplating felony. Can he add to his antique bowls collection? Will anyone notice?

No. Of course this was not the case. I will let Geoff tell it in his own words (looking a little less criminal!)

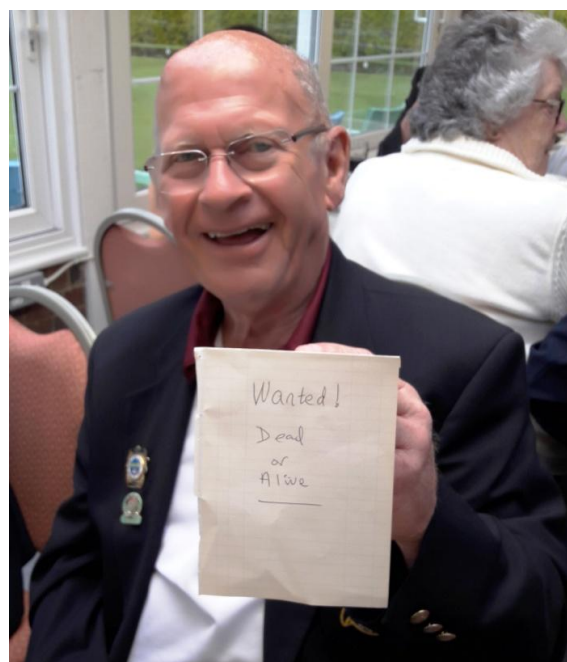


“On the wall of the club house behind my head was the picture of the celebration of the new bowls green on 18th June 1921. King George V rolled the first “Woods” and he was with his wife Queen Mary, son Prince Henry and daughter Princess Mary. The woods were presented to the club, and were mounted in the small wooden box behind my head below the photo. The lady from the club let me take them out one at a time from the presentation box to hold and photograph. This was real history, holding woods bowled by the King himself!!!!”



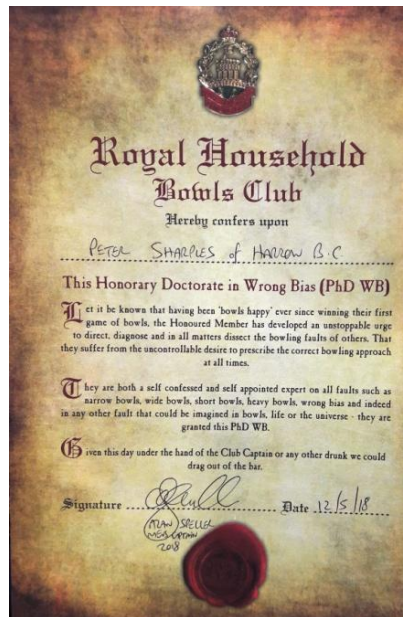
Photos and information thanks to Geoff and Fran Pulford.

After drying off and warming up a little we enjoyed a lovely meal. We were pleased to discover that, despite Dennis Wood playing for the opposition (too well!),



we managed a close win, 3 rinks to 2 with 1 drawn. 115 shots to 107. Top rink went to Polly Lee, Barry Miller, Maurice Tate and Graham Williams.

We also won the wrong bias competition 3 to 1
thanks to Phil Bayley, Jill Williams and Peter Sharples.



I suspect that either the heavy rain prevented a clear view of the wood or they believed that the new sport of aquaplaning required the woods to behave differently.

Match results

Tues 08/05/18: Ladies H&D triples vs Stanmore.

Mary Warner, Mary Hughes, Anne Snell won by 6 shots.

Thurs 10/05/18 Vets A vs Eastcote.

Won 3 triples to 0. 71 – 38 and 5 points to 0

Finally, a date for your diaries.

Thursday 14th June

Quiz night

**And even more finally,
a great money raising idea
from Nick Woolford**

World Cup Predict-a-Score competition

The whole idea of running this is two-fold.

- 1) to have a bit of fun and to add interest in the tournament
- 2) to raise funds for the club.

There will be an entry fee of £5. Of this £3 will go as prize money and £2 will go into club funds. The more entries, the higher the prize pot. If there are enough entries then we can have a winner, second, and maybe a third prize.

