



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Christmas Message

Greetings to all our members as we come nearer the end of a very successful 2024 in the Club – a year of highs and sadly, some lows. Whilst your committee members will update you on happenings in their particular areas, I would like to update you on two items:

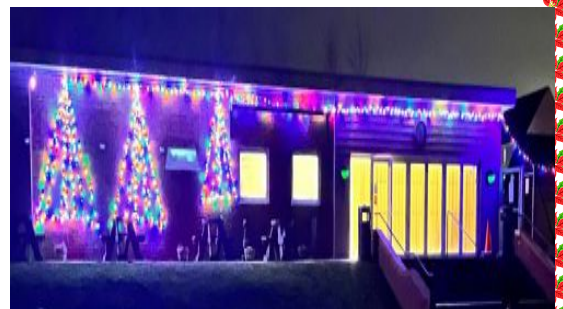
- **The Rink Wall:** You may have noticed that the rink wall near the Bowls Shed has been 'on the move' towards the green, by about an inch in some places. Clanfield Parish Council has agreed to fund the remedial work to reconstruct the footpath and wall, and we have instructed a company to complete the job which will be done over the winter, with minimum disturbance to play.
- **The Football Club and potential Pavilion Extension:** Now the football club is using the football pitches, the committee needs to explore in what way the Pavilion may need to be altered or extended to provide our additional kitchen and storage requirements, together with any requirements the football club may have. The Management Committee is in discussions with the Parish Council and the football club to determine these requirements and understand how best to provide for them. We will update you as and when we have more details, but this is unlikely to be in the short term.

We were saddened that two of our members, Keith Wiggins and Judith Mohammed, passed away during the year and we expressed our sincere condolences to their families.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our members and families, a very happy and pleasant Christmas, and a healthy New Year. I would also like to extend my personal festive good wishes and gratitude to the Management Committee for their hard work and support over the year.

Brian Foster

Our Club Decorated for Christmas—Inside and Out





TREASURER'S NOTES

Many thanks to all those who have supported members of the fundraising team at events since our last newsletter:

Bingo Evenings on 21 September and 2 November run by **Yvonne Coonan** were great fun.

Quiz Nights on 28 September, 25 October and 2 November with quiz master **Tony Glover** were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Music Nights Disco with DJ Keith on 4 October 2024 and Damiaian Lodrick on 22 November 2024 provided us with great evenings of listening and dancing.

Wine Tasting with Phill Humphries on 16 November 2024 was thoroughly enjoyed (*see separate article*).

Purple Community Sales Table (Ring-Pulls) and presentation by founder Jane Walker on 26 November 2024 was very well attended during the day and Jane sends her thanks for your generous support.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 20 December 2024 – Christmas Quiz with Mike Eaton

Friday, 10 January 2025 – Music Night with Andrea (upbeat music for listening and dancing)

Saturday, 25 January 2025 – Quiz

BONUS BALL COMPETITION

We have been running this fundraiser since April. Bonus ball numbers can be purchased for £1 and, if your number matches the Lottery Bonus Ball drawn on the last Saturday of the month of play, you can win £47 and CBSC receives £12. **Winners so far this year:**

April: Winning number square was not purchased so CBSC claimed the winnings.	August: Darrell Walker
May: Mark Whitehead	September: Darrell Walker
June: Ron Hamilton	October: Darrell Walker
July: Yvonne Coonan	November: Dick Maidment & Darrell Walker

Numbers are on sale at Games/Social night on a Wednesday and Social night on a Friday. So far this year CBSC has gained **£126** from this little bit of fun so why not buy a square – **YOU MAY BE LUCKY!!**

Many, many thanks go to members who have given their valuable time to organise and run these events, set up the room, run the bar, do the catering and clear up afterwards. Please give them your full support.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Why not sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk or download the app and nominate CBSC as your good cause to help raise funds for us? All you then need to do each time you plan to order something online is sign on to the [easyfundraising](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) website, select the website you want to visit and make your purchase. Since April we have received **£66**.

EAST HANTS COMMUNITY LOTTERY

£741.50 has been raised since April 2024. The more tickets you buy the more we receive. In addition to the weekly draw there is a **SPECIAL MONTHLY** prize, e.g. it's a £3,000 Xmas cash bonus this month.

Thank you to all those who have bought tickets.

Remember – our fundraising helps to keep our membership fees low.

