



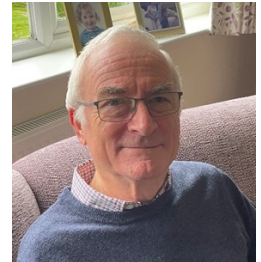
# Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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## Message from your New Chairman

At the AGM on 29 September 2021, I had the honour of being elected as the Chairman of your Club after Michael Trippick decided to stand down. As many of you will know, Michael was instrumental in founding the Club over 6 years ago and since then has worked tirelessly—resulting in the success we have today. Michael will remain, taking on a new role as Founder and Honorary Member making good use of his coaching qualification, enrolling and supporting new members, arranging friendly matches and continuing to promote the Club. He will also continue as a Trustee.



I am looking forward to my new challenge and, as Chairman, am keen to continue developing the Club and encouraging both new and old members to make full use of our incredible facilities. In this, I am ably supported by the Trustees and our Committee members. The last 18 months have been difficult for everybody, and the Club has not been able to function as it did pre-Covid, but we are slowly introducing new events which we hope you will support. It may be that you have suggestions for further opportunities which you would like us to organise. If so, please let me know.

I am sure you recognise that the Club is run entirely by volunteers and any assistance you can offer, in any capacity, would be greatly appreciated. To discuss this or any other matter you would like to bring to my attention, I can be contacted on [david.charleton@clanfieldbsc.com](mailto:david.charleton@clanfieldbsc.com) or **07305 032720**.

In the meantime, I hope to meet you at a roll up, fun competition or evening event shortly.

Keep safe, keep bowling.

**David Charleton**

## Defibrillator Awareness Course, 11 October 2021

Forty-two members took part over three separate training sessions held on Monday, 11 October 2021. The course was organised by the South-Central Ambulance Service, part of the NHS. All of this was arranged through the good services of our member, Carol Carter (First Responder), who also assisted in the training. The course was led by paramedic Keith Mitchell ably supported by Club Member and First Responder, Carol Carter.



Many of us were in need of emergency first aid training, indeed my last one was in 1965!

The feedback was unanimous in its praise and thanks were also due to Karen and Glenda for serving refreshments throughout the day.



We have a further course on Monday, 1 November 2021 to which we will be inviting all interested parties in the Club and are considering inviting near neighbours to take up any spare places.

I proposed to the Committee that we make a donation to the ambulance service. They use donations in part to pay for the equipment used by the First Responders and we are lucky enough to have access to this service in Clanfield. The committee unanimously agreed, and I have asked Glenda (our Treasurer) to send a donation of £100 to the Ambulance Service Charity.

**Mike Smith**

## Good News

I'm pleased to announce, following an environmental health inspection on 18 October 2021, we have retained our 5 star rating. All the hard work and arduous training has been rewarded; I know at times it seemed relentless.

I would like to thank you all for your support and look forward to continuing to work together in the future.

## Entertainment

Our first quiz which took place on Saturday, 9 October 2021 was well attended and enjoyed by all. Below are details of the next 2 events. Please send any enquiries to [helen.glover@clanfieldbsc.com](mailto:helen.glover@clanfieldbsc.com)



### Quiz—Saturday, 13 November 2021

- 23 October - tickets go on sale to members only
- 30 October - tickets to full members + 1 guest
- 6-13 November - unsold tickets available for extra guests

### Quiz—Saturday, 11 December 2021

- 20 November - tickets go on sale to members only
- 27 November - tickets to full members + 1 guest
- 4-11 December - unsold tickets available for extra guests

Details of our entertainment programme for January-March 2022 will be advertised soon. So watch this space.

### Weekly Games Evening—18:00-20:00 every Wednesday

Thanks to **Mike Richardson** we are now holding the weekly games evening again so why not come along to learn to play some new games or play some well-known games with other members and enjoy a light supper.

**Helen Glover**

## Benches

The saga of the benches continues and I am now in negotiations with the Furniture & Home Improvements Ombudsman who is currently considering the photos and evidence and I hope will come up with a suitable conclusion. Whatever the outcome we have engaged the services of a local handyman who will rub down the benches and retreat them. We will also purchase covers for them to protect them from the winter weather. I hope that they will look good ready for the Spring.

**Glenda Smith**

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## Ring Pulls—Why do we collect them?

