

HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Welcome

Welcome to the June 2022 newsletter. We delayed this newsletter for a week to allow time for the Queen's Jubilee Picnic. We all enjoyed a great time on The Croft – more about this later.

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

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

[Ladies Who Lunch](#) on 23rd Jun 2022 1:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Friday evening Bingo](#) on 24th Jun 2022 7:30:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Bowls Taster Session](#) on 1st Jul 2022 6:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Bowls Taster Session](#) on 4th Jul 2022 2:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Bowls Mixed Pairs Tournament](#) on 9th Jul 2022, at Hungerford Club - bowling green

[Tennis Open Day](#) on 9th Jul 2022 10:00:am, at Hungerford Club - tennis courts

[Hungerford Club Beer Festival](#) on 27th Aug 2022, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Competition Finals](#) on 10th Sep 2022, at Hungerford Club - bowling green



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

Opening times

The opening hours of the club bar are as follows.

	Opening hours
Monday	12 noon - 11pm
Tuesday	1pm - 11pm
Wednesday	12 noon - 10pm
Thursday	1pm - 10pm
Friday	12 noon - 11pm
Saturday	12 noon - 8pm
Sunday	12 noon - 8pm

News from The Steward

Ladies who Lunch

The next gathering of the Ladies who Lunch will be on Thursday, 23rd June 2022 starting at 1pm for about 2 hours, or as long as you like!

Drop in and have a chat 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.

Friday Nights

17 th June 2022	Fish and Chips
24 th June 2022	Bingo with nibbles. There's cash prizes and loads of fun. Eyes down at 7:45pm. All proceeds will go to The Chain

Sunday Lunches

Why not enjoy a Sunday lunch 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 £12.00 for the main course and deserts are £4.50

12 th June 2022	Ploughmans Lunch (Ham, Cheese and Pork Pie). Strawberries and Cream
19 th June 2022	Chicken Caesar Salad Cheesecake
26 th June 2022	Salmon en crouete, new potatoes, roasted cherry tomatoes Gateaux

Beer Festival

No sooner has one event passed but we start planning for the next.

The club will be holding its annual Beer Festival as usual over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 27th – Sunday 29th). There will be twelve beers, 3 box ciders and a craft lager to enjoy.

More details to follow but for now, put it in your diary.

Queen's Jubilee – a report

Beacon Lighting – Saturday 4th June

We send our reporter, Graham Brown, to the beacon lighting.



“We went up to the rugby field to watch the Beacon lighting. There was quite a good turn out. Not sure about numbers - maybe 100 plus? Helen Simpson, the Mayor, did the honours at 9.45 pm. It was a great success. The Hungerford Rugby Club open their food kitchen called “The Sin Bin” plus the bar. Both were well supported so helping their coffers!”

Jubilee Picnic – Sunday 5th June

The Hungerford Town Council organised a picnic on The Croft to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 2pm. Fortunately the rain held off until the last note of the National Anthem was sung. Then the heavens opened!

The Croft was thronged with townsfolk who brought picnics, chairs and blankets to The Croft. There was music and entertainment throughout the afternoon with musicians performing on the back of a flatbed truck from A4 Hire. A sound system was setup with the mixing desk protected by a gazebo. The club provided electrical power.

On the Croft Field the monthly market took place in the morning. Then stalls were set up around the perimeter of the field while in the middle of the area there were activities and completions. The [Hungerford Rugby Club](#) were challenging all comers to tug-of-war.

The Hungerford Club brought the barbecue round to the front of the clubhouse. The picnic tables were moved onto the grass area for the public to use while tables from the Croft Hall were placed at the front of the club. The pizza oven was in action round the back of the club and the the bar was selling drinks and taking payment for the pizzas, burgers and hot dogs.

Later the Hungerford Town band provided the accompaniment for a sing-along styled after the Last Night of the Proms. Of course the event was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Overall the Hungerford Town Council should be commended for organising an enjoyable, entertaining and happy occasion.

Thank you to all who helped.

We own a big “thank you” to all who helped set up the club to support this big event. A lot of planning went into the smooth running of the day. Orders were placed for supplies well in advance to make sure there were no disappointments. On the days immediately before the Jubilee Picnic volunteers put up bunting, decorated the tree in the High Street, moved benches, tables, chairs and, of course, the barbecue. During the day the BBQ was staffed by more volunteers with others acting as “runners” for the pizzas and helping in the bar. Then, of course, everything had to put away or taken down.

Thank you to all who were involved, helped or volunteered in anyway. It wouldn’t have been so successful without you.

Bowls Section

The Bowls season is now well underway with the weather so far being fairly kind to us (we have only been drenched once).

Last Monday 30th May our men were due to play their KLV League match against Didcot at 2pm. You may remember that at about 1.30pm the heavens opened and for about 30mins the rain was torrential with hail mixed in too. The green soon turned white with the hail.

You would have thought that this was the end of play for the day. But no, by 2.15pm the green had drained, the rain stopped and play began. A few years ago the green would have been a lake and we certainly would not have played that afternoon. It is a real testament to the hard work of the Contractors and Micky Lambourn that we now have such a good draining green, an excellent surface to play on.

Both the Open Day and Coaching evening had a number of people coming along to try their hand at bowls. They have been back to the Roll up sessions and we hope will be becoming members soon. It's good to see new faces beginning to enjoy the sport which we all love so much.

Both our KLV sides have had a reasonable start to the season. After four matches KLV A West 1 are now placed 4th in their division of 8 teams and KLV B West 3 are currently 3rd.

The Ashley Baker League team after 5 games are top having 2 points more than Lambourn in second place.

We are due to play two of our Trophy matches in June, away to Westlecot BC – Swindon for the Rose Bowl and at home to 3 Mile Cross – Reading for the Palmer Shield in memory of George Palmer a former member of both Clubs.