Glenda Smith



A Cheery Message to All Members – Volunteering and Christmas Presence!

Most of you will be aware we have volunteers who regularly help with the general running of the Club which **saves us a great deal of money each year**. We need more help so if you have a trade or professional skill and do not currently help but would like more information, **please ring me on 07786 831055**.

Apart from stewarding we would like more general help around the Club House both inside and outside — from small issues like minor repairs to larger and long-term agreements to regular stewarding. After every occasion in the Club House we need to clear away and tidy up. The benefits of helping out are numerous and getting to know most members and making new friends must rank high on this list. A few of us joined the Club partly to enjoy our magnificent view over the South Downs which is second to none in my view but also to make friends and enjoy the activities.

We will have completed the **Christmas decorations**, both inside and out, by the time you read this, but please take time to let us have your thoughts on the displays when you get a chance. Suggestions for additional or future displays are welcome.

Look at the notice board and see the Club **website** for the various opportunities available for your enjoyment over the festivities. Remember these don't happen by chance, a member is involved in organising each one **and you can help if you wish**. Remember we always have availability for members to volunteer their services in the kitchen, bar and Club House generally and also on the rinks.

One area we do need your help with is to open the Club when we are short of stewards and/or keyholders. I am setting up a system so we can avoid the need to close the rinks (for a lack of regular stewards) by giving non-current stewards the opportunity to **learn how to operate the steward's role/keyholder duty on a controlled basis**. Again, please call me to discuss.

The steward's handbook has been reviewed and revised, largely carried out by **Marilyn Charleton** and assisted by **Geeti**. This new updated version will be available soon and I will arrange an evening for us to thank stewards and briefly review the document. This will be on Tuesday, 7 January 2025 at 19:00. I will be writing to all helpers about this in due course but please keep the date free if you can.

Some of you will be aware the rink wall at the Columbine Way side of the rinks is gradually collapsing and we have engaged a civil engineering company (Scope Innovations) to rectify this early in the New Year. It will mean access to an area of the car park and the end of the rink by the affected wall will be restricted until the work is complete, hopefully by mid-February.

Finally, please say a thank you to both **Sue Restell** and **Ruth Newton** when you get a chance. They have both taken over a lot of the rota duties from me. They largely deal with the rota lists and ask for help each week — not an easy task!

Finally, can I wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Mike Smith 07786 831055



Autumn Knockout Challenge (sponsored by Webster Associates)

Though it seems a long time ago now the annual Autumn Knockout Challenge was popular and excellently organised by Caroline as usual. For once we got through the whole day without any rain and the eventual results were:

Knockout Challenge Trophy

Winners: **Brenda Morgan** and **Ted McGrath**
Runners Up: **David Restell** (who had to leave before the presentation) and **Barry Carter**



Knockout Plate Trophy

Winners: **Steve Irons** and **Mary Pritchard**
Runners Up: **David Lougher** and **Beryl Bridgman**

Summer Mixed Singles Tournament (sponsored by Webster Associates)

The trophies for the Summer Mixed Singles Tournament, which ran over nearly 4 months (May-Aug), were also presented at the Autumn Knockout Day.

Congratulations go to **Phil Malin** (Winner), **Mike Richardson** (Runner Up) and **David Lougher** (Honours Shield Winner)

Bonfire Night and St Andrew's Day Rollups

I am sure we are all pleased to see Nuala back organising some fun events. The first, the **Bonfire Night** rollup, was very well attended (20+), and included a Spider event (closest to the spider or other target wins the prize), which raised money for Nuala's chosen charity. A special prize for best dressed player went to our Chairman, **Brian Foster**!!

The **St Andrew's Day** rollup was chilly, but 8 braved the cold, and a further 8 joined for tea and coffee. Watch out for the next event planned soon.

Mike Richardson



Ladies Singles Knockout Competition

On a grey, gloomy day in October 10 ladies bravely arrived to play in this event. We dedicated the day to a special lady who we recently lost and played in memory of Judith, who we know would have loved to have been with us and would have taken part. God Bless Judith.

After deciding who was playing who we headed out to the rinks and adjourned back to the Pavilion for a cuppa before round 2.

During round 2 we encountered a short rain delay but managed to complete the round before lunch.

Lunch was a very relaxed and friendly interlude before the 4 ladies with the highest scores had to venture out again to play more rounds to determine the winners and earn the prizes!