The idea is that each contestant must guess the results of all the first round matches in the forthcoming World Cup to be played in Russia. There are 48 games in total to be played in the first round.

Correctly predicting the exact result will score 3 points

Correctly predicting a win, draw or lose will score 1 point

The total number of points will be added up and the winner will be the person with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the first round matches.

And for those of you (Maureen) who can't stand football, Nick has added this suggestion.

“My wife and daughter (who have absolutely no interest in football) decided to enter one of these competitions that I ran a few years ago. They made their choices based on where they would rather go for holiday. So, for example, as Brazil was playing Nigeria, they decided that they would prefer to go to Brazil and then thought that it was four times preferable so they put the score as Brazil 4 Nigeria 0. Throughout the competition they were leading right up until the last day when some lucky person got all three of the final results correct and so scored 9 points at a stroke which pushed Beryl and Anna off top spot! As I send out daily updates this gave a lot of amusement!”

**And....even, even more finally,
another great money raising idea**

from Nick Woolford

(wow, he doesn't just cut grass!)

I think it might also be a fun idea to hold an actual sweepstake with all 32 countries to be in a hat and people pay £1 to pick a country from the hat. The winner then would get £20 and £12 would go to club funds.

Two brilliant ideas I think.

And just to show you how much brain power you have to use for the first competition, Nick has supplied the following table. I read recently that



although the brain weighs only 2% of our body weight it uses 20% of our energy. So that means that predicting all those scores will



allow you to eat extra cake or even consume extra



alcohol!

Surely an incentive to Harrow Bowls Club members.

Entrant's
Name

Email address:

Date	Venue	Team A	A Score	B Score	Team B
14-Jun	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Russia		-	Saudi Arabia
15-Jun	Ekaterinburg	Egypt		-	Uruguay
15-Jun	St. Petersburg	Morocco		-	Iran
16-Jun	Sochi	Portugal		-	Spain
16-Jun	Kazan	France		-	Australia
16-Jun	Spartak Stadium, Moscow	Argentina		-	Iceland
16-Jun	Saransk	Peru		-	Denmark
16-Jun	Kaliningrad	Croatia		-	Nigeria
17-Jun	Samara	Costa Rica		-	Serbia
17-Jun	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Germany		-	Mexico
18-Jun	Rostov-on-Don	Brazil		-	Switzerland
18-Jun	Nizhny Novgorod	Sweden		-	South Korea
18-Jun	Sochi	Belgium		-	Panama
19-Jun	Volgograd	Tunisia		-	England
19-Jun	Saransk	Colombia		-	Japan
19-Jun	Spartak Stadium, Moscow	Poland		-	Senegal
20-Jun	St. Petersburg	Russia		-	Egypt
20-Jun	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Portugal		-	Morocco
20-Jun	Rostov-on-Don	Uruguay		-	Saudi Arabia
21-Jun	Kazan	Iran		-	Spain
21-Jun	Samara	Denmark		-	Australia
22-Jun	Ekaterinburg	France		-	Peru
22-Jun	Nizhny Novgorod	Argentina		-	Croatia
22-Jun	St. Petersburg	Brazil		-	Costa Rica
22-Jun	Volgograd	Nigeria		-	Iceland

22-Jun	Kaliningrad	Serbia		-		Switzerland
23-Jun	Spartak Stadium, Moscow	Belgium		-		Tunisia
23-Jun	Rostov-on-Don	South Korea		-		Mexico
24-Jun	Sochi	Germany		-		Sweden
24-Jun	Nizhny Novgorod	England		-		Panama
25-Jun	Ekaterinburg	Japan		-		Senegal
25-Jun	Kazan	Poland		-		Colombia
25-Jun	Volgograd	Saudi Arabia		-		Egypt
25-Jun	Samara	Uruguay		-		Russia
25-Jun	Kaliningrad	Spain		-		Morocco
26-Jun	Saransk	Iran		-		Portugal
26-Jun	Sochi	Australia		-		Peru
26-Jun	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Denmark		-		France
27-Jun	St. Petersburg	Nigeria		-		Argentina
27-Jun	Rostov-on-Don	Iceland		-		Croatia
27-Jun	Kazan	South Korea		-		Germany
28-Jun	Ekaterinburg	Mexico		-		Sweden
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