



# Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

April 2018

## Captain's report

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Hello to you all.

Welcome to the new outdoor bowling season. The first roll-up is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 2.15 pm then Thursdays and Fridays thereafter. Please come along to as many as you can.

I still need volunteers to act as skips (only one so far) and also for an occasional captain of the day for the friendly matches. Please let me know if you can help.

Meanwhile, enjoy your bowling, and all the other social events programmed ahead.

*Roy Barber*

Club Captain

## Pre Season Salmon Lunch Sunday 8th April at 12.30 pm

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SOLD OUT. There will be a bar for those who forget to bring their own bottle!

## Club Shirts and jackets

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For those who ordered shirts, jackets and caps these have been ordered and should be delivered towards the end of April.

## President's message

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Now that the worst of the weather is 'hopefully (!!)' behind us, we are heading towards the start of another bowling season, and a particularly exciting and challenging one. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members – both existing and new.

You should by now have ring-fenced Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April as the first 'roll-up' opportunity to brush off the cobwebs, build up new friendships and prepare for the fixture challenges to come. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is the first fixture. Many thanks go to Diana Maingot for organizing the season's bowling programme. Thanks go to the dedication of Brian Palmer for the attention given to the Green and its surroundings over the winter. They are looking the best they have been for many a year.

The continuing and dedicated effort of volunteers updating the clubhouse facilities is very much appreciated. There is still, however, much more to be done, but for the moment the focus is on getting the 'bowling' off to a good start. Hopefully, we can continue to build on our successes in both the various friendly and league matches.

With the increased membership this year, there will be a greater focus on coaching and team play tactics, and the introduction of Ladies-only matches, headed by the ladies club captain, Lorna Rodway. Roy Barber (Club Captain) has done a sterling job over the past year, but with the increased membership, his responsibilities will be shared with others during the forthcoming season.

Finally, on behalf of the Club's Committee and myself, I wish you all a most enjoyable and successful season, and I look forward to meeting you all whether on the Green or at one of the forthcoming social events that are so ably organised by Jackie Oakey. Above all, I hope the Club continues to maintain its reputation as being one of the friendliest (and competitive) clubs around.

Good bowling to you all!

*Wayne Braddock*

President

## Membership fees

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Membership renewal fees for the forthcoming season are now overdue. Renewal forms have been sent to you either by email/post by the Membership Secretary, Brian Wheeler, for completion and return with your cheque for £50. Membership will continue to be free for those where 2018 is their first year of playing at the club.

## Royal Wedding Day

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The match scheduled to take place on Saturday 19th May at home against Powick as per the March Newsletter has now been changed to Saturday 4th August. This is shown on the official Membership Card and Fixture List.

If you use the newsletter list remember to make the alteration.

## Coaches

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Diana Maingot and Brian Wheeler are to commence Coaching training in April and will be qualified in early May. We wish them well in their new challenge.

## An Invitation To Join Our Friendly Group Of Lady Bowlers

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Sometime ago our lady bowlers played several matches during the season. This year we have re-introduced some of these fixtures and are hoping that a sufficient number of members will take part in order to fulfil our commitments.

A squad of at least 12 bowlers would give us a good basis to field a team for each of the 6 matches as per the fixture list.

This is something new for all of us so we will need to have a get together to discuss the best way forward.

If you would like to be involved please put your name on the list in the Clubroom. I am hoping for a good response so come on ladies let's have a go for Malvern Priory.

**Lorna Rodway**

Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

## Fixtures

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The outdoor bowling season starts this month. We will have extra Roll-up times – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2.15 pm and Wednesday at 6.00 pm to catch the workers on their way home!

There are several new fixtures and the beginnings of a Ladies team with 6 matches, both home and away, already fixed. This promises to be an exciting new venture for our Ladies bowlers and it is to be hoped that all of you will try it out and develop new skills using the extended Roll-up times as an opportunity to develop/improve bowling techniques.

I'm certainly looking forward to the start of the outdoor season and hope to see all of you, Ladies and Men, on the much improved and lovingly repaired/enhanced green!

**Di Maingot**

**Fixtures Secretary**

## Bowls4Fun

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In conjunction with Bowls Alliance we plan to hold 5 Bowls4Fun sessions to encourage new members to enjoy keeping healthy by exercising their joints and muscles Lawn Bowling. If our application to participate is successful we have to recruit 7 new members over the age of 55 to receive funding from the Alliance.

The events planned will start on 20th May at Open day from 2.30 pm and then follow on roll up days Thursday 24th May at 2.15pm, Wednesday 30th May at 6.00 pm, Friday 8th June at 2.15 pm and finally Thursday 14th June at 2.15 pm so new members can see for themselves that we are a great bunch of people and that lawn bowling is fun. Coaches Wayne Braddock, Di Maingot and Brian Wheeler will be in attendance at these sessions. More information to follow.

## Matches

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There is a healthy and enthusiastic number of members wanting to play at friendly matches. The number of players may be more than we need so your name on the list may not guarantee a place.

The club policy is to share opportunities for all members.

