

# HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

*December 2021*



## Welcome

The Hungerford Club wishes all members a very Happy Christmas.

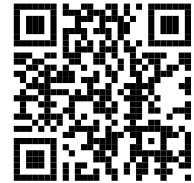
We have the latest from the Steward, Debbie Hutchins. This is followed by a short summary of this year's AGM and Bowls and Tennis section reports. Finally there is a table of the officers and committee members elected at the AGM.

## Dates for your diary

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Tennis Section AGM, Hungerford Club starting at 7:30pm

9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Ladies Who Lunch, Hungerford Club starting at 1pm.

We keep a list of forthcoming events on the website at <https://www.hungerford-club.co.uk/>



## Winter opening times

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 the opening hours of the club bar are as follows.

	<b>Opening hours</b>
Monday	1pm - 11pm
Tuesday	2pm - 11pm
Wednesday	12 noon - 10pm
Thursday	2pm - 10pm
Friday	12 noon - 10pm
Saturday	12 noon - 5pm
Sunday	12 noon - 5pm

## Opening Hours – Christmas period

- 24<sup>th</sup> December      noon – 10pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> December      noon – 2pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> December      noon – 5pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> December      noon – 5pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> December      noon – 5pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> December      noon – 8pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022      noon – 5pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022      noon – 5pm

## Ladies who Lunch

The next gathering of the Ladies who Lunch will be on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 starting at 1pm.

Drop in and have a chin wag and a drink with Debbie. She servers the best coffee in town! If you are coming on your own call Debbie on 01488 682357 and she'll look out for you.

## Food

We would love to see you at the club for something to eat.

Each day there are freshly made toasties or filled rolls for £2.50 There's also Home Made Soup of the day with a crusty roll for £3.50

## Friday Night Supper

Hot food is available on Friday evenings. Please pop into the club to put your name down on the sheet by the bar. If you can't pop in then reserve your place by phoning 01488 682357

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2021	Curry and rice	£8.00
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10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Stew and Crusty Bread	£8.00
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No Friday food due to Christmas and New Year festivities.

Jan 2022	Food resumes!
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Subject to availability.

## Sunday Roasts

Why not enjoy a Sunday roast down at the club? Please call into the club to put your name down on the sheet by the bar or you reserve your place by phoning 01488 682357

Vegetarian options are available. Please ask when booking.

All Sunday lunches are £10.99. Deserts are £3.99

5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Roast Beef with all the trimmings Fruit Crumble and Cream
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12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Roast Partridge with seasonal trimmings Christmas Pub and Custard.
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No more Sunday food until January 2022.

## Guest Ales

We can look forward to the following.

- A Chrismoose Carol – Elgoods, Cambridgeshire. A finely balanced light pale ale. 3.9%
- Greedy Goose – Hooky Brewery, Oxfordshire. A full flavoured, rich beer with a rounded fruity aroma. 4.2%
- Blitzen – Black Sheep Brewery, Yorkshire. A cheeky festive ruby Christmas ale. A real winter warmer. 4.0%

## The Hungerford Club Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee and Members of the Hungerford Club was held in the Croft Hall on Weds 24th November 2021. The agenda was -

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Remembrance of Members deceased
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of previous AGM as circulated
5. Matters Arising – (from the minutes, not otherwise covered by the agenda)
6. Forward Thinking
7. Treasurer's Financial Report as circulated
8. Subscriptions 2022
9. Section Reports: Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports all as circulated
10. Election of Officers and Committee to 2021/2022 Committee
11. AOB

The minutes of the AGM are the official and definitive record of the meeting but I have jotted down the following as a quick summary for those who were not able to attend – Paul Ivinson

- The Chairman summarised the year gone and noted the difficult times that have presented the club with challenges. He noted that, through the efforts of various members, the club had successfully applied for government grants which proved to have been critical to the club's survival. He was pleased to report that the club is, once more, thriving.
- All in attendance stood in silence to remember Keith Tuttle, Brian Fagan and Carol Nash, all of whom passed away in the last year.
- The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.
- Graham Brown addressed to meeting about the physical assets of the club.

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- He noted that the Club House is an old building with a roof that will need maintenance in the near future.
- There are ash trees on club property that are suffering from Ash Die Back disease. He proposed that all trees are surveyed for condition and a plan drawn up with input from West Berks.
- There needs to be a plan to resurface the tennis courts, particularly court 1.
- Members put forward some ideas and there was a discussion about the costs and relative merits of each.
- The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was a discussion about the breakdown of some of the figures before the accounts were approved.
- Subscriptions for 2022 were presented. In summary there is an increase of £5.00 to all subscriptions.
- No questions were raised concerning the reports from the Bowls, Indoor Sports and Tennis sections.
- Officers and members of the 2022 committee were elected. No position was contested but there was a show of hands to confirm the appointments. See the last page of this newsletter.
- Finally there was a vote of thanks to The Steward (Debbie Hutchins) and Gary Hutchins for the work they have done for the club. The vote was proposed and approved with a resounding round of applause.
- The meeting lasted a few minutes over the hour.

