

CBC News

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everybody, and a Happy New Year

To see the success of the Bazaar was gratifying to see so many people and the masses of contributions made by all of you. My congratulations and thanks go to all the members who gave their time to, not only man the tables on the day, but also decorating the restaurant the day before which looked great 🍷. I am looking forward to hearing how much we achieved.

The boiler heating the restaurant, ladies changing room and offices upstairs has all but given up the ghost. This is being monitored at present but will be replaced in the new year.

The pipes to the radiators in the Indoor Arena will not be covered in. They have been lagged but for maintenance reasons and will stay as they are at present.

The slope from the fire door to the top left side of the indoor green has been agreed with Croydon Council which has been a long process due to the drop. Tony Bourne has this in hand and the hardcore in the Car Park will be used for this purpose, so bear with us.

I also wish to thank you all for the support you have given to the club and to the various committees who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. We cannot survive without these volunteers. Thank you again.

Ladies Indoor Section

Unfortunately we are out of the representative games, the Yetton, Yetton Plate and Masons. We have had to concede the Vivienne as we were unable to put a team together.

The match sheets are up until the end of January, so please do put your names down and play in these when you can. We really want to keep all of these fixtures if we can, but we need you to play in them to keep them going, so please keep your eyes on the boards. We decided to cancel the mixed Charity Match just before Christmas as there is a men's match away and it was obvious we would not get enough names. The Captain vs Vice Captain game we have postponed due to lack of support and the fact that it was close to Christmas, but we hope to rebook this.

We are trying a new Mixed Aggregate on Saturdays at 11.45 for 2 hours. This will normally be 3 rinks, but keep your eye on the diary in case there is anything else on. This is being run by Chris Uphill, so it would be nice to see some support.

Happy Bowling everyone and Happy New Year.

Chris

Club AGM

Please note the date for the Club AGM, Monday 4th February at 7pm.

Please support this, it's your chance to find out what is going on and to have your say.

We are still looking for a **Club Treasurer/Finance Director**, so if you

feel you could fill this post please contact Gill Harrison, the Club Secretary on 020 8669 8713.

POPPIES

Thank you to all who bought crocheted poppies and a big Thank You to Jane Seymour for making them. They raised £163.91 for the Royal British Legion.



200 Club monthly draw

OCTOBER WINNERS

£100	No 18031	Ken Wolston
£ 70	No 17199	Paul Grant
£ 30	No 16934	Tina Welsh

NOVEMBER WINNERS

£100	No 17479	Tricia Wright
£ 70	No 18465	Grace O'Shea
£ 30	No 17181	Brenda Rutt

DECEMBER WINNERS

£100	No 19037	Ruby Bowdery
£ 70	No 17724	Mike Trounce
£ 30	No 17960	John Hilton

The 200 Club is open to all Bowling and Social Members

APPLICATION FORMS ARE IN THE FOYER

Tina Welsh – Draw Manager

SOCIAL NEWS

A Happy New Year to all our members and families – we hope 2019 will be a wonderful year for us all. Keep supporting your club and Happy Bowling.

Our last Newsletter was some time ago, we have held a number of events since then, and are now gearing up and organising a full program of new and exciting events for 2019. Most of these are now in the diaries in the club.

Following our AGM, we would like to welcome Dave Barkway and Chris Davies to the committee, sadly Tina Welsh our Treasurer has stepped down but Jane Williams is taking her place, Mandy Reeves has left the committee but will be helping in all of the ways she has done so splendidly in the past. Thanks to both Tina and Mandy for all their help in the past.

John came up trumps again with the theatre trip to see Tina the musical at the Aldwych. These events do take some organising – so thanks to John – another spectacular trip!!! – John followed this up with another very successful theatre trip at the end of November, “Everyone’s talking about Jamie”, more planned for 2019.....

We had 10 teams enter for our “alternative quiz night” in September. The evening was supposed to be a bit different and went well. (Maggie was in the wining team....).

We held another very successful Open Day on **21st October** and we hopefully recruited nine new members. Thanks to everyone who were there on the day, it makes a huge difference when prospective members attend to see the place busy and full of enthusiastic people. We do plan to make the Open Days a regular event.

On 2nd November we welcomed the “Mersey legends” to the club, and I am sure everybody who attended had a wonderful evening listening to the Liverpool music from the 60’s and 70’s.

Although not strictly a social club event we did welcome a group of cubs to the club on 7th November, and it was wonderful to see sixteen 8 to 10 year olds loving the sport. Thanks to all of the helpers that night, Rick Long, Ann Rathwell, Mandy Reeves and Yvonne Russell, I think they enjoyed it as much as the cubs.

Dave Barkway has been very busy during the past few weeks trying to get local companies to sponsor us. Hopefully over the next few weeks you will start to see the fruition of that work with new advertising boards appearing in the indoor Hall and one on the outside Green. Please support these companies. We do charge for the advertising and all profits go directly to the club. Some of these Companies also help with raffles and other donations.

Our annual bazaar was once again organised by Marion Branch and her trusty band of helpers they raised in excess of £1500 for the club. Well done all of you.

We had another brilliant quiz at the end of November hosted by the indomitable Maggie a brilliant night as usual. 64 people attended.

Help for Heroes was our choir’s charity this year and was a great success over 60 people joined in the festivities and £243 was raised.

Our Grand Christmas raffle was drawn 14th December, over 800 tickets were sold, and 26 prizes purchased or donated.

Thanks to Yvonne for organising the prizes and the draw. Our thanks also go to those of you who donated some very good prizes and help sell tickets.

“Face the music” came up trumps again at the Christmas dance, 75 people danced their way into the night. A good time had by all.

If you have any suggestions, please forward them. If you have any contacts with local advertising please let us know – contact Alan Hart on 0777 2022 156 or email alan9483@aol.com

We already have a number of events planned for 2019 and these are on display in the club:

Bingo Night returns on 18th January and John Hilton will be our Master of Ceremonies. Get there early to buy your books of tickets which will be sold at 7.00 pm (£7 for a book of 6 games).

During the interval “flyers” will be sold – dependant on numbers attending - and reverse bingo tickets.

“Frank and Stein” are back on 8th February and tickets now on sale. This was a sell out last year - which is why we have brought them back.....however, with a different show. Don’t be disappointed – get your tickets early.

LIGHTS, CURTAINS, ACTION!

Yes, the curtains will soon go up for the start of another year and Croydon Bowling Club members and their invited guests will have another opportunity to enjoy all the excitement of a trip to see a West End show. In 2020 it will be ten years since the social committee took the decision to organise regular theatre trips. The benefits have been immeasurable both to those that participate and the club. How many times have you got back on the coach having come away from the show with that buzz that feel good factor and your spirits lifted. The club have benefited from the small premium added into the cost of each ticket and whilst they are committed to cover any losses I am pleased to say to date that hasn’t happened. This is largely due to your continued support. The demand for tickets for every new production advertised is such that most shows are sold out in less than a week.

So what’s in store for 2019?

9 TO 5 The Musical	6th March 2019	Sold Out with a long reserve list
Abbaphonic	29th May 2019	Sold Out with short reserve list
On Your Feet	7th August 2019	Sold Out no reserve list
Further Show	Details TBA	

If you are interested in any of the above shows please ask me to put you on the reserve list. Booking so far in advance people sometimes do have to cancel.

In 2019 there will be a small increase in the overall cost of our theatre trips this is due mainly to changing our coach company and an emissions levy. After 29th March there will be increase charges imposed by the Mayor of London for coaches entering the City. However, we are committed to continue to give you a great night out at the best price possible.

Thank you for your continued support, and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

John Hilton