Members, please continue to collect ring pulls from aluminium drinks cans. New members may be in the dark as to why we collect these.

During our first year we had an evening with a speaker, Jane Walker who is the founder of the Purple Community Fund (PCF), previously known as the Philippines Community Fund. In a nutshell, Jane founded a very successful school, using stacked shipping containers as classrooms for children from the dumps of Manilla. She then went on to establish work for their parents. These industries included jewellery making using magazines, handbags, purses and Christmas decorations using ring pulls and also school shoes using discarded airline tyres. Jane runs this charity on an absolute shoestring and I will be running a stall to sell some of the handbags, jewellery, decorations etc. in the Pavilion before Christmas. All proceeds to PCF. WATCH OUT FOR THE DATE.

If you would like to learn more about PCF their interesting website is [www.p-c-f.org](http://www.p-c-f.org)

**Glenda Smith**

## No more Stumbling to the Bins in the Dark!

Many, many thanks go to Tony Carter who saw us stumbling in the dark to empty waste into the bins at the end of an evening. He sourced and put up two solar powered lights so that we can now get to the bins safely.



**Another volunteer in action!**

**Glenda Smith**

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

**Saturday, 13 November 2021 – Quiz Night**

**Saturday, 11 December 2021 – Quiz Night**

## Grants and Fundraising

Our finances were, of course, affected by having to close, or partly close the Club, during the pandemic and we are trying to rebuild our reserves to pay for the various improvements needed to keep this wonderful facility efficiently run and well-maintained.

The Club provides a valuable community hub where members of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can play or learn to play bowls. Coming to the Club has many benefits, such as helping to promote better mental and physical wellbeing through participating in a sport or volunteering.

## Support from EHDC

Since the Club opened in 2019, we have been very grateful for the support from the local District Councillors, as well as for the facilitating role EHDC played in paying certain central government grants during the Covid-19 pandemic.

David Charleton and I recently held an introductory meeting at the Bowls Club with Lisa Clements, the new Community Development Officer in EHDC whose area covers Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle.

We discussed various funding opportunities offered by EHDC, including a new fund that will be launched in April 2022 to award up to £5000 towards qualifying projects that concern:

- Recreation for all ages
- Climate change impact

Lisa had only good things to say about our Club as we have a particularly strong reputation for being well organised, inclusive, and helping to promote the well-being of our members. She enjoyed seeing the improvements we have made and how various grant money has been spent over the last two years. We look forward to working together.

We have some project ideas in the pipeline including the viability of solar panels and we will be reporting on those in due course.

## EHDC Good Causes Lottery

When the lottery was launched in 2020, we signed up our Club as a Good Cause.

Buying one or more tickets for our Good Cause at £1 each is a simple way of helping us to raise some funds as we receive 50% of the value of those tickets. Not only are you supporting the Club as a good cause, but you might also win a prize.

Details, together with other initiatives are on our website.

**Teresa Attlee**

Have you signed up yet?

Thank you

to all those members and friends who are supporting us through the following.

The amounts donated so far in the **2021/22 Bowls Year**

(i.e. since 1 April 2021):



£538.00



£26.64



£53.46

*If you need help to find out how to donate to the club this way, contact*

Glenda, Treasurer 07747 016720

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## Volunteering

We are pleased to welcome several new members since Winter Membership opened on 1 October 2021, so I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Club is run entirely by volunteers.

Current jobs are:

- Stewarding – for which training is available.
- Working in Kitchen – again training is available.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with odd jobs and gardening so please contact **Mike Smith** on **07786 831055**, if you can help.

**Mike Smith**

## Friendly Match v Waterlooville–Saturday, 16 October 2021

### Match Report–Format 5 Triples

The match started at 1400, the weather was warm and sunny with a light breeze. There was joviality, fun and laughter before during and after the game. A great atmosphere all round.

We broke for tea and coffee after 8/10 ends and, to go with our drinks Helen had baked a lemon drizzle cake and a fruit cake which were delicious and most welcome.

The games were much closer than we anticipated.

