



# SUTTONS BOWLS CLUB - NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS SUMMARY

We hope you've had a good winter rest and an enjoyable indoor season.

The social committee have been actively planning for the coming season – see opposite and our new website / club notice board.

The recent AGM was well attended with Peter Hitt agreeing to stand as VP for 2018.

As always help is needed to run the club – please see the back page for more detail.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Committee members

Please feel free to approach the following with any queries you may have:

President - David Keen  
Vice President – Peter Hitt  
Treasurer – Len Lindsell  
Secretary – Nina Davis  
Bar Manager – Paul Day  
Greenkeeper – Ken Nash  
Captain/Member rep – Dave Jeanes  
Vice-Captain/Member rep – John Matthews  
Match Secretary – Steve Ford  
Ladies committee rep – Carol Dover  
Mens' committee rep – Paul Day  
Members' rep – Sheilah Walker

## Welcome to the latest Club News

### Upcoming Events

Sat 14 April – Open Evening 7pm: an opportunity to meet up with friends and put your name down for matches.

Sunday 15 April: Treasure Hunt - Enjoy a trip around the countryside in your car picking up clues on the way. Afterwards – Sunday Lunch at 1pm.

Sat 19 May – Ladies v Gents with Fish & Chip supper to follow.

Sat 23 June – Entertainer/ Maggie London including supper £10. TBC

### Key Dates

Mon 16 April – Green opens (weather dependant)

Sat 21 April – 1<sup>st</sup> match Bassetsbury Manor (Away); Five mixed triples, 2:15pm start

Sun 22 April – 1<sup>st</sup> Club Open Day, 10am-4pm

Mon 30 April – Monday Night Club restarts, from 6:15pm

Wed 02 May – 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Open Day, from 5:30pm

### 2018 Suttons Fixtures

The Fixture Book is now available, pick yours up from the Clubhouse. Friendlies coming up in April:

21 Apr – Bassetsbury Manor (Mixed/ Away)

24 Apr – Windsor G Park (Ladies/ Away)

25 Apr – Tilehurst (Mens/Ladies - Home)

28 Apr – Gt Hollands (Mixed/ Away)

29 Apr – Burghfield (Mixed/ Home)

See the Fixture Book for all the detail.

### County News

The County Handbooks are now available – pick yours up from the Clubhouse.

As many of you know, Betty Reed (of Suttons) is this year's Ladies President of the [RCBBA](#). Betty hosts the Ladies Captains & Secretaries game on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May at Suttons starting 2pm**. Put this date in your diary and come along to watch.

### Breaking News

Mike steps down as Bar Manager – well done to Mike for all his hard work in this role. Paul Day takes over – see his message overleaf.

Thanks also to Chris Lloyd for setting up the new Suttons website. Go to [Suttonswebsite](#) to view.

### Food/Social Events

The last Sunday lunch is Sun 15 April £8pp starting 1pm; ring Karon on 07966 431831 or add your name to the list on the Notice board.

Many thanks to Karon for keeping us fed during the winter. 😊

Social events in April & May are 😊

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> - Open evening  
Apr 15<sup>th</sup> - Treasure Hunt  
Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> - Open Day  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Open Day/ Evening, all welcome  
May 19<sup>th</sup> - Fish & Chip supper

Winter Fixtures Results  
Indoor/outdoor League  
Suttons came 5th.

Clark-Whitehill Cup  
Suttons are through to the Plate finals against Reading, TBH Apr 7 at 10am West Berks IBC.

Please support the Club in 2018 and remember - to play a game add your name to the match lists

## **The Flower Loft - flowers for all occasions**

Ladds Garden Village, A4, Hare Hatch. 0118 9403 804 [www.theflowerloftatladds.co.uk](http://www.theflowerloftatladds.co.uk)

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BAR**

Hello - I am very friendly and I love to see people leaning against me having a chat and holding a glass filled with one of my delicious beverages. During the off season I get quite lonely even though I am open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday lunchtimes. It would be really nice to see more of you take advantage of me.

The good news is that the bowling season starts soon (green opens 16<sup>th</sup> April) and I will then be open every day, so I will be able to hear what you have been getting up to during the winter months. What could be better than wandering up to your club for an hour or so and sampling some of my delights. You never know it might even be warm enough to sit outside.

I have been listening in to some of the meetings and discussions going on in the club and it looks as though it is going to be a very busy year for Suttons with lots of functions being arranged for your enjoyment.

We have a new bar manager now and I am trying to train him properly, but you know what these new people are like with their new ideas!! Hopefully he will learn.

Apart from seeing you here having a drink, what would be even nicer would be to see some of you assisting behind the bar, so I wouldn't have to see so much of the new bar manager. If you are interested in having a go it is a great way to meet club members you may not have met before and it will also be a great way of supporting your club and watching some really good bowling.

Don't worry if you have never done this sort of thing before as our new bar manager will be more than happy to show you the ropes. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

*If you are interested in helping with the bar, please give Paul a call on 07566 204466 or have a chat at the club over a beer.*

### **MAINTENANCE – BEHIND THE SCENES – message from John Matthews**

The next three Saturday mornings (starting 31 Mar) will see the working parties tackling things like... Hedge and tree cutting, repairs to the green surrounds, cleaning the windows, putting back the ditch rubber chippings, etc.....

Help is always required, so please turn up around 9-9:15 (3-hour stint max) armed with gloves and old clothes to assist with this 'behind the scenes' work. Everyone welcome. Free biscuits and coffee/tea!!

*If you are interested in helping with this give John Matthews a ring on 0118 986 8920 for further information.*

### **FLOWER BEDS ROUND THE GREEN – message from Ken Nash**

Every year the flower beds provide a colourful display as a backdrop to the bowling green and with the adjacent benches it makes a good place to sit and enjoy a bowls match. They are maintained by volunteers and this year some of the flower beds have become available. Maybe you would like to grow a speciality flower or perhaps some vegetable produce – the decision on what you grow is up to you. However, no cannabis please!!

*If you are interested in taking on a flower bed, please speak to Ken Nash for further information or see the Club noticeboard.*