

HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2022



Welcome

Welcome to the April 2022 newsletter. We thought spring was here until it started snowing! Be that as it may the Hungerford Club is very active regardless of the weather.

We have the latest news from the Steward, Debbie Hutchins. This is followed by a updates from the Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports sections. Finally there's a report on the maintenance work in progress and planned.

Dates for your diary

[Pre-season Coffee Morning - Bowls](#) on 9th Apr 2022 11:15:am, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Ladies Who Lunch](#) on 14th Apr 2022 1:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Bingo evening](#) on 15th Apr 2022 7:45:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Green opening – Bowls](#) on 16th Apr 2022 2:30:pm, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[President Vs Captain - Bowls](#) on 7th May 2022, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Bowls Open Day](#) on 8th May 2022 2:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Coaching Evening – Bowls](#) on 27th May 2022 6:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Hungerford Platinum Jubilee Picnic](#) on 5th Jun 2022 2:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[President's Day - Bowls](#) on 18th Jun 2022, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

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



We are still on Winter opening times

The opening hours of the club bar are as follows.

	Opening hours
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

Ladies who Lunch

The next gathering of the Ladies who Lunch will be on Thursday, 14th April 2022 starting at 1pm for about 2 hours, or as long as you like!

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.

The selection varies but at the moment you can have

- Soup of the day with a crusty roll - £2.50
- Freshly made Ham and Cheese toasties - £3.50
- Bacon, Sausage and egg bap - £3.50

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 can reserve your place by phoning 01488 682357

Vegetarian options are available – please book in advance.

All Sunday lunches are £10.00 Deserts are £4.00 but we are having to review our prices due to increases in costs.

10th April 2022 Roast pork and seasonal vegetables.

17th April 2022 Roast Turkey with seasonal vegetables

Pizza Oven

The club has invested in a new pizza oven. On Friday 1st April 2022 it had it's first trial. We are in the experimental phase, working out what works and people want. If you have a favourite pizza topping let us know.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Hungerford Town Council are organising a picnic on The Croft to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 2pm to 7pm. You may have seen posters around town suggesting you *save the date*.

You are invited to bring your own picnic and chairs to The Croft. There will be music and entertainment throughout the afternoon and, on the Croft Field, there will activities, stalls and completions.

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The Hungerford Club is supporting the event. We will have the pizza oven and barbecue at the front of the club, from which we will sell food. The bar will be open for the sale of drinks.

There will be more details to follow.

Easter Egg Raffle

Look out for the Easter Egg raffle in the bar. Put your name down because everybody likes an Easter Egg!

Bowls Section

The clocks have altered and the long winter days are behind us, or seemingly so, for as I write snowflakes are drifting past the window!

You might remember that our first Indoor Fixture of the winter against West Berks IBC resulted in a loss by one shot. This was a wonderful effort as very few of our members play indoors. In March we played our second fixture indoors against the Probus Club of Newbury. Believe it or not this was also lost by one shot - 62 points for 63 against.

But now the Green beckons. It is looking wonderful and is expertly maintained by Micky Lambourn and our outside Contractors.

Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th April at 11.15am is designed to bring Members together, some of whom have been hibernating since last autumn.

The Green will be officially opened at 2.30pm on Saturday 16th April. President Vic Lardner will be accompanied by our Town Mayor Helen Simpson who will bowl the first bowl.

Our first match is on Saturday 23rd April when we entertain Ramsbury. Following this we have a full fixture list right through to the end of September.

My thanks to everyone who has already sent in their renewal forms. I look forward to receiving the others very soon.

Roll up, Roll up

To all members of the Hungerford Club, if there is anyone who would like to have a go at bowling we have roll up sessions on Tuesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 6pm. We have plenty of equipment for you to borrow; all you need is flat shoes. There will always be someone there to offer instruction and advice at these sessions. No need to book just turn up and give it a try.

All we need now is the sun on our backs and away we go!

Jennifer Bartter

Tennis Section

Chairman's Welcome

Spring has (sort of) sprung and we are almost in the 'season' where fair-weather players who have been hibernating all winter are beginning to reemerge with the warmer temperatures and lighter evenings. It's exciting also that the regional Berkshire tennis leagues recommence in May. Details can be found below on captains and contacts if you would like to participate. We are also at membership renewal time. The Clubspark system at our disposal is complex to administer (from a membership secretary and user perspective), so may we please ask for your patience and diligence through the renewal process.



See you on court!

The Hungerford Tennis Club Committee

Club and Member News

Membership renewals

Tennis membership of the Hungerford Club is due for renewal on the 1st April. As we use the LTA Clubspark system (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HungerfordTennisClub>) the system sends out reminders automatically to the main contact (joint and family packages) and you may have already received a communication.

If you have ticked the 'renewal' box on your profile, you will receive two emails; the first from "Hungerford Tennis Club" provides all the details of the membership (start date, expiry date and amount) along with the date of when the payment will be automatically processed. The email then goes on and provides links and instructions on how to cancel this payment should you wish to cancel the membership (and obviously we hope you won't). The second email from "Hungerford Tennis Club (ClubSpark)" will thank you for renewing your membership (stating the category, e.g. adult joint) and inform you of the sum to be charged and the payment method.

