



# Shirley Park Bowling Club

Newsletter 2, May 2023

## Gardening update

As many of you may have noticed, work is continuing on the gardens.

Turf has been put down in front of the equipment shed and behind the Turners seat to reduce the bed size and we have made a start putting bark down in that bed. We have also managed to plant up pots with bedding plants to go by the two benches by the club house.

This has only been made possible by your kind donations.

We still need help doing the rest of that bed and would be grateful for any men who could spare a couple of hours on a Monday or Friday morning to help with heavy digging.



## Mens captain update

Hello all.

The bowls season for the men started on a controversial note with us having to concede the Bowls England two fours to Purley Bury on 29th April as we had an ESL fixture with Epsom away that same afternoon. Unfortunately we lost the match at Epsom 2 - 8.

We had a friendly match with Wallington on Wednesday 3rd May. We were unfortunate not to get the full 3 rinks required, I telephoned Keith Woods who agreed to play three triples, but rather than let three of his own players down Keith kindly lent us a player and we were able to play two triples and one rink (winning on all).

On Thursday 4th May we played the Bowls England Top Club against Epsom. We managed to win four out of five disciplines, a great result for Shirley Park and my congratulations to all who played. The next round is away to Wallington Friday 26th May.

On Sunday 7th May we played our second ESL match at home against Ashstead which was a real last end nail biter, we were all square going into the final ends, then Normans rink managed to pick up three shots on their last end which turned the final result into an 8 - 2 win for Shirley Park, once again, well done ESL team.

On Thursday 11th May at 6.00pm Shirley Park will be playing the Bowls England Mixed Two Fours against Purley Bury.

Please come along and support your club if you can.

*Richard*

## Club news update

1. Further to the reroofing of the mens and visitors changing room roof last month a further leak was discovered in the main roof which has now been reroofed.
2. A new veranda door mat has kindly been donated by one of our members, replacing the previous 25 year old mat.
3. Defibrillator training has been completed for a further 14 members. The names of all members trained is on the wall by the defibrillator.
4. Portraits of King Charles III and the late Queen Elizabeth II have been positioned at the end of the club house.

## Social activities May and June

- 1 Friday 19th May presentation of the match selection system @ 20:00 after the aggregate.
- 2 Tuesday 23rd May at 9:30 Bowls Direct will be visiting us.
- 3 Monday 29th May BBQ and Bank Holiday bowls.
- 4 Friday 2nd June Friday Suppers start following the aggregate.
- 5 Monday 5th June visit to Shirley Windmill with cream teas back at the club.

## The Green

The green looks very good at the moment after all the care and attention given to it by Steve Groves, our greenkeeper. New pumps have been installed for watering, however, a significant water leak has been discovered in the pipework which reduces the watering capacity. Investigation as to where the leak is and the best option for repair is currently underway. Watch this space and holes around the pump house.

## Ladies captain update

The Ladies have played one friendly match so far. This was against Bethlem Ladies. We put up a valiant fight but did not win. We did, however, have an enjoyable afternoon. Please can I ask you to check the Ladies noticeboard for upcoming matches and tick if available.

Thank you.  
*Wisla*



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## Upcoming fixtures for May and June

MAY					
MON 1	Australian Pairs Tournament	H	6	G	2.00
TUE 2	Bethlem Royal Hospital Friendly	A	3T	W	2.00
WED 3	Wallington Friendly	H	3	G	2.00
SUN 7	Ashtead ESL	H	3	W	2.00
MON 8	Coronation Fun Day/Tea Party	H	6	TBC	2.00
TUE 9	New Beckenham BC Friendly	A	2	W	2.00
THR 11	Mixed Drive	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 13	Cheam Fields ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SAT 13	Ashburton Park Friendly	A	2T	W	2.00
TUE 16	Ashburton Park Friendly	H	3T	G	2.00
WED 17	BCBA V BB&DBA	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 20	Bletchingley ESL	A	3	W	2.00
SAT 20	Bletchingley Friendly	A	1	W	2.00
TUE 23	Gonville Friendly	A	3T	G	2.00
TUE 23	Bowlsweat Direct Visit	H	N/A	N/A	9.30
THR 25	Spring Park Friendly (Australian Pairs)	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 27	Croydon MO ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 28	Battle of the Sexes Comp	H	6T	W	2.00
MON 29	BBQ & Bowls Bank Holiday	H	6	TBC	2.00
TUE 30	Purley Bury C&DLL	H	2	W	2.00
JUNE					
SAT 3	Wallington ESLL	A	2	W	2.30
SUN 4	SCBA Area 1 mens 2 wood	H	6	W	9.00
TUE 6	Mixed Drive	H	6	G	2.00
THR 8	BCBA Presidents Bowl	H	3T	G	6.00
SAT 10	Croydon ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 11	# Leon Rose Mixed Triples	H	6	G	2.00
TUE 13	Spring Park Shirley BC Friendly	H	3T	W	2.00
THR 15	Bowlers v Golfers Friendly	H	4T	G	2.00
SAT 17	Caterham ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SAT 17	Redhill ESL	A	3	W	2.00
TUE 20	Ashburton Park Friendly	H	2T	W	2.00
THR 22	Banks BA Friendly	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 24	Caterham ESL	A	3	W	2.30
SAT 24	Chipstead ESLL	A	2	W	2.30
TUE 27	Spring Park Shirley BC Friendly	H	4T	G	2.00
THR 29	Australian Pairs Tournament	H	6	G	2.00

Ladies fixtures
  Men fixtures
  Mixed fixtures
  Loan of green
 # pre ordered meal

## A short history

As I know quite a few of our members have visited Combe Lodge for meals I thought a brief history would be of interest.

Coombe is the name of an ancient estate first recorded in 1221. In Tudor times it was known as Broad Coombe and in the 17th century was owned by the brothers of William Harvey who discovered the circulation of the blood. Coombe Lodge, once Coombe Gate (or Green) House, is a red-brick, Georgian mansion built before 1756.

The building was originally a cube, but had extensions built both east and south. The conservatory was added between 1893 and 1897.

After the Second World War it was purchased by Croydon Corporation, who established the Central Nursery of Croydon Parks Department in the grounds and opened the building as an old peoples' home, The home closed in 1968 and the future of Coombe Lodge was in doubt. However, the house has since become a restaurant and opened as a Beefeater restaurant from 1988. Other attractions in the area are Coombe Wood Gardens, Lloyd Park, and Addington (Shirley) Hills viewpoint built 1960.

*Tony Skrzypczyk*



## A big thanks

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Coronation Fun Day a great day. From all the volunteers baking cakes, laying out food, preparing the green/games or just coming to the event with their families. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. Thank you all.



## Co-ordinator wanted

Unfortunately no one has come forward and volunteered to coordinate the newsletter. There's still time if you want to volunteer.

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