



# WROTHAM BOWLS CLUB - Pre-Season Newsletter 2018

## BOWLS CLUB WEBSITE

Thanks go to Mick Adnett, our Bowls Club webmaster, who has posted two reports on the history of Wrotham's bowling green on our website.

These were prepared by a professional historian and an archaeologist and are extremely interesting.

We are indeed fortunate to play in such beautiful, historic surroundings.

To read the reports visit [www.wrothambowls.co.uk](http://www.wrothambowls.co.uk) then click on the link on the bowling green picture.

## WROTHAM BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date for our AGM is Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at St George's Hall, Wrotham. 10.00am for 10.30am start. Please come along to hear how our Club did this year and what our plans are for the following season. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee. (It is also a good opportunity to swap Christmas cards and save postage!)

## RINK STEWARDS

On Home Match days, check to see if you have been selected as a rink steward. The rink stewards are responsible for putting out the rink furniture.

Stewards should be at the bowling green at least one hour before the match start time. They will also then be available to greet our visitors should they arrive early.

## EASTBOURNE TOUR 2018

This year's tour is from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Matches have been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. As usual, we will be staying at our favourite hotel, The Langham.

## DRESS CODE

**Ladies** may wear skirts, trousers, crops or tailored shorts (with BE Logo). White or Club tops above the waist, white or grey below. Brown, grey or white flat soled bowling shoes. On match days, especially away matches, Club flashes and Blazers should be worn on arrival

**Men** should wear a white or Club shirt above the waist with white or grey trousers and/or tailored shorts (with BE Logo). Brown, grey or white flat soled bowling shoes. On match days, especially away matches, blazers should be worn, on arrival

On ALL occasions, any shorts worn by WBC team members must exhibit the Bowls England Logo. In National, Kent County and Club Friendly Matches, each WBC team of pairs, triples or fours (Rinks), must be wearing the same colour top (as each other) and bottom (as each other).

## CLUB COMPETITION DATES

### Ladies -v- Gents

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30 pm

### Captain -v- Vice Captain

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July @ 2.30 pm

### 90 Up Competition

Sat/Sun 28/29<sup>th</sup> July @ 10.30 am

### Cyril Martin Competition

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August @ 10.30am

### Don's Trophy (Aussie Pairs)

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August @ 10.30 am

### Finals Weekend

Sat/Sun 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September

## RACE NIGHT

This year our Race Night is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September in St George's Hall, as usual. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time so make sure the date is in your diary. This is our main fund-raising venture and family and friends are very welcome – the more the merrier!

## FRIENDLY MATCHES

The majority of our fixtures are friendly matches against local village clubs. We play over fifty friendly matches each season. They are usually triples and are very enjoyable, with a break in the middle where we sit down for a cup of tea, a cake and a chat, followed by a short speech by the Captains and a raffle. New bowlers are encouraged to put their name down for a friendly match as soon as they feel ready. There is no better way to learn the game and you will be on a rink with two other members to show you what to do.

## LEAGUE MATCHES

Ladies play league on Mondays (two triples involving six ladies), Men on Fridays (Six triples involving 18 men). Matches start at 6pm, some are at home and some away. Sometimes the club may be short of a player due to sickness or holidays. If you are asked to play, do consider it seriously as it is the greatest way to gain experience - you will be playing against the other club's best bowlers and they will be at their most competitive.