

HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2023



Welcome

Welcome to the July 2023 newsletter.

This is a slightly shorter newsletter but it is going out to all members now since there are some important dates coming up – not least the live music night. See below!!

Dates for your diary

- [Live Music Night with Liza Marshall](#) on 22nd Jul 2023 8:30:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house
- [Hungerford Club Beer Festival](#) on 26th Aug 2023, at Hungerford Club - club house
- [Bowls Competition Finals](#) on 9th Sep 2023, 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 – 11pm
Thursday	1pm – 11pm
Friday	12 noon – 11pm
Saturday	12 noon – 6:30pm
Sunday	12 noon – 6:30pm

News from The Steward

Debbie writes ...

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all for continuing to make your club the huge success that it is.

Also I would like to offer a warm welcome to all new members from all sections.

Beer Festival

I know it's early to mention this but our annual Beer Festival is rapidly approaching. Please, if you would like to lend a hand during the three days, 26th, 27th & 28th August, let me know. Whether it is flipping a burger or three, or pulling a pint, all help will be very welcome.

I have a great mix of beers, some ciders and possibly a guest fruity lager (subject to availability) and I have a great line up of music for us all to enjoy.

So please put the dates in your diary and come along and support your club.

Beers this month

Here's a list of the beers we have to come in the next few weeks.

- Cambridge Bitter – 3.8%, Elgoods. This is a Gold Medal winner!
- Gold Muddler – 3.9%, Andwell Brewery. A blonde ale with a fresh taste and citrus aromas.
- Lyde Pale – 4.6%, Andwell Brewery. A light golden pale ale.
- Tongham Tea best bitter – 4.2%, Hogs Back Brewery. A lingering malt sweetness leads to a long, satisfying finish. Named after the village of Tongham, which we have called home for 30 years.
- Bantam Best – 4.2%, Ainsty Brewery. An amber coloured best bitter.

Live Music evening

22nd July 2023 at 8:30pm

Grab your check shirts, cowboy boots and Stetsons and come down to the club for a fun evening of Country Music with singer Liza Marshall accompanied by our very own Kevan Bartholamew on steel guitar.

Kavan has played with many groups during his career including the Bellamy Brothes and Paloma Faith.

Although the music is billed to start at 8:30pm it would be wise to get down to the club earlier. You have been warned!

Take a look at Liza's webpage at <https://www.lizamarshall.com/gig-dates>

Tennis Section

Chairman's update

Dear members,

Just thought I would do a report on the events of our fundraising day on Saturday 24th June and say a few well deserved thanks.



Firstly, I'd like to thank all the members who gave up their time not just on the day but before hand too in order to make this all work. When I pitched up at 10.30 on Saturday morning there was already an army hard at work setting everything up. Everyone just seamlessly got on with setting up their piece of the action- no hassles, no dramas. It was very impressive.

The new beast of a BBQ took pride of place outside and it was soon fired up and ready for action. Rhian was serving even quicker than he does on court and all the burgers were gone within the first 90 mins...we had to urgently order more! Thank you to the BBQ Boys- Rhian, Jay, Denis, Alan and Cliff for feeding the masses (and making us lots of money!) see prosecco bar takings. There was however a nasty incident involving a dog (that shall remain nameless - you know who you are!) when Alan had a spectacular fall due to lead entanglement. Luckily, he survived and rumour has it he is auditioning for the new James Bond stuntman role.

The Prosecco bar was expertly set up by Alice and Jay - it looked like some dodgy 80s nightclub - and it wasn't long before the tunes were blasting and with Alice dancing for most of the day it really was the place to be. Alice pretty much single handedly made and sold Aperol Spritz and Prosecco and sold BBQ tickets (again taking in lots of dosh) with Kathryn C helping later in the afternoon. (Alice possibly over refreshed or over danced by this point...)

£671 in total including BBQ tickets

The Bric a Brac stall run by Chris T and Carole had so much stuff they needed about 3 tables and they tirelessly tricked people into buying stuff they didn't need (who knew I needed herb scissors!) £208.80

The plant stall run by Caroline and ably assisted by Shirley "the spliff" Winkless (I spotted what I thought was a cannabis plant but Shirley said it was a horse chestnut...a likely story) did a roaring trade and any leftover plants were then planted round the clubhouse on Sunday. The veg plant leftovers were donated to the allotments open afternoon for them to sell/use and they were very pleased to receive them which might explain why we don't have cabbages and courgettes growing in the club flower bed....£112.95

Diana's ceramics stall was a huge success. Diana donated lots of her ceramics and even made some new ones just for this day. The bowls glazed with the ash from the burning of the wood on the allotment were a particular success. Mike seemed to buy most of them! Diana has made a huge contribution to this day not only by her very generous donation of her ceramics but also securing a band to play for nothing and putting up posters round the town (once she had mastered the plastic ties!) Thank you so much Diana. £371.50

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The cake stall run by Peter and Helen had some spectacular bespoke cupcakes and big tennis cake to raffle - all professionally made by SJ (thank you SJ) as well as other delights to tempt the passers-by. There was a bit of an incident with a dog (same dog as above) and an umbrella but other than that, all went smoothly. £151

The Tombola stand run by Alison, Jen (and a little bit of Jerry) was awash with alcohol - the donations not the stall minders - so proved very popular. Even Matthew won something though the concept proved tricky to explain to him and he seemed a bit put out that his half used smelling salts didn't make it to the table... £110.30

The face painting run by Zuz, Isabel and Klara proved a huge success with both adults and kids getting involved in adding a bit of sparkle to the occasion and to Chris Ticehurst...suits you sir! £31.50

JK ran free tennis for all ages and although not over run with people he said there was always someone on court and we think we have 3 new members so far from this event.

So thank you JK for being on court for hours in the searing heat while we all drank and made merry outside the club! As ever, thank you Chris D for sorting the courts and for lending us tables and chairs from the Croft.

And lastly, a very big thank you to Debbie who worked like a Trojan all day pretty much on her own (thank you Andy for stepping in when it was really busy). Debbie is the heart of this club, always smiling, always working, always trying to do the best for us so we really are lucky to have her. Thank you Debbie, you are a star.

So the upshot is we took £1657.05 but we had some expenses so final tally from Bruce

(thank you Bruce) is

£ 1412.04

And just a final thank you to all the members who donated stuff, made stuff, lent stuff, came to the event and bought stuff, ate and drank stuff, thank you for making this fundraiser work. I know for everyone involved it was tiring but it did make us a decent amount of money and it was also fun, and I think that's just as important. And to anyone who didn't get involved, maybe you will next time...you know you want to!!

Over and out

Claire the Chair

P.S. apologies if I have missed anyone that I should have thanked. Also, was planning to attach some pics but can't seem to do that so again, apologies.