## Home Match day preparation

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Volunteers are needed for Home match day rink preparation. If you can help please contact Club Captain Roy Barber on 01684 566249

## Food Hygiene Course

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I have recently undertaken a Food Hygiene Course on line to cover us for catering functions. The club is happy to pay for 2 further people who help with food to do the course. The course is with High Speed Training, costs £24 and should take around 2 hours to complete. I did it over a number of weeks when I could fit in the time.

Di Maingot has agreed to take one of the places, so just one space available.

If you would like more information please contact me, Jackie Oakey, on 01684 575957.

## Open Day 20th May

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OPEN DAY Sunday 20th May from 2.30 pm.

Diana Maingot and Brian Wheeler will be organising Open Day this year combining it with the first of our Bowls4Fun sessions. They have some great ideas for a fun afternoon followed by tea and cakes. In the coming weeks they will be approaching members for help with various duties.

## Civic week activities

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Volunteers are also needed to man our Promotional stall at Malvern Civic Week on Sunday 24th June, the aim being to encourage people to 'have a a taster session' during an afternoon roll up during Civic Week and possibly take up membership of the club. There is an away game on this date so we will be looking for non match players to man the gazebo covered stand.

## The Green

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Unfortunately the weather and some ill health has caused the ditch project to extend beyond the planned time. However it is nearing the end.

This work is costing a considerable sum of money and will further enhance the green. It is the first stage towards installing an automatic watering system planned for 2019/20.

This project has been a major undertaking for me, as I had to be at the club more frequently and spend a great deal of time on the phone chasing the contractor to get the job done.

The green itself is looking wonderful and soon to have its first cut. However for a short period there will be restricted use of the green - those not actually playing are to stand on the concrete area - to give the grass a chance to really get established.

Brian

## Social members

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It has been agreed today to introduce social membership and for this year it will be just £5, with a proposed membership £10 for 2019. Membership forms from Brian Wheeler 01684 566883.

## Gents locker room

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Many of you will have noticed the new bench that has been donated by Brian Palmer which he and Terry Barrett built.

**If you use woods from the gents' locker room that belong to the club please make sure you put them back under the bench. PLEASE KEEP THE ROOM TIDY. Bowls have been left out by short mat players, some left loose on top of the cushioned box.** Can all short mat players please make sure this is done before they leave the building.

Each section under the benching takes two buckets of woods. Please make sure the woods are kept in their appropriate buckets or boxes.

Lorna has sorted the woods and has stored the smaller sizes in the ladies 'locker room lockers. Larger sizes are only to be in the men's locker room.

Brian and Terry have also changed the way the door opens giving much valuable space in the main room.

## Short mat competition results

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Winners of the recent club competitions are as follows:

**Singles** - Wayne Braddock

**Doubles** - Gail Davis and David Mowlem

**Triples** - Gail Davis, David Mowlem and Daniel Mead  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL...

## Dates for your diary

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**8th April 12.30 pm** Pre Season Salmon Lunch at clubhouse tickets in advance £12.50 per head (chicken dish for those who do not eat salmon but must be requested when booking) **SOLD OUT there will be a bar for those who forget to bring a bottle**

**14th April 9 am** Special Spring Clean - bring your own duster, rubber gloves, cloths and lunch - its a fun time

**14th April** - getting the green ready for first Roll UP

**17th April first roll up** - start 2.15 pm Opening of Green by President, Captain and Ladies Captain

**18th April 6.00 pm** first Wednesday evening roll up

**19th April** first Thursday roll up - start 2.15pm

**20th April** first Friday roll up - start 2.15pm

**22nd April first match - at home** against Ledbury, whites, start time 2.30 pm

**20th May - Open Day in conjunction with Bowls4Fun - 2.30 pm start**

**24th May** Thursday 2.15 pm Bowls4Fun

**30th May** Wednesday 6.00 pm Bowls4Fun

**5th June evening** - Private Social bowls evening for 41 Club with supper (Fundraising event) Helpers needed in kitchen please.

**8th June Friday** 2.15 pm Bowls4Fun

**10th June** - Club Garden Party - bring a dish to share

**14th June Thursday** 2.15pm Bowls4Fun

**24th June** - Club promotional stand in Priory Park at Civic Week

**12th August** President's day and BBQ time

**1/2 September** - Club finals

**15/16th September** - Interclub finals

September End of season pot luck lunch - TBA

September - putting the green to bed TBA

## Note from Editor

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This edition has taken a great deal of time to prepare and edit. What started as a page back in January 2017 to keep members informed it has now turned into this months 7 pages. Forgive me if there are a few typos.

## Recruitment of New Members

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Currently there is great Government emphasis on getting people active both physically and mentally.

In conjunction with Bowls England we have received a quantity of excellent free marketing material that is to be distributed.

Do you know of someone who might be interested or benefit from joining our Club? Could you help distribute information to Drs surgeries, retirement villages and other organisations? If you are able to help please contact Jackie Oakey on 01684 575957.

## For sale

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FOR SALE Red Canon 3250 Canon Printer/photocopier for sale in good working order apart from scanning function £10 ono - proceeds to club. - contact Brian Palmer.

