



Reigate Priory Bowling Club (Est. 1880)

Green Lane, off Park Lane, Reigate, RH2 8JX

Member Newsletter No. 5 - July 2018

What could you do for your Club?

We are nearing that time of the year when members may like to consider a more active role in running the Club for the next season. The lists for volunteering for the various positions will be displayed towards the end of August prior to agreement at the AGM on 23 October.

Apart from the Captains, Officers of the Club do not have to be playing members, so if you are a social member who would like a more active role in the Club, please let us know.

The Clubmark Scheme - update

We are pleased to report we have now completed **22** of the evidence requirements needed to achieve accreditation. - so only 2 to go!

As mentioned previously, in order to achieve this accreditation there are four key areas to address:

1. Activity/Playing Programme
2. Duty of Care and Welfare
3. Knowing your Club and Community
4. Club Management

The remaining two evidence requirements will be completed after the visit by James Lovell, our Assessor who will be in attendance on **Monday 9 July** arriving at 17:30, to see for himself how things are run.

The **Clubmark Accreditation Evidence File** is now held in the Club house and will only require the addition of any further information requested by James after his visit. Please make sure you know where both this file and the Really Useful file are kept, as part of James' assessment will be to speak to members to make sure they are well informed about the Club's policies and procedures and general organisation.

If you're not sure - **please ask**.

The Committee hope that all members will continue to support us in trying to achieve a smoother running club with happy, fulfilled members and to become the first choice for prospective new members.

Sponsors

The Club continues to receive support from our long time sponsor, Just, together with Priors Mead Care Home, Stoneman Funeral Directors and our advertisers Holmesdale Building Society. In addition, this season we are pleased to welcome a new sponsor:



Please see below a message from them:

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Match pre-order drinks forms

Some of you who regularly play Club matches will have noticed that we have recently been using pre-order drinks forms. The Committee have reviewed this practice and believe it has not been working well so completion of these forms has now stopped.

Bowls and Club Etiquette

When playing at home it is the custom for a player to buy a drink (tea, coffee, soft or alcohol) for their opposite number. This is usually reciprocated when playing away (we hope).

If your opposite number requests a tea or coffee the charge is .50p, which should be placed in the tin in the kitchen cupboard, please do not hand in behind the bar.

Cream Tea

We are pleased to report that the total raised towards the cost of the defibrillator at the Cream Tea on 19 June was £304. Our thanks go to those members who satisfied their sweet tooth, and to those who weren't able to be there - you missed lots of lovely cakes. We look forward to seeing more members at the next one!

Thanks go to all the members who made the cakes, to Colin Oakford for running the raffle and Val Cooper who was in charge of the bric-a-brac. It was a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon - as can be seen below.



Ladies 2 - Wood Day

This will be held on Thursday 12 July. Would players please put their name on the list on the notice board if they would like to take part. The list will be removed about a week before the day. This event is always fun and the ladies are always well looked after by the gentlemen.

President and Captain's Day

This will be held on Sunday 22 July and again, names on the list please. If you are a newer member and would like to know more, please contact the President, Norma Goldsworthy, or either of the Captains, Alan Goldsworthy and Evette Oakford.

Smoking - a reminder

Please remember that there is no smoking on Club premises and particularly near the green (Bowls England regulation). Smoking is only allowed behind the green's fence and not within one metre of the green. The Committee will be reviewing whether a designated area should be established.

Parking

There have been some problems with parking on the Green Lane site. We are in contact with the Rugby Club to smooth this situation.

Members are reminded that parking on the Cricket Club premises is by agreement and we should take care not to abuse this valuable addition to our arrangements with the Cricket Club. The parking spaces on the left hand side of Green Lane should be used first before overflowing onto the Cricket Club area. It is in our interest to maintain and foster good relations with our Landlord. Our overflow parking is in the Rugby Club and Reigate College sports ground and is by prior agreement with them.

Issues regarding Cricket Club youngsters

We are aware of poor behaviour by youngsters from the Cricket Club running onto our site and balls and possibly stones being deliberately thrown on the green. Members are asked to help in exercising control where possible. The Chairman is in contact with the Cricket Club hierarchy to resolve these issues.

Bowls Tour 2019

It is still hoped to arrange a bowls tour for September 23rd 2019. We have been given an extension until the end of July, and have contacted 3 small local clubs to see if any of their members would be interested in joining us.