#### CLANFIELD

Nuala Atkey  
Terry Gormely  
John Norrish

**22 Points**

Michael Trippick  
Sue Dickinson  
Howard Wilkins

**16 Points**

Mick Burgess  
David Lougher  
Alan Dickinson

**11 Points**

Teresa Attlee  
Wendy Peters  
Steve Puttock

**14 Points**

Barry Carter  
Sylvia Burrows  
Richard Bousher

**16 Points**

#### WATERLOOVILLE

**12 points**

**11 Points**

**23 Points**

**19 Points**

**17 Points**

**We lost 3 rinks to 2 and 82 points to 79.**

**EXCELLENT RESULT FOR US, WELL DONE TO ALL THE PLAYERS.**

**Special thanks to Jo Lougher, Geeti Granger, Kathy Trippick, Helen Glover and Tony Carter for their hard work in ensuring all players received their refreshments.**

**Nuala Atkey**

### Grass cutting

The contractor Alex Jones, will complete this calendar years cut on 1 November 2021 and we will agree the start date for next year (probably the first week in April). The grass looks good, and we need to get the garden team to discuss the work required to encourage more wildflowers in the 'wildflower' section of the grass area at the bottom of the rinks. I will arrange a meeting soon.

**Mike Smith**

## A Thank You to our Outgoing Chairman

Michael Trippick, our Club's founder and devoted Chairman and Club Secretary, stepped down from this position at the AGM.

Our club has achieved so much in its brief history, much of this is due to the members, but always at the forefront and spearheaded by Michael Trippick. None of this would have taken place without a tremendous amount of commitment and work, during the past six years, that Michael has devoted to the Club's creation and ongoing improvements.

I doubt very much that Michael will have foreseen the huge task required to start and then continue the Club's development when he raised his hand at the first meeting where the Parish Council were looking for someone to champion this new opportunity.

His ability to encourage, motivate and delegate to those around him has been fundamental to the Club's continuing success. He might like a casual dress code, but he is not casual in his dedication to making the Club succeed

His vision and dedication through the thick and thin of leadership has remained steadfast and it will be a very difficult act to follow. It has been a full hands-on role for 24 hours per day, 364 days per year during the past 2 years since we opened.

Michael was thanked sincerely for his devotion to our Club since it's conception. He was presented with an engraved, glass trophy on behalf of the Committee by Mike Smith.

Kathy Trippick, Michael's wife, was also thanked for all the support she has given Michael and our Club and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

**Mike Smith**





## Highlights of the AGM, 29 September 2021

A copy of the recent AGM minutes is on the notice board in the Pavilion and a link can be found on our [Latest News](#) page. Some highlights are:

- **Finances:** Despite many of our members supporting us by renewing their membership we had less income from subscription fees than in the previous year and didn't have any income from catering and entertainment. However, we were able to secure c£30K in grants to help cover our overheads and to make some improvements while we were closed.
- **Membership:** Membership numbers, having dropped during 2020-21 because of COVID-19, are on the rise again.
- **Management Committee:** Following Michael Trippick's decision not to stand for re-election, David Charleton was elected as our new Chairman and warmly welcomed to this role by all. Other current members of the Management Committee were re-elected.
- **Milestone Achievements:**
  - Maintained 5-star catering certificate and alcohol licence.
  - Improved kitchen facilities.
  - Resolved many 'snags'.
  - Awarded c£30K grants which were used for PPE, sanitation equipment, dispensers & signage, new shed, wooden bench, Bowls Buddy wheelchair + ramps, widening pathways, outdoor tables, awning and a contribution to ongoing overheads.
  - Shortlisted for Bowls England Story of the Year 2020 Award.
- **Bowling Activities**
  - Organised Pairs & Triples matches twice a week.
  - Held 7 friendly matches against local clubs – some at home and some away.
  - Singles Ladders Competitions.
- **Plans for 2021-22**
  - *Bowling Events:* More Roll Ups, Knock-out Competitions, Internal Fun Competitions and Friendlies against local clubs.
  - *Entertainment Programme:* Re-starting entertainments programme with quiz nights, musical evenings, bridge, coffee mornings, cream teas, TV specials and the weekly Games Evening starting on Wednesday, 6 October 2021.
  - *Facilities Improvements:* We are considering an additional awning and solar panels.
  - *Lottery & Fundraising:* There are 3 ways to raise funds for our Club – EHDC lottery, easyFundraising and AmazonSmile (see full details on our [Support Us](#) page).

Geeti Granger