

Chairman's Newsletter No 6

In general it was pretty quiet to the run up to Christmas, except the last Bingo evening and all the end of year big money and hamper prizes. Then the work started in earnest clearing out the bar area and the kitchen so the flooring contractors could move in to remove all the old tiles, make good the cracks and levelling ready to lay the new floor. As nobody asked me to have a look at the samples of flooring I do hope you agree that the committee has made a good choice.

It certainly took longer to refit everything once the floor had been put down, Arthur and I spent over 50 hours there over the Christmas period working on this. We as a club owe a vote of thanks to him for his help and, by the way, we replaced the broken fencing as well, now that's something I'm not doing again – the posts and gravel boards are a lot heavier than they used to be!

We also had a tidy up and a bit of painting behind the bar and now are having to think about the future i.e. barrels, bottles, tins etc. I have been in touch with Greene King Brewery and sometime towards the end of February they will be in touch to discuss our needs etc.

Here is a thought, has anyone got any bright ideas to liven up the front of the bar area covering our dark panelling etc.? Please let me know if you have any thoughts as to what we can do.

Deliberations about the greensward are still ongoing but we are hopeful of issuing a consultation document to all members in the next 2/3 weeks followed by EGM mid to late February.

It's getting near the time to start looking at cutting the hedges and laurels (any budding barbers fancy having a go?). You will find it's very rewarding and therapeutic, and in the summer the green and the surrounds will look at its best. We are very lucky to have such a back drop to our green, every summer we receive comments such as "it's a lovely ground to play bowls". Let's hope we can keep it that way.

16th January is Norman's Quiz Night it's not too late to get a team or join one.

Lastly remember the 100 Club fees are now due, monthly prizes total £55 and at Christmas a grand total of £170. There are still lots of numbers available just ask Doreen.

As a matter of interest we are getting a number of cars etc now coming into our car park looking for a way through, to where?!!!! A misguided Sat Nav we think!!

I do wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2016. Mick 6/1/16