## **Bowls Section**

Apart from the work being done on the Green and a few items of maintenance this is a quiet time for the Bowls Section.

Our AGM took place on Thursday 11th November.

The following Officers were elected.

- President – Vic Lardner
- Captain – on a month by month basis – Alan Bartter, Ray Hutt and Keith Knight
- Secretary/Treasurer – Jennifer Bartter
- Ladies Captain – Sonja Heath
- Match Secretary – Alan Bartter
- Competition Secretary – Jim Lawton
- Green Keeper – Micky Lambourn

**2021 Captain** – Peter Harries reported on the many successful aspects of the season which, considering the difficult constraints we were under, was very satisfactory.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – Jennifer Bartter confirmed that the Bowls section was in a sound financial position. Their accounts which run from October 2020 to September 2021 showed a profit of £1,126 mainly due to the Match green fees paid by members which raised £1,064 and Fundraising to cover the Maintenance costs of the Green which totalled £3,239.

**Match Secretary** – Alan Bartter stated that the majority of the 2022 fixtures were already in place with the AB League and Kennet League fixtures soon to be issued.

We have to hope that we will be able to fulfil all the fixtures next year.

It was decided that in order to try to encourage new members we would have a Friday evening Roll up at 6pm for people who are unable to come along during the day. This will be in addition to the normal roll up at 2pm on Tuesdays.

**Green Keeper** - Micky Lambourn reported that the majority of the winter work had now been completed on the Green and it was looking excellent.

**18 members of the Bowls section** will be enjoying lunch together this coming Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> December) when Roast Beef is the order of the day. Thanks to Debbie and Gary.

We look forward to our two matches indoors when we will be playing West Berks IBC on 22nd January 2022 and the other against the Probus Club of Newbury on 9th March 2022, both at 2.30pm.

Jennifer Bartter Tennis Section

## Tennis Section

### Chairman's Welcome

Darker and colder evenings are upon us, but the floodlights are working overtime with lots of tennis continuing on court, as well as the usual après-Tennis activities in the Main Club. We clearly have entered the silly season as after one of last month's post Monday Team Play sessions, the players unanimously crowned Sainsbury's Shropshire Red as the winner of the UK Cheese Cup. We hope you enjoy the build-up to the festive season.

The Hungerford Tennis Club Committee



## Club and Member News

- A reminder that the Tennis Section AGM which will take place on 8th December at 7.30pm in the Main Club. Do come and feel free to ask anything - either on the night or contact Phil before on 07779581640 or philipbrown@philipbrownviolins.co.uk if there's anything you would like to discuss. There will be presentations to the promoted teams. Nibbles will be provided.
- The committee would love new members so please step forward if you would like to contribute. Particularly we need help with communications and Juniors but whatever your thoughts we would love to hear from you.
- At the time of writing, in the light of the revelation of the new COVID-19 Omnicom variant, there are currently no changes to the advice published by the LTA in August (no restrictions at present on tennis activity). You can review this guidance [here](#).
- A big thank you goes out to all the kind volunteers who clean the courts on Saturday mornings. If you have an hour or two on a Saturday morning to help the regular volunteer team clear the courts of leaves and debris any help is much appreciated. Contact Chris Dodd in the WhatsApp club play group chat.
- Early in the New Year, the LTA/Wimbledon will commence its process for the Wimbledon Ballot. To be able to participate in the ballot, members will need to 'opt in'. This is only possible if members have an active LTA account and ensure that they have linked their account and membership to the Hungerford Tennis Club registered venue. All details of the process are provided by the LTA [here](#).

## Hungerford Club committee 2021/22

<b>Officers of the Club</b>		
President	John Conn	
Chairman		<i>Position vacant</i>
Vice Chairman		<i>Position vacant</i>
Secretary	Paul Ivinson	
Treasurer	Jennifer Bartter	

<b>Sports Section representatives</b>		
Bowls Secretary	tba	
Indoor Sports Secretary	tba	
Tennis Secretary	tba	

<b>Elected committee members (up to 8)</b>		
1 Denis Brown	Acting Chairman	
2 Graham Brown	Maintenance Officer	
3 Colin Currill		
4 Chris Dodd		
5 Andy Pullen		
6 Chris Scorey		
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<b>Trustees (min 2, max 4)</b>		
1	Micky Lambourn	
2	Chris Ticehurst	
3		<i>Position vacant</i>
4		<i>Position vacant</i>