

GRANGE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

Well, here we are in a new club year with lots to look forward to, so here is the latest news....

Membership – This month we welcome 2 new adult and 3 junior tennis members and welcome back Carol Skinner who has been a Grange bowler for a number of years. We look forward to seeing you all, and hope you enjoy the benefits of being a member of our local, social and friendly club.

Sadly, we have received the news that Jeanette Carroll passed away last week. This lovely lady always had a smile when she attended the club, from her years working at Smiths (formerly lodge plugs) and enjoying the sports and social club until the Grange was formed. She, was frequently at the social events in recent years and will be missed very much by all. Our thoughts at this time are with Jack and the family. Details of her funeral will be sent out by email shortly.

On the subject of membership thank you to all who have renewed theirs. There is still time to do this as the committee have extended the renewal date to 30th April 2023. Please also ensure you have completed the new data protection form.

Tennis - Well done to the ladies who won the Northampton Winter league div.4. excellent result. Unfortunately, the men had a harder time especially when one team dropped out and all their opponents had points deducted, this left the men in 5th place in div.6. The men's vets finished 4th that's midtable in the vet's div.2.

The mixed team in div 3 were trying to defend their title when it all came down to the last match. They finished 3rd but there were only 4 points between the top 3 teams. Well done, great effort.

Bowls – The first match took place last weekend. The mixed team managed to scrape a 97-95 win away at Hinckley. Close game but a win is a win and a very good start to the season. Unfortunately, the next match against Southam has been cancelled by them. We intend to have a friendly game amongst ourselves instead.

There are more team selections underway for both friendly and competitive matches so please make sure your name is down so you do not miss out.

Finals day in 2022 was delayed to later in September due to us have a jolly good time on tour. It was a much colder day and had less spectators than normal to cheer the bowlers on. With this in mind it has been decided to reinstate the finals to the time we have always played it for years. So please amend your fixture books accordingly, the club finals will be on the 10th Sept. 2023 and the club triples match will be on the afternoon of the 24th Sept.

Bar – The bar committee have informed us that they have increased the prices on a small selection of the drinks. It is a great credit to them that they have managed to delay this increase throughout the winter season with prices shooting up the way they are.

The bar committee are looking for support, if you are willing to help with shopping or by manning the bar, they would love to hear from you. We have a good team who work on a rota basis, so it does not mean you will be overloaded you can do as much or as little as you wish. Please contact Ian Box the bar rep for more information.

Social – The recent race night was a great success, some of us were luckier than others, but all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The music bingo was brilliant too. The events raised a much appreciated £503 for the club.

Next up is the Crazy Bowl's Day on the coronation bank holiday Monday 8th May, we now have 32 willing volunteers to take up the challenges. Here's hoping we get the weather to support the day. If you have not got your name down let me know as I would like 2 or 3 reserves. Also, if you are coming along to watch and would like food, please let us know for catering purposes. This event is for all members and all spectators are welcome.

On Saturday 28th May we were be holding our second ever Summer Fete, details of this will be posted out to members soon, but, if you can help out in anyway, please let a committee member know. We will be open to both members and the public to join in the fun on the day.

The lottery draw has recently made Pat Hall and Faye Phipps-Hall winners, why not have a go and see if you can join them.

Finally, have you had a look at our website yet. As we collate data protection permissions from each member, upon membership renewal, we can really start rolling out more details for you to access. Maybe, you have news you would like to share if so, speak to any of the committee to find out how.

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