

Chairman's Newsletter No 8

This will probably be my last newsletter as I will step down in June at the next AGM, so forgive me if I say a lot of thank you's.

To all the members involved in running the winter programmes, from Bingo to Whist and everything in between – my thanks. My congratulations to the winners of the Indoor Carpet Bowls competitions – Oddballs won the cup; Colin and John won the pairs; league champions were the Young Ones; the singles champion was a tall gentleman by the name of Chris; and lastly Andrea's team won the Alan Jarvis trophy. Remember to please clean the trophies when you return them!!! (That's in a year's time of course.) Lastly thanks to Doreen for taking us through another winter.

My thanks also to John Abrey for the work around the green – it will look a picture on opening day. My thanks to John Clark and his son and all the helpers last Saturday 2nd April in removing the fallen tree over the Easter weekend. We are now left with two trees in the same area that will have to come down as soon as possible by a professional. We will also have to get the fencing people in to repair the broken metal fence.

Again many thanks to all the members that helped on our last sales day; the takings were around the £500 mark which was good for the first one of the year, we now await J's Hospice to take the rest away.

The greensward; - now there's a subject that does not go away, we now have a Chartered Surveyors valuation which will enable us to have further financial discussions with the builders. Hopefully I think it's now drawing to a conclusion!

An urgent appeal to members – if you can spare a little time in the next few days we need to remove the moss from the side walls around the green before the mats go down in the gully. All you need is a paint scraper or a garden edging tool, which would be better. Don't forget your bowls shoes if you want to work from the green side. This has got to be done before the green is opened on the 25th so please help.

Now my best wishes to all on the green this coming summer.

Mick 8/4/16