If you have not received either of these emails then firstly check your junk mail as it could be there. Alternatively login into your Clubspark account.

If you wish to change the category, you will have to cancel, then login to Clubspark and select the new category/package you require.

If you have not selected the renewal tab, then renewal will be as above in that you need to login and select your category/package, but you will have received an email with the necessary links including the opportunity to cancel if you wish.

We would also ask that you check all your profile information to ensure that we have the correct email, address and telephone contact details (including emergency contacts) for all your family, joint or individual members. This will ensure that the correct person(s) is emailed with the appropriate information.

Thank you and best wishes for the coming season.

Summer League Team Tennis

HTC has had a long association with the Newbury and District LTA where we play in their summer leagues.

In the leagues we have one Ladies' team, two Mixed teams and three Men's teams. If you would like to play, then please either contact one of the captains below by text stating your name or contact Phil 07779581640 who will direct you to the right captain.

Ladies' are made up of 4 players per team and the Men's and Mixed are made up of 6 players.

HOWEVER to fulfil the fixtures we do need twice that number per team. The matches are fun with a nice social element afterwards. We are catering for all skill levels here! There are usually 8 games in a season.

The captains are:

Ladies A:	Brona	07775549479
Mixed A:	Gary	07968706897
Mixed B:	Chris D.	07525031237
Mens A:	Rhian	07796334935
Mens B:	Tommy	07425557050
Mens C:	Alistair	07714775437

Indoor Sports

Darts

The Club is a member of the **Lambourn and Hungerford Darts League**. For details speak with Gary or Debbie.

Table Bowls

At the beginning of the year we decided to offer the members the opportunity of playing the game of table bowls through the winter months. There's a league running with games played on Tuesday evenings, starting at 8pm.

The league is drawing to a close but there are a few games still to be played so we don't know yet who will win the prizes!

Snooker Tables

The snooker tables have been recovered, both the bed and cushions, using Hainsworth smart fast durable wool cloth. The results are very good. Reports are that the tables now run faster than before and players are taking a while to adjust!

Snooker Room

May we remind members that children under fourteen are not allowed in the Snooker Room. Children over fourteen are allowed in the Snooker Room when accompanied by their responsible adult.

Please Note: **Food is not allowed in the Snooker Room. Drinks must not be rested on the tables.**

Club Maintenance

We have been aware of a small leak to the roof light in front of the bar standing area for a considerable time. This is recurring problem which only manifests itself after a torrential down pour. It is due to a back fall in the main flat roof construction. Many temporary repairs have been carried out previously but water will still find a weakness which is very disheartening and annoying after repairs have been attempted.

We are in the process of obtaining quotations for a complete new roof light and resolving the small back fall issue.

The flat roof was laid some 10-15 years ago it is now coming up for complete renewal of the roofing material. This will form part of a 5 year maintenance plan that is being prepared. Another part of that plan is for the renewal of the main roof tiles to the Club plus checking over all other roof coverings. The construction on the inside of the roof has been checked and is completely waterproof as heavy duty felt exists under the roof battens.

We are in the process of getting budget figures for each part of the plan.

All gutters have been cleaned out thoroughly during the last week of March. The moss issue on the north facing high level roof tiles still remains as any cleaning off treatment will be detrimental to the existing hand made roof tiles.

The side gully adjacent to the car park / end of building has been cleared which has alleviated the damp problem in the Gents toilet. Now that it has dried out plastic skirting has been fitted to the existing timber panelling which now gives a cleaner appearance at floor level.

Energy bills

Due to the very large increases in gas and electricity costs we are undertaking a thorough check of all the Clubs white goods, boiler and bar equipment to see if more efficient replacements would prove helpful in controlling our energy bills.

The Car Park and rear yard flood lights have been replaced with efficient LED lights. Existing internal bulbs have been replaced with more efficient LED bulbs.

Pavillion

The manhole in the entrance pathway to the Tennis and Bowls pavilion has been reported as smelling. We are checking and trying to trace the cause.

The cold tap to the kitchen sink in the pavilion sometimes produces “hot water” and this seems to be weather dependant! Whave traced the cause to the insulation / lagging to the supply pipe and a faulty frost thermostat.

Pizza Oven

Debbie and Gary suggested we invest in a pizza oven. This will hopefully prove popular with all concerned when requiring some food sustenance, possibly after an exhilarating tennis or bowls session!! We have now constructed a very substantial external “room” for the oven.

Round the back

The rear yard area complete has been cleared of all foliage and a weed proof membrane has been laid with a good bed of stone chippings on top so providing easy access for maintenance to the air conditioning unit behind the snooker room. A new concrete base has been laid and a timber shed has been purchased to house plastic chairs and tables which we use on the Croft from time to time in the warmer weather or when events are held.