In between these two we have our President's Day where Vic Lardner will bring his invited side, made up of teams from many local clubs, to play against Hungerford. This is always a very enjoyable afternoon.

In July as a part of the HADCAF Summer Festival we will be having two "Taster Sessions" on Friday 1st July at 6pm and on Monday 4th July at 2pm. We hope that these sessions will create interest and bring some new bowlers to the Club.

For any more information please give me a ring:
Jennifer Bartter Tel 01488 684471 or 07872 849791

Tennis Section

Chairman's Welcome

First of all, the Tennis Committee would like to sincerely thank the sterling efforts of the significant number of members who assisted with serving, cleaning, cooking, tidying, and just being available to support the Jubilee Picnic – a credit to the club as a whole.



Club Play is all the rage. Apparently 22 were sighted on one recent evening (it could have been more). Team match play is in full swing and superbly supported, and some excellent results. We are also looking forward to the Tennis Open Day on 9th July – the day of the Wimbledon Women's Final.

The Hungerford Tennis Club Committee

Club and Member News

Hungerford Tennis Club Open Day During the Hungerford Summer Festival – 9th July

Mark your calendar for the Tennis Open Day which takes place during the Hungerford Summer Festival, hosted by our very own JK from Ignition Tennis on 9th July. It is focused largely on encouraging young players to the Club, so please spread the word and bring your young people down. Please contact JK via James.kilpatrick@ignitiontennis.com or 07745 375 570.

Schedule below:

- 11-11.30am Red (5-8 Years)
- 11.45am-12.15pm Orange (8-10 Years)
- 12.15-1pm Green/Teens (11+)
- 1.15-2pm Challenge the coach and champions

Match Team News (Captains' Reports)

Ladies A (most recent match report vs Woolton Hill Ladies A – 9th June)

Alice and Hannah started well winning 2 sets 6-3, 6-2 against a very strong opposition. Ann and Pauline battled against an even stronger pairing and unfortunately lost both sets. So 2 sets all at the halfway stage. With the sets taking so long the floodlights went on at this stage. Woolton Hill Ladies proved too good for us to take any more sets. Alice and Hannah lost narrowly 5-7 and 4-6. Ann and Pauline taking 4 and 1 games in the next 2 sets. Our ladies played some lovely tennis to watch, thanks to all the players and supporters.

Mixed A Summary

As we approach the halfway stage of the season, I think we have performed pretty well considering we have just come up to this division. We have won three of our four matches although trying to

stay calm on a Monday as everyone tries to arrange lifts and find forgotten racquets is a test of anyone's mettle. I think we are all enjoying our tennis and here's to a successful second half of the season.

Men's A Summary

The team are performing well under difficult and emotional times, Greg has left us for a short period choosing to take a holiday without Gary. Despite this we are strong as a team and helping him through this difficult time. We suffered our first loss this week against Woolton Hill, but watch this space, we will return to greatness once again.

Mixed B Summary

A brand-new team this year which emerged from general conversation after club play last summer when one person ventured the comment, "I'd like to play mixed as well as Ladies, can we have another mixed team?"

Well, the seed was sown, and the mixed B team is germinating very well with three wins from three matches! A fantastic result for this new team, especially since so far, we've had 11 different players and 8 different pairings! From now on the intensity builds as we often have two matches per week. Obviously, we seek to maintain our winning momentum.

Men's B Summary

So it is that we reach almost the halfway point in the season. We have tasted the glory of success in beating the eponymous Ridgeway's Yattendon but suffered defeat at the hands of Kintbury and Woolton hill. Having played no fewer than 10 players including Captains, and those representing the A and C teams, we represent all of the best our fine club has to offer. Here is to more if the same for the rest of the season.

Men's C Summary

Another season of glorious wins awaits the C team. We're just not sure which season as yet. With three matches completed the C team have fielded no less than 9 high performance players, proving that we are indeed a team for all abilities. The mid-season looms with a trip to Bucklebury which many commentators see as the turning point.

Many thanks to the captains for their ongoing updates which we understand all members enjoy.

Indoor Sports

Darts

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

Snooker Tables

The newly recovered snooker tables are being well used. If you are travelling to play it may be a good idea to phone the Club and check availability.

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

Many members may not know it but there's a toilet by the emergency exit from the snooker room. For some time it has been used as a store room but after the recent tidy up it is now accessible! We are putting together an estimate for reinstating it as a toilet.

Talking about the emergency exit from the snooker room. A volunteer kindly cut down the nettles and vegetation on the far left hand side of our property to give safe exit from the property. It also gives us access to the rear shed, air conditioning unit etc without having to pass through the kitchen.

To date haven't managed to view the rear flat felt roof and raised roof light with a Roofer to provide us with an estimate for the complete roof renewal. The existing covering has been laid nearly 15 years ago so has really come to the end of its life. Complete renewal will be the cheapest option in the long run for the Club. We are still hopeful of finding a suitable Roofer.

Finally, we are awaiting an estimate for the replacement of the existing carpet in the Snooker room with carpet tiles.

Trees

Some members have spotted orange markings on a number of trees especially near the tennis courts. The committee commissioned a thorough tree survey of all the trees on our land. Firstly they were aware that there are some Ash trees but also wanted to check on the condition and health of *all* the trees in case any attention or general maintenance is required.

Unfortunately, the Ash trees are all suffering from the Ash Dieback disease. As the disease affects the stability of the tree and the strength of the limbs, some of the trees will have to be removed for the safety of our members within our grounds and anyone in the canal towpath area. Other Ash trees may be reduced in size if the disease has not spread too far.

The intention is to undertake works this autumn and tree surgeons are being asked to quote for the works.