

GRANGE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

Hi everyone, you probably like myself are wondering when summer is going to arrive this year, but our summer season is well underway and here is the latest club news.

I start firstly with some very sad news; the committee has just been told of the loss of Sue Boyes a long serving tennis member. She sadly passed away suddenly 6 weeks ago. Our condolences to her family. Also, we are very sorry to hear of the passing of Brian Thompson husband of Eileen another tennis member, again our thoughts are with you and the rest of your family.

Some of you may have heard that Dave Robinson a long serving bowls member has been admitted to hospital recently. I am currently advised Dave has been undergoing treatment at the UCHW and is responding well. We wish you further speedy recovery Dave and I am sure you will be back complete with your usual cheeky comments soon.

Tennis – Many are taking full advantage of getting out on the courts, 3 matches of the double's competition have taken place so far and it has been good to see the supporters at these games.

Thanks to the contributors of the slabs and the volunteers who are laying them around the courts to improve the surfaces.

Bowls – The men are having a successful season so far unbeaten in their friendly games. The Friendship cup league and Cov 6 and now underway along with many other competitions.

The ladies have had 7 friendlies winning 3 of them. Sadly, they were beaten in a close Cov 6 cup match, our first time in this event. Well, done to those who gave it a good go better luck next year. The Sunday Trophy ladies league is also underway.

Last Saturday a bowls fun day was held for ladies both new and experienced. This was well attended and enjoyed, and as a result we are looking forward to welcoming 2 new bowling members and being joined by tennis members who want to try their hand at bowls. You are all very welcome.

Bowls Comps – The men and ladies competition secretaries have now completed the draws which are now posted up at the club. Can I just point out that a lot of bowlers are on tour from 24th Aug, returning on Sunday 1st September and finals day is Sun 8th Sept only 1 week later. It is only fair we give the comp secs time to plan the finals day timetable. Therefore, please all ensure you have played your comps in plenty of time. If players are going to be on tour the semi finals will need to have been played before the tour. Please bear this in mind. Thanks.

In the last newsletter I asked for your opinion on continuing with the keepsake trophies for the bowls competitions, an alternative suggestion put forward was a Certificate instead. Thankyou to those who have passed on your thoughts. Everyone who got back to me said

they did not want these trophies. The committee have discussed this and have decided to issue Certificates to winners and runner ups instead this year. We will then review how this goes.

Summer Fete - This year's fete will be held on Sunday 30th June, there is a lot being planned and has in the past been a great day for members of both the club and the community. Please support if you can by coming along and joining in the fun. If you have any donations for the Tombola or Raffle or can provide homemade cakes, these would be gratefully received, please bring them up to the club as soon as possible. Let's just hope the sun puts in an appearance, it would be nice!

Club concerns - There have been a couple of concerns brought to the committees' attention over the last few weeks, by several members these are....

Firstly, children have been seen unsupervised on the premises including in the clubhouse, on a few occasions. May we remind you children are very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times and not be left alone. Only junior members can play tennis or bowls at the club as they via their membership are covered. Please do not leave any child member or guest unattended. Thanks.

Secondly, the club has not be secured correctly on a couple of occasions only today for our committee meeting we arrived to find the gates left open. This is becoming concerning, only a few newsletters ago we found it necessary to point this out. So, we say again, if you are the last to leave you must...

1. Ensure all lights are out.
2. Ensure all internal doors are closed
3. Ensure all external doors are locked/secured
4. Ensure all shutters are down
5. Ensure all gates are locked.

It is paramount that when the club is unattended it is secured correctly. Not only does this deter any unwanted incidents it ensures the clubs insurance is valid.

Any further incidents that leave the club vulnerable will put the committee in the unwanted position of taking action for future protection. Please do your bit to keep our club safe.

Thank you.

Finally, I wish you good luck for the continued tennis and bowls season.

Brenda