

## **NEWS FROM ORPINGTON BOWLS CLUB – APRIL 2025**

### **Cheese and wine evening**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

To help with catering could you please let me know if you are coming along?

Email: [secretary.orpingtonbowls@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.orpingtonbowls@outlook.com)

### **Coffee morning with Friends of Goddington Park**

The next coffee morning will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon.

### **Opening Drive and Hot Cross Buns**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

Hot Cross Buns will be served at the opening drive. To assist with catering could you please let Jill Yeates know if you will be coming along (social and players)?

Email: [johnjill.yeates@gmail.com](mailto:johnjill.yeates@gmail.com)

### **Promotional stand at Tesco Extra Orpington - help needed**

We will have a promotional stand in the foyer from 10am to 4pm. Kath and Steve will set up and stay until 12 noon. Can we please have a couple of volunteers to man the stand from 12 2pm and from 2-4pm please? If you can help, please contact Kath Thomas

Email: [kaththomas0711@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kaththomas0711@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Open Days – change of dates – help needed**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm

Can you please let me know if you are able to come along and help at the open days and the time slot you can make (set up from 9.30am, 10am-12noon, 12noon-2pm or 2pm-4pm) We will need members to help make tea, welcome potential new players and assist them with having a go at bowling. Also, if you are able to make a cake/s please let me know.

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### **VE Day commemorations Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May (further information on last page)**

To celebrate VE day's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary there will be a bowls game from 2pm, followed by a buffet, social gathering and activities. Feel free to come dressed up in 40s clothing or red, white and blue. Please bring a plate of food to share in the buffet.

### **Online shop for bowls shirts and jackets**

The Orpington BC club shop is now live:

<https://www.zapkam.com/p/club-shops/bowls/orpington-bc/>

Alternatively please search 'ORP' on the club shop page of our website:

<https://www.zapkam.com/p/club-shops/>

### **Safeguarding**

From May this year we are required by Bowls England to have a safeguarding officer in post. Kath Thomas and I (Judy Kimmins) will share this role and a poster with our contact details will be placed on the noticeboard. For further information there is a guide available or

alternatively you can visit the Bowls England website. Please be assured that any safeguarding concerns will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### **Working party**

Throughout the year a working party regularly attends the club on a Thursday morning to keep the grounds and clubhouse maintained. Once I have further details of upcoming dates, I will let you know in the hope that some of you can come along and help.

### **Refreshments**

Aggregate/Aussie Pairs £2 each to include tea/coffee and biscuits

The full bar menu, with some price increases, will be on display in the clubhouse at the cheese and wine evening.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May away game to Victoria Park, Deal**

There will be coach travel available for this day to Deal. The cost for players will be £30 to include green fees and a tea (sandwiches, cakes etc). For non-players the cost will be £25 to include tea. There will be spare seats on the coach which we are offering to Friends of Goddington Park at a cost of £15 return. If you know anyone else who may be interested in a day out at Deal, please let them know. Phil will be contacting you soon for names.

### **Contact list**

I will be circulating a list of telephone numbers to those members who agreed for them to be shared.

### **2025 Fixtures booklets**

These have now been printed and will be available to collect at the cheese and wine evening on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Ladies coffee morning 15<sup>th</sup> April**

The ladies captain, Jill, will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10am. This will be an opportunity to discuss teams etc for this season.

### **Aussie Pairs – new arrangements for 2025**

This year there will be new arrangements for Aussie Pairs. A separate diary in the clubhouse will be available for you to put your name down for Aussie Pairs games. There are 4 week blocks and you can put your name down as a player for two of the weeks, and as a reserve for the other two. This will be repeated throughout the season. Full details will be available in the clubhouse.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2025 SEASON**

Here is a list of the current social events for 2025. IF you have any ideas for a social event, or would like to arrange something, please let Judy know.

SAT 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 7pm  
Cheese & Wine evening

MON 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10am to 12 noon  
Coffee morning

TUES 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10am  
Ladies coffee morning

SAT 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2.30pm  
Opening Drive & Hot Cross Buns

FRI 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 7pm  
Quiz Night

SAT 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE (time to be confirmed)  
BBQ

FRI 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 7pm  
Whist Drive

SAT 30<sup>th</sup> AUG 7pm  
Music night. Dig out your old vinyl records.

FRI 12<sup>th</sup> SEPT 7pm  
Quiz night

SAT 2<sup>th</sup> SEPT from 2.30pm  
Final Drive followed by end of season party

## **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day Commemorations - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

The club will be celebrating the above event along with the rest of the country on Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The day is down in the fixture book as a drive.

The drive will start at 2pm and we are proposing that those attending will be bowling for around two hours till approx. 4pm.

After the bowling we shall have an impromptu party at the club to join in the national celebration's. To get us into the mood and evoke the spirit, sounds and scenes of the time and take us back to that momentous day eighty years ago we are proposing the following.

1. Bunting, union flags and coloured balloons will be put up to decorate the club house.
2. War time music and hits of the time will be playing.
3. Can those attending please bring along food to share which will be part of an open buffet evoking the street parties taking place.
4. Please feel free to dress in the appropriate fashion of the day including make-up and hair style if you wish to further enter into the spirit of the day.
5. We shall also be setting aside a table where members are encouraged to bring along any war memorabilia and artifacts that they may possess and be of interest to other members and be a talking point, for example, I shall be bringing along some ration books, an identity card, clothing ration books and allocated co-operative store family ration card.
6. Some familiar signs and notices of the war still very much in evidence at the time will also be on display.

So please make a note in your diaries and come along and join us in this once in a lifetime national event with your club!

Regards  
Nigel