Commiserations to Ann Osborn who played a very close match for 3rd place requiring an extra end to determine the winner.

The results of this competition are:

Winner: **Brenda Morgan**; Runner Up: **Carol Carter**;

Third Place: **Sue Barnes**

Special thanks must go to Janet Watson who manned the kitchen to keep everyone hydrated and made the drinks – perfect.

Thank you to all the Ladies who took part for their enthusiasm and for making it a very friendly competition which everyone enjoyed.

Caroline Cahill

Hayling Island Floodlight Results News

The Floodlight Monday games were really enjoyable. The first aspect to report is 'Down South', on the carpet, the protection from the wind by the hedging made playing somewhat warmer than abrasive Clanfield.

The matches were well organised with play starting promptly at 18:00. The floodlights, what floodlights you ask, disappeared so it was just like playing in daylight with clear visibility. The carpet also played slightly faster than our own so no difficulty reaching the far end. Clanfield improved on last year's results, finishing in **7th position above 4 other well-established clubs**.

These additional matches have a competitive spirit with all teams being very sporting and praising of good shots with *oohs* and *ahhs* resonating from all the different rinks. Everyone played extremely well with Mike Richardson, skip, playing in a class of his own with pinpoint accuracy. Instructions of 6mm or 15mm wider adjustments, task completed and on the jack, resulting in the end won or the loss greatly reduced – beautiful skill to watch.

I must mention those other players who gave up their Monday nights: Andy Gillard, Chris Upfield, David Lougher, David Restell, Frank Laskey, Rob Renshaw with Michael Trippick with the two first-timers, both Davids, rising well to the challenge of the Floodlit Monday tournament.

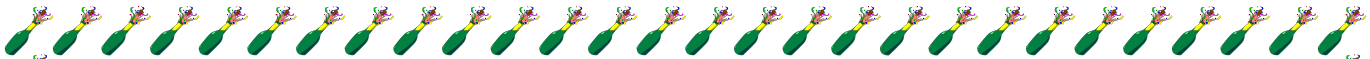
So successful was this Monday event that, starting in late January / early February there will be events on Tuesday for men's teams and on Thursday for mixed teams so we are hoping for more volunteers to join the squads, currently 9 and 5 respectively.

Look forward to hearing from you. Don't be frightened as it is far brighter than you can imagine, warmer than Clanfield and you will be playing with some lovely people, from Clanfield of course.

Continue to enjoy your bowls.

Phil Malin





Wines for Christmas Tasting Evening

In November, Phill Humphries hosted another excellent Wine Tasting evening, this time focussing on 7 different wines to accompany a Christmas Dinner. Starting with an aperitif then on to starter, main course (several options depending on choice of meat) and dessert, and ending with a Port to accompany cheese and biscuits. Phill was, as ever, knowledgeable and entertaining, the selection well received, as was the accompanying food.



I thoroughly recommend attending Phill's next event (I'm sure there'll be one) even, if like me, you don't consider yourself a wine drinker. A couple of Phill's recommendations will definitely be appearing on our table this Christmas!



Mike Richardson



Weekly Card Afternoon, Tuesday, 14:00-16:00 — Christmas Closures

A wide selection of card games are available during the Card Afternoons so there's plenty of opportunities to give your brain a great work out. Do come along to join in the fun. The more the merrier!

The LAST Card Afternoon this year will be on Tuesday, 17 December 2024.

Once we move into the New Year they will start again on 7 January 2025 until mid April.

Jackie & David Chamberlain





OPENING SCHEDULE FOR BOWLING OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve

(Tuesday, 24 December 2024) – normal opening hours.

Christmas Day

(Wednesday, 25 December 2024) – CLOSED

Monday, 30 December 2024

As the Club will be open during the morning for the Craft & Chat Group members who would like to bowl will be welcome.

New Year's Eve

(Thursday, 31 December 2024) – normal opening hours.

New Year's Day

(Sunday, 1 January 2025) – normal opening hours.

Regular Roll Ups will take place (temperature permitting) but please keep checking our website for any updates to these plans.

Weekend Opening Hours During December, January & February

Saturday and Sunday – 10:00-13:00

As very few members visit the Club to bowl at the weekends during the winter we have decided to close at 13:00 on Saturday and Sunday until the weather starts to improve again.



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