



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Christmas Message

When reflecting on 2022, I think we can all feel very proud of how our Club has continued to develop and flourish. Every time I visit the Pavilion, I am met with the friendly smiling faces of members enjoying their visit, whether they are playing bowls or taking part in one of the many other regular activities. That meets the ethos of what our Club is all about – a friendly place to enjoy yourself with no pressures attached.

As the festive season approaches, I do hope you will all be able to enjoy time with family and friends and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

David Charleton

Can You Help

By being a member of Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club, you already know just how rewarding the game of bowls can be. In an effort to spread the word to the good people of Clanfield and the surrounding area, your committee would like our Club to take part in the Bowls England Big Weekend being held between Friday, 26 May and Monday, 29 May 2023. This is a national initiative which offers clubs the opportunity to promote bowls and attract new members. Details of the similar event held in 2022 can be found by googling *Bowls Big Weekend 2022* and we need a few volunteers to help plan and organise this opportunity.

Can you help please?

If so, please let me know on david.charleton@clanfieldbsc.com

David Charleton

BEGINNERS ROLL UPS

Wednesdays at 10.30

Many thanks to Coach Terry who has been giving up his time on a Wednesday morning to share his bowling knowledge with members who don't yet feel very confident and to encourage them to come along to the regular roll up sessions. All those who attend really appreciate his patience and in-depth knowledge of the game.

Glenda Smith

PS: Terry will be taking a break from running these sessions until the warmer weather returns but [please continue to come along](#), arrange your teams and enjoy bowling.



The Catering Effect – Fuel, Food and Funds

We know everyone is feeling the impact of the rising cost of fuel, food and dwindling funds. Our Club is, unfortunately, no different. Regrettably, as a result of recent price rises we need to increase the price of our food offerings. This decision hasn't been taken lightly and it will be our first price increase for nearly 3 years.

Our kitchen staff are all unpaid volunteers and, thanks to them, we pay no wages which means our overheads are much lower than they would otherwise be. This has helped us maintain our existing prices for so long.

We are eternally grateful for the many hours of time and effort our volunteers donate, either serving our members from the kitchen and bar, keeping the tables clean, watching out for the latest special offers or regularly doing a 'Supermarket Sweep' to keep our storeroom stocked at the lowest possible cost. Unfortunately, the continuing rising fuel costs have still had a knock-on effect which we now need to address, so from **1 January 2023** the cost of items on our food menu will increase by between 50p and £1.00.

We are sure you will agree this still makes our Hot dogs, Burgers, Pizzas, Sausage rolls, Jacket Potatoes and Soup really good value, providing a cheap night out, with the added bonus of no cooking or washing up!

There is some good news. Our trained noses are still able to sniff out a great deal or two so, whilst our bar prices will remain under review, they will stay unchanged for the time being.

Thank you as always for your continued support and custom.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all again in the New Year.

Cheers! Helen, Glenda and Karen

Solar News

The solar panels were installed on 24 August 2022 and at the time of writing (early December) they had produced 1.316Mwh of electricity. That is enough to boil your kettle for 438 hours! We have done our bit for the environment by avoiding emission of 1.31 tonnes of CO₂, the equivalent of planting 3.95 trees.

From a financial perspective, it is early days. However, comparing our usage for the period from meter readings on 6 September and 11 November 2022 with the average usage for September and October over the previous 3 years, suggests we have saved more than £52 up to that date. This is a promising start, bearing in mind this is not the most productive time of year for solar and we are currently on a relatively cheap tariff which will end in 2025.

We have submitted our application for the Smart Export Guarantee (SEG) and have had confirmation from Octopus Energy that it is being processed. They are currently waiting for documentation they require from SSE. If we had had an SEG contract from day one we would have received an additional income of c£30 by now, so once it is up and running it will add useful income, especially during the summer.

We will continue to monitor the results and give an update in a few months, when we have more data.

Graham Withers



Craft and a Cuppa

Since the launch of the monthly **Craft and a Cuppa Club** in February 2022, the event continues to be a success. The gatherings are well attended with members bringing along a range of craft projects from needlework to woodwork and much more, thus sharing their hobbies and knowledge and helping each other to learn new skills!!

It has become a great social event with lots of fun and laughter over a cuppa and it has been great to see new friendships develop!

So, whether you're an avid crafter or have little or no experience, why not pop along to the Pavilion for a cuppa in a relaxed and social setting, on the last Monday of each month at 10:00am where you will be made to feel most welcome.

*Please note that the next Craft and a Cuppa morning will be on **Monday, 19 December 2022** starting at 10:00am then will revert to the last Monday of each month in 2023.*



Tracey Wilkins



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Ukulele Group

The group started in June with 13 members and sessions have taken place regularly on Monday evenings, despite group leader David having to be hospitalised for quite a serious operation on 31 August 2022. By this time many members of the group had learned how to play all the required chords and strum appropriately for the numerous songs we have tried out.

Unfortunately, several members have discovered that playing the ukulele is tricky for them and have reluctantly fallen by the wayside in our journey of learning to play. We thank them for their contribution and will miss them in our future sessions. We still have some 8 active players, many of whom have already become quite competent, thus demonstrating that you can pick up the ukulele and be playing songs within a few weeks.

