



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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***** IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGEMENT TEAM *****

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Some Thank You's

Firstly a big thank you to Glenda for varnishing the new bench that was kindly donated by Alfred and Janet Farrant.



Also thank you to Wendy, Ron and the other helpful volunteers for keeping the plant pots watered and looking fabulous.



Thanks too to David Stapleton for mowing the grass and keeping it looking tidy.

Finally to Clive for continuing to maintain the playing surface, we are missing you and looking forward to welcoming you back from holiday. Time for the snails to move on don't you think?



Clanfield Online Article

Clanfield online will be publishing an article about the club, which will feature the photos below. We hope they manage to convey to our local community the relaxed atmosphere of the club.



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FINAL 100 CLUB WINNER—WHERE NEXT?

I am pleased to tell you that the final £50 winner of the 2019-2020 100 Club is Sue Evans.

You will appreciate that it is difficult to continue with the 100 Club in the present circumstances, but this doesn't mean that you can't "invest" your money in Clanfield Bowls and Sports Club. We are registered as a "Good Cause" with **EAST HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY** and currently supporters of our club have committed to purchasing 35 tickets to go into the lottery EACH WEEK. This currently equates to £910 being projected to be received by the club by the end of this first year.



CAN YOU HELP US INCREASE THIS TO 100 TICKETS?

Prizes range from £25000 to £25 or three free tickets. Five supporters of our Club have so far won three free tickets and one person has won £25.

I would love it if you would go to <https://www.easthantslottery.co.uk/> choose CLANFIELD BOWLS & SPORTS CLUB as the good cause and buy your ticket (s) – GOOD LUCK!!!

Another way to help is to register with **EASYFUNDRAISING**, then each time you shop online, go to their app or website before ordering. Most of the the leading retailers are included and the Bowls Club received a small percentage each time you shop <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



Many thanks for supporting the 100 Club and thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising efforts to keep our club running.

Let's look forward to the time when we get together for our fund-raising events.

Glenda Smith, Treasurer.

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Important Dates For Your Diary

With much regret, all events are now cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Please continue to monitor this section as this will be where we will bring you any updates on any possible future events.

CLUB ENHANCEMENTS

The news about the spread of Covid-19 in the last week or so has been depressing, to say the least, so I am pleased to bring you several positive items of news regarding your Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club:

Playing Surface Repair & Improvement

Since the launch in April 2019, our members have remarked about the uneven and bumpy playing surface, primarily on rinks 7 and 8, but also in sporadic areas around the whole playing surface. Indeed, we were advised by league officials that it would not be an acceptable standard if, in due course, some members wished the Club to join the leagues. I am, therefore, relieved to tell you that Barratts (BDW) have now agreed to address this issue. Apparently, the problems lie primarily in the quality of the base foundation. So, starting on Monday 28th September, BDW's chosen contractor will remove the "carpet", effect repairs to the foundation and then relay the underlay and carpet, hopefully, to league standard condition. We have been asked to allow 2 weeks for the work although, if the weather is kind, it might be finished slightly earlier. The Club will be closed for this period but I hope you will agree it will be worth it to have these playing surface issues resolved. We will keep you posted on progress but, for the moment, please plan on the Club Closure being from Monday 28th September through to reopen on Monday 12th October.

Bowling & Bowls England (BE) / Sport England Guidelines

Following the recent HMG changes to Covid -19 safety rules, we have now received clarification from BE and I can confirm that bowls will be allowed to continue as long as we still maintain all the safety processes that have already been put in place by the Club. Furthermore, if there is sufficient demand, we can consider opening up the number of rinks and introducing some forms of friendly competition such as ladders or knock-out competitions. With the closure date mentioned above in mind, Nuala and the other members of the committee, will now be working to design a programme to spice up the bowling side of things for those who wish to participate. These will be announced prior to the re-opening and, subject to the completion of the repairs, be effective 12/10/2020.

Catering & Social

The guidelines go further and suggest we can consider re-opening the Café for light refreshments and even some forms of social activity such as the Quiz nights. Many of you will know that Debbie recently stepped down from the Committee as she and her family have moved house to a different area. Thankfully, 2 member volunteers have offered to help manage this side of things and we will shortly start to flesh out the detail as to how these improvements can be made whilst still trying to protect everyone's safety. Again, the intention is to relaunch these services when the Club re-opens on 12/10. **In the meanwhile, it would be helpful for our planning, if you could just let me know if you would intend to use the catering or attend the Quiz nights while we work out the details. Please click [here](#) to email me your reply.**

"On-the-day" Phone Booking

Let me be clear, the **preferred method of booking** a rink will remain as booking **in advance** either by phone or email. One reason for this is there have been several occasions where we have found there are either insufficient stewards or bookings and in those circumstances a decision will continue to be made **the night before to close the Club the following day**. Indeed, the booking system seems to have been generally well received by members and may be something we consider continuing post-Covid should that day present itself. However, the committee are keen to offer improved flexibility and improvements where we can within the confines of the Covid legislation. To that end the Club phone will be re-instated, a number published, and it will be possible to phone on the day and enquire if there is a rink spare for play. The on-duty steward will take the call and respond accordingly. Further details will be provided shortly in line with the above.

Finally, I hope that these changes will be well received by our members. I can assure you that we are all working hard to ensure that our village Club remains as a little "Oasis of sanity" in these difficult times. Don't hesitate to email me and let me know your thoughts. In particular, your views regarding catering and Quiz nights would be most appreciated. Please do this by clicking on my email address below.

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