

## GRANGE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

Hello to you all – I do hope you are keeping well as we make our way out of winter. With the days being milder and the daylight lasting longer we can all start to feel spring fast approaching, a time of year with much to do .....

**Your clubhouse** - could do with a little bit of your time in the next couple of months. As you may have heard on the Grange grapevine our trusty 'Doug the Maintenance manager' otherwise known as MM, is stepping back from the role he has carried for a few years. Doug has led his teams of merry men well. They have turned the club around into the brighter refreshed clubhouse we all enjoy today. With this in mind we will rely on your support to take on the tasks and routines he has covered. If you can do a weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even an annual check for us we would appreciate it. We are currently putting together a list of jobs to be carried out. In the meantime, please have a think about how you could help, maybe attending the club whilst a contractor works, or reading the meters once a month, cleaning the windows from time to time or maybe you will love to get a birds eye view of our surroundings by going up on the roof once a month to check it is ok and clear any tennis balls, especially from the gutters. If you are prepared to put yourself forward for our tasklist please let us know - we will find something that's right for you. Thanks

With all this in mind please note that the club Clean Up day will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, details and times will be advertised nearer the time.

**Club security** - It is very important that when leaving the club, we all ensure it is locked and secured correctly. It is so very easy to forget something or become distracted on your way out

So here is a reminder for the last person out....

Are the lights all out and the taps turned off? All appliances should be turned off at the plug except fridges or items on charge e.g. the tennis ball server. The interior doors should all be closed – Did you know some of them have contact points for the alarm system?

The door that goes out onto the bowls green should be bolted top and bottom – Did you know this should always be undone when you are in the clubhouse as part of the Fire Safety Regulations? Are all the shutters down and both the top and bottom lock on the main door locked. Check all gates are closed and padlocked and the padlock codes have been moved.

I realise many of you already know this, but unfortunately, we have had incidents already this year. We have found lights left on, the door locks not both being secured, interior doors not shut, the chain jammed in the gate mechanism and the padlocks left on the code. We do fortunately have the security camera from which we can keep on eye on the comings and goings at the club, but for obvious security purposes and to comply with our club insurance we do need every member to take extra care when leaving the premises. If you have any problems, please contact a member of the committee as soon as possible.

Finally, if you are out on the tennis courts or the bowls green, please ensure the main door is secured or monitored as it is very easy to just walk in!!

**Socially** – Since the last newsletter we had a great Quiz night, with 11 teams competing. Many thanks to Richard and Christine for hosting a good fun evening and also to Jane, Louise and Pat for the excellent homemade soups. The questions were a good mix with some easier than others, I still cannot believe when being stumped as to what a collection of porcupines are called, our silly guess off a 'Prickle' was actually the answer. Got lucky!!! So did the club as thanks to all who helped and those who quizzed we raised £520 great result.

Then we had another Sunday lunch, a delicious 3 course meal was enjoyed by 52 members and guests. All then puzzled hard at the St Valentines quiz courtesy of Katherine, now either I am just not a romantic or it was a bit hard! Bingo was fun with our Ian and his bag of balls, plus of course the raffle. Altogether we raised another £580. Thank you to all the team who helped put this event on, there are too many of you to mention individually.

**Bowls** The ladies have had the timetable for the Coventry and District league and I am pleased that the new organiser has taken onboard our polite request to have a bye whilst we are on tour, this has taken a weight of my mind as we will not have to forfeit a round.

Bowls England have put together a number of proposals they would like to make to improve the competitive bowls events in England. The ladies and mens county are currently holding meetings where delegates from all clubs can vote for or against each proposal. Once collated the collective result for Warwickshire will be taken to a national meeting where county reps will put our vote forward. If anyone wishes to know what the proposals are please contact either Steve Martin or myself.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - RACE NIGHT!!! – always a popular night with races and hopefully some music bingo!! Come along and try your luck there will be a Sausage and Jacket Potato supper, and the bar will be open throughout. Doors open 6.30, start at 6.45 prompt - £7 members and £8 guests, we already have a lot of interest so if you have not put your name down yet, do not wait to long to avoid disappointment.

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Ladies Bowls pre-season meeting to be held at 7pm.

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – The Club AGM to be held 7pm prompt please attend if you can it is your chance to have a say and for all full members to have a vote.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Clean Up Day.

### **Hot off the press**

We are delighted to announce that the club has retained its Food Hygiene 5 rating. This follows a spot check carried out by Rugby Borough Councils Environmental Department this afternoon. The inspector said she was very impressed with the cleanliness of the Kitchen,

bar and cellar, she also congratulated us on our catering and cleaning regimes. So on behalf of all our members I would like to extend a huge thank you TO the cleaning teams and members who are involved in catering. You are a credit to the club.

That's all for now folks – hope to see you all soon.