



## CROXLEY GUILD BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

**Together we will Honour the Past, Celebrate the Present, and  
go confidently into the next 100 years**

### A Royal day out



Twenty four bowlers, 14 guests and a very friendly coach driver set off from the club on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May for our 1<sup>st</sup> centenary match of the year. The M25 was clear and we entered the inner sanctum of Windsor Great Park well in time for our match against the Royal Household Bowls Club.

The club was opened on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1921 by King George V and Queen Mary and their woods are exhibited in the club house today. The club still retains its royal roots as only members of the household can hold full membership and officer status. Everyone else who wishes to join, have to be nominated and vetted before associate membership is given.

We were made to feel extremely welcome and it was interesting to see how they have kept more traditional values in dress – both the ladies and gentlemen have to arrive in blazers and ties, change for the match and then back again for refreshments. Jackets are only permitted to be removed once the Royal Toast has been made.

The weather was blustery but dry and our bowlers did us proud with an overall win against a strong opposition. A meal was served after the match which we all enjoyed.



A warm welcome to those who have joined the club recently:

Shiela Brady, Graham Crane, Nikki Crane, James Dean, Roy Hankinson, Duane Harvey, Norman Monthy, Stella Monthy, Mark Thorpe and Sara Walker.

Club competitions – details of the pairings for the club competitions have been put up in the men's and ladies changing rooms. Please ensure that the 1<sup>st</sup> round matches are played by the date specified.

May has been a busy month for matches with both the men's and ladies' teams having good wins in the County and Watford & District matches.

The men have got through to the second round of the Griffin Cup beating Watford Cassiobury and the Ladies A team got through to the County 4's quarter finals.

The club gala shield on May 17<sup>th</sup> was won by Andy Walker, Virginia Rogers and David Young.

The Bank Holiday drive on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was well attended with over 30 members participating. Thank you to Hazel F (Scoots) for providing delicious cakes.

In contrast to the chilly weather at the beginning of May, the Bank Holiday drive on May 25<sup>th</sup> was very hot! Despite the heat the afternoon was a great success, though bowling had to be constrained to 4 ends at a time, with lots of drinks in between. The game was followed by a BBQ organised by Sue Judge.

## Dates for your diary

### June 2026

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June - Club Campbell Cup 2.30pm – sign up sheet on noticeboard

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm home match - Ray Cup round 2 v Garston

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June – Croxley Green Revels

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June – Rickmansworth School visit am

## Centenary events for your diary

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Croxley v The Bohemians	away
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Croxley v Watford and District Men	home
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Croxley v The Chelsea Pensioners	home
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> /Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Hosting Watford and District Ladies Final	home
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Croxley v Herts County Past Presidents	home
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Croxley v Herts County Team	home
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Finals weekend	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Croxley v Friends of English Bowls	home
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 27 Sept	End of Season Celebration	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Potters Hopton trip	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Centenary Dinner and Presentation evening	

## **My Memories by Val Hunt**

My bowls life started in about 2014 when my friend Doug Flint decided I needed to get out and enjoy myself, after losing my hubby.

So, Monday night roll up came and he picked me up (to make sure I would go!) and I had my first try at bowls. A chap called Roger Cattermall had the task of showing me the rules. I couldn't have been that bad as I won the Tyro Cup in 2015. Monday night roll ups were a lot of fun especially after the game when we were treated to delicious cakes made by Rita, which went down well with my Guinness.

Quiz nights were great fun – The Flowers – Trevor and Denise, made a lovely chilli or curry and a veggie one for me.

I miss a lot of the old crowd – Jed Mellor, Mary Mazey and especially Sue and Russell Hart. Russell had a nickname for me – Bugs Bunny as I am a vegetarian.

Joining the club has been a lot of fun and I recommend it to anyone especially if you are on your own – may it always continue.

If anyone has memories that they wish to share please email me at [andy.v.cole@gmail.com](mailto:andy.v.cole@gmail.com)