

# NEWSLETTER – Issue No. 2 - March 2020



Hello Members

Following on from the first newsletter in February, below is an update of what has been happening during the last month.

## Greens Maintenance

As mentioned in the last e-mail Colin Bruton has now hung up his grounds maintenance boots and will be able to enjoy more time in his own garden.

Duncan Smith has taken over our greens maintenance and he will be cutting the green on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. If you're up early enough and you see Duncan, be sure to say hello.

## Disruption to the clubhouse during the Winter

You may be aware we had some furry visitors during January and February, some rather annoying squirrels. The cost of their stay in our attic has been expensive, the repairs to the plumbing, electrics and the cost of the pest controller came to £1,320, a very expensive time for the club.

Everything has now been repaired and in fact, certain lighting has been completely changed and brought up to date so you might find it quite bright in the ladies and gents changing rooms and the kitchen.

## Bar Prices

As we mentioned in the previous newsletter, it has been 2 years since the JMC increased the bar prices. I'm sure most of you will agree that our club's bar prices are quite possibly the cheapest of all bowls clubs that we visit in and around the county, and we do have to cover the costs of increasing price rises made by our suppliers. There is a general increase across most of the drinks by 10p. The increase will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

## Volunteers needed for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

A reminder that before we open up the clubhouse, we need to give it its annual Spring Clean. If you can spare a couple of hours of your time please come to the club for 9.30am, please speak to Chris Williams (Co-op) or Lin Brighty (Caer-Glow).

## Volunteers needed for 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month in the Summer season

Even though we now have Duncan undertaking the work on the green, we still require help maintaining other parts of the club.

The cutting of the edge of the green, trimming of the hedges around the green and wheel barrowing away the cuttings, weeding in the ditches and adding new ditch fill, cutting the grass in the car park area just to start with!

It would be lovely to see as many people as can possibly make it on the following dates, arrival by 9.30am – there will always be a tea or coffee and a bicky ready for those prepared to roll up their sleeves. The **Thursday** dates are:

2<sup>nd</sup> April  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
5<sup>th</sup> June  
2<sup>nd</sup> July  
6<sup>th</sup> August  
3<sup>rd</sup> September

Put the dates in your diaries and pop along, it's likely that you might meet people you don't always get to see. It would be fabulous to see people getting stuck in to helping out as much as they can.

### **Bar Rota/Duty**

As it's been some time since some of us have done our turn behind the bar, can we please remind you to re-stock the fridge in the bar area when you have a quiet moment. This particular part of the bar management takes up quite a considerable amount of Martin's time. All help is appreciated.

Can we also remind you to please take home the bottles and cans for recycling.

Thank you

### **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 gives us a considerable boost to our 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**

As a reminder, 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.

### **Keys to the gates and club house**

If you don't yet have a key to the gates and club house and you would like to purchase one at £5, please speak to any of the JMC or club Committee members.

### **Club/Bar Opening**

The last short mat evening is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. After that the bar will be open on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The opening of the green will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

### **New since September**

The Storage Area is now in use and looking very smart in the area by the car park. We have had a lot of volunteers giving their time to building this and laying the slabs, and generally making the area look very pleasant. Also thank you to all who have donated the slabs.

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of all members, we would like to thank everyone who has been involved with any of the jobs over the winter season and have given their time voluntarily to ensure that the club is in good repair and looking smart ready for the new season.

There has been a lot of co-ordination needed to ensure that the club is fit for purpose and this doesn't go unrecognised.

Thank you all.

### **Come and talk to us**

If you feel there is something you would like to talk to anyone of the JMC committee about, please do so. We would like to hear your views and comments.

### **And finally**

We trust that all members have a terrific summer season of bowls. Do enjoy your games and any competitions that you enter. It's good to have fun and we look forward to seeing you all back once again, and to hopefully introducing some new members to our lovely world of bowls.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail in the future, be sure to give your e-mail address to your club secretary, Sara Shortland for Caer Glow and Chris Williams for the Co-op.

### **JMC Committee members:**

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