



Hello from the JMC

As the new outdoor bowls season for 2020 is rapidly approaching, we wanted to let you know what we have been doing over the past few months and to update you all on the current condition of the club house.

If anyone would like to talk to anyone from the JMC about any of the items below, we will be available on signing on night and of course at any of our bowls sessions during the season.

Co-Op JMC members: Liz Giles, Dave Giles, Martin Askham, Christine Williams

Caer Glow JMC members: Maureen Richards-Smart, Sara Shortland, Lyn Brighty, Andy Price

### **Greens Maintenance**

Some of you may already be aware that Colin Bruton has been the green keeper for a considerably long time. It was some 2 years ago that Colin informed the JMC that he felt he would no longer be able to continue this role giving both clubs sufficient notice, in the hope we might be able to find volunteers to take on this work.

It is unfortunate that both clubs have been unable to find volunteers to manage the green and we have made the decision to contract for 1 year in the first instance with local Greenkeeper, Duncan Smith. He comes highly recommended and he will undertake the greens maintenance and mowing during the year 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Duncan has many years of experience as a greensman and does work at other local clubs as well.

We have also agreed to maintain and hold on to the equipment used by Colin for the next year, whilst we ensure that everything works well with the new contract.

I'm sure you would all like to join me in thanking Colin for his hard work and dedication to keeping the green maintained, and the many hours I'm sure he's been at the club when all of us were quite happily having a cuppa in the garden. Thank you Colin.

### **Disruption to club during the Winter**

Shortly after Christmas we discovered problems with the electrics then a few days later, water coming through the ceiling.

It turns out we had a family staying with us, a family of squirrels. Unfortunately, they created a lot of damage including biting their way through the plastic heating pipes in the attic, hence the water leaks and chewing their way through the electric cables. This didn't however seem to have any effect on their health!!

We quickly called out a plumber, an electrician and a Pest Controller. We had four different areas of plastic piping at differing points in the attic which needed replacing, the electric cabling which runs from one end of the club house to the other has to be replaced and we have now managed to evict 7 squirrels that had taken up the use of our attic space.

It was unfortunate that we had some disruption over one weekend, but we have managed to keep the building open since. We still need to do some repairs to the exterior of the building to stop any future invaders getting access to the roof space. All in all, it will have cost us a considerable amount of money, approximately £1,400, to get all this sorted.

Thank you to all who have given up their time to help us get through this particularly difficult time.

**Bar Prices**

We have not increased the prices of drinks for 2 years, and we have made a decision to review the bar prices. Some of the drinks we purchase at a higher premium and we sell on to you at the same price of some of the lower brands. Please be assured that we are not going to make increases across the board, and the increase will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

**Advertising Boards**

You will soon be able to see that we have been successful in getting some local businesses to advertise within our club grounds. This brings in some income so if you can think of any businesses that would be interested in putting up a board, please let Christine Williams know.

**JMC Minutes**

There is now a folder by the photocopier which contains the Minutes from the JMC meetings. Please read them and return them to the folder; as you can appreciate they are private and confidential to both our clubs.

**New since September**

You may have noticed that the Storage Area is now up and running along with new fencing to make the club more secure and you will also be able to park on the new parking area at the weekends and evenings.

**Volunteers**

The JMC will still be asking for members help with a number of jobs that need to be done throughout the summer season in order to keep the club up to standard.

It is intended that the grounds maintenance ie hedge cutting and tidying up around the club house, will still be needed. Therefore, we will retain the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in every month to meet at 9.30am (April to September) to carry out these jobs. Your clubs need you to give up an hour of your time to help keep the club and clubhouse looking good.

We're now close to Opening of the Green and the club needs its yearly Spring Clean. Can you please give a couple of hours of your time on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am?

The jobs are not too onerous but if shared, can be completed even quicker with more hands about the place. Do think about this, we still need everyone to chip in and do their part. Please speak to one of the JMC members if you want to have a chat about this.

We are also short of 40 slabs to finish around the storage area, do you know of anyone that would like to dispose of some?

Thank you.