For items to sell contact Editor Jackie Oakey by e mail [jackie.oakey@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.oakey@gmail.com)

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## Health and Safety

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Brian Palmer and Brian Wheeler recently attended a Legionella course organised by MHDC resulting in various areas that needed some rectification. The rectification work has been carried out and the outcome of this will be a schedule of various checks that need to take place throughout the year.

## Help wanted

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I am putting together a list of people who are willing to help at fund raising events. This could be in the kitchen or setting up tables etc. or even running an event.

If you can help in some way I would love to hear from you. In addition to raising much needed funds we have a great deal of fun and a great sense of achievement.

Please contact me at [jackie.oakey@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.oakey@gmail.com) or phone me on 01684575957

## Car Parking

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For those who are not aware of the Parking Permit Wheel you can register for a 2 hour residents parking permit if you pay your Council Tax to Malvern Hills District Council. This permit can be used in any car park within the MHDC area. The car park opposite the Splash is just a short walk up Swan Pool Alley and through the Secret Garden to the club house. The annual cost is £25 and can be done online. This would save people having to walk from College Road or further.

## Cleaning and tea rotas

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A cleaning rota sheet is now on the board. We must ensure the club house is cleaned regularly throughout the year, particularly when there are matches or functions on. Over the past year it has been very hit and miss. With all the Health and Safety rules and regulations in place we must ensure the club house is kept clean, particularly in the kitchen and toilets. At the moment too few members volunteer. Please help to maintain good standards. Suggest you bring your own rubber gloves and cloths - cleaning products will be provided. This is neon gender specific.

The tea rota is now on the board, I know some have been very keen to volunteer for these already.

## Working party

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There was an enormous response for help at the working party day on 24th March, - we had 17 in attendance with 10 staying for a Ploughman's lunch. A very big thank you again to those who turned up.

Unfortunately the groundsman had not completed the ditches and we still have to lay the artificial grass back into the ditch, cleaning the paths prior to marking up the rinks with spray paint, white lining on the edges of steps and patio, cleaning the shed and disposing of unwanted items.

I am now looking for volunteers to carry out these tasks on Saturday 14th April. There will be no provided lunch that day as the club house will be receiving its annual spring clean! However, you might like to bring a packed lunch with you, as long as you don't drop crumbs!!.

There will be a grand opening of the green on Tuesday 17th April just before 2.15 pm when the President, Captain and Ladies Captain will bowl the first bowls of the season on our newly refurbished green.

**Brian Palmer**

## Roll ups on Match days

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There are several days where there is a scheduled home match on a regular roll up day. On these days there will be no roll up unless notified nearer the date. Much depends on the number of rinks required for each match.

### **Dates in question:**

**Wednesday 16th May** Ladies match against Manor Park Ladies at 2.30 (this will coincide with U3A)

**Tuesday 29th June** Victoria Park at 2.30

**Tuesday 7th August** Ladies match against Victoria Park Ladies at 2.00

**Wednesday 5th September** Ladies match against Bredon Ladies at 2.00 pm

## Roll up stewards

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It is proposed we have two roll up stewards each roll up session, 1 to check people in and the other to supervise rink allocation outside. We need volunteers for this task, please contact Roy Barber or put your name on the list that will be on the board shortly.

# LES THOMAS TRIPLES LEAGUE 2018

## DIVISION 2 - Wednesday Evenings

Team	Team Name	Team Contact				
A	Aston Somerville B	P Brown	01386 859348	07764192549		
B	Tewkesbury A	A Woodhead	01684 850006			
C	Manor Park Blue	K Spencer	07779392589			
D	Victoria Craft	S Boughton	01886 884210			
E	Ledbury Young Ones	Janey Clarke	01531 637339			
F	Victoria Marks	P Wiggins	01684 563685			
G	Manor Park Amber	A Thompson	01905 422912			
H	Eastnor Rebels	R Harris		07890843647		
I	Malvern Priory	G Megson	01684 572748			

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2-May	CH	Bye	DG	EF	BI		
9-May	GE	AB	F Bye			HD	IC
16-May	CA		DI FG	EH	Bye		
23-May	G Bye	AD			BC	HF	IE
30-May	GH C Bye		DB FI	EA			
6-Jun	CD	AF			BE	Bye	IG
13-Jun	GA		D Bye FB	EC		HI	
20-Jun	CF	AH	DE		BG		Bye
27-Jun	GC		FD	Bye		HB	IA
4-Jul	CG	AI	DF	Bye	BH		
11-Jul	GB		FC	ED		HA	Bye
18-Jul	CE	AG	D Bye		BF		IH
25-Jul	GI		FADC	EB		Bye	
1-Aug	C Bye	AE			BD	HG	IF
8-Aug	CB G Bye		DA FH	EI			
15-Aug	GF	AC			Bye	HE	ID
22-Aug	CI		DH F Bye	EG	BA		
29-Aug	GD	Bye	FE			HC	IB

Organiser	Roger Orgill				Prizes		
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	Malvern				2nd	£50.00 + Banner	
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