We do have space for more players, so if anyone wants to come along and join in we can soon accommodate their learning needs, and have some special sessions to bring them up to speed as it only takes a few weeks. Just come along at 7:00pm on a Monday night or contact David on dajean11@virginmedia.com. I can lend you a ukulele to start.

We hope to be able to play a few songs for other members as an adjunct to another Club evening/event in due course, so watch this space! This is a fun activity and a good opportunity to play and sing in company with others.

A new 8 week Beginners Course will start on Wednesday, 11 January 2023 beginning at 14:30. Anyone who would like to come along please look out for the notices in the Pavilion to book your place.

After the course everyone will be invited to join the existing group who meet regularly on Monday evenings.

David Hawkey, Group Leader

Games Evening (Wednesday at 6:00pm)

'So, what sort of games do you play?' is the question I'm usually asked. Well, we play a mixture of board games and card games, the 'mechanics' (gaming term) usually involve drawing and placing tiles, rolling dice, taking and playing cards (sometimes all three). Most games are themed (e.g. camel racing, expanding a kingdom, hiding from a ghost, populating a zoo) others are simpler (avoid being left with the high value cards). You may have spotted some popular titles (Catan, Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne) in Waterstones or upstairs in Petersfield's One Tree Books, but there are 100s available on Amazon and dedicated games sites. If numbers permit, we play a game for 8-10 players, if not we split into smaller groups. Some just attend for a chat, drink, and the hot food available (thanks helpers). So, if you fancy playing something different from Monopoly and Cluedo come along to try your hand!

Mike Richardson





Many thanks to all members who are supporting our fundraising efforts in the following ways. The amounts raised since April are:

£626.00



£23.82



£21.68



Dates for your Diary

WORLD CUP IN QATAR 2022 – We are showing some of the matches on the big screen in the Pavilion once the dates are announced. We will definitely show the **FINAL** on SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2022 so please keep an eye on the [Leisure Events](#) page for times and details of other matches leading up to the final.

FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2022 – JINGLE BOWLS QUIZ NIGHT

Bar opens at 6:30pm for Quiz at 7:00pm – numbers are limited to 42 – Members £2 and Guests £3. Contact [Helen Glover](#) for tickets.

SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY 2023 – MUSIC NIGHT WITH DAMIAIN LODRICK

– limited to 42 – Members £5 and Guests £7. Watch out for further details. To book and order hot snacks contact [Helen Glover](#).

SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2023 – NEW YEAR QUIZ NIGHT

Bar opens at 6:30pm for Quiz at 7:00pm – numbers are limited to 42 – Members £2 and Guests £3. Watch out for further details. Contact [Helen Glover](#) for tickets.

SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2023 – VALENTINE'S MUSIC NIGHT WITH MEENA MEW

Numbers are limited to 42 – Members £5 Guests £7 – watch out for further details.

OPENING SCHEDULE FOR BOWLING OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve

(Saturday, 24 December 2022) - normal weekend procedure.

Christmas Day

(Sunday, 25 December 2022) - **CLOSED**

New Year's Eve

(Saturday, 31 December 2022) - normal weekend procedure.

New Year's Day

(Sunday, 1 January 2023) - normal weekend procedure.

Regular Roll Ups will take place (temperature permitting) but please keep checking our website

for any updates to these plans.

JINGLE BOWLS QUIZ

FRIDAY, 23 December 2022

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Quiz starts at 7:00pm

Tickets are limited to 42.

Member: £2.00

Full member's guest: £3.00

Contact [HELEN GLOVER](#) for tickets.

Christmas Triples & Tipples

Christmas Triples and Tipples began frosty and cold with a worry that bowling might not take place, but a quiz got everyone thinking and raised competitive spirits. Thanks must go to the hardy souls who swept the paths during lunchtime as this enabled 5 rinks to be played on in the afternoon. In the sunshine, 8-end matches were played with a variety of Christmas outfits being worn which added to the fun of the day. The players retired to the Pavilion for warming mulled wine and mince pies.



Thanks to Glenda, Mike and Yvonne for preparing and serving food and drink both at lunchtime and after the games.

Thank you to everyone who came along and a huge thanks to Caroline for organising a very enjoyable day.

Ruth Newton



Friendlies Programme – 2022

I guess we should remember first of all that in the grand scheme of things, and compared with most established bowls clubs, we are mere babes in arms having only first opened in May 2019 and then losing a chunk of playing experience to COVID whilst we had to shut down shortly afterwards.

So, to achieve what we did last year in our first complete season of Friendly Matches was quite remarkable and bodes very well for the future. This is particularly true when you recognise that a further 30+ new members have joined since April 2022 and some are already keen to join the 2023 programme.

Last year we visited 9 other clubs to play matches on both grass and artificial surfaces and out of the 18 matches (Home & Away) we won 6 outright and one of those away on grass!

For the next season Carol joins as Vice-Captain and we are already planning to visit some brand new venues, meet new folk and have some fun in the process.

The whole spirit of the programme from the outset has been to focus on fun and entertainment and to finish this short article I would just like to wish all our members a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and to leave you with these few photos that I think sum up the whole ethos of CBSC.

Michael, Captain



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