

## Chairman's Newsletter No 8

### **Joyce Jackson**

After many many years of service on the SSC committee Joyce has decided to stand down from the committee. Joyce is also giving up her role as the co-ordinator for the catering requirements at the club. So it's a BIG BIG Thank-you to Joyce for all the time and effort she has spent supporting the Club.

### **Greensward Sale**

I have just heard today that the Council Planning Department has approved the plans submitted by Dunns Construction to build 2 houses. We await further details on the way forward.

### **The Gardens & Grounds**

In the last newsletter I asked for any suggestions re maintenance of the gardens and grounds at the club. Unfortunately there has been a deafening silence in response. This makes me ask whether members are really bothered if we retain the gardens or is it just a case of they want them but do not want to contribute to their upkeep.

We have the rose beds outside the pavilion, the gardens at the Canterbury Way end, and the gardens at the garage end. We also have the laurel and conifer hedges, the grass areas and the car park surround. Which is 6 different areas To keep these areas maintained I see that we have a number of choices. Either regular, at least monthly, working parties of probably a dozen people or we bring in professional people to do the all or some of work or remove some of the gardens to reduce the maintenance. In my view we cannot continue as present. So what do members want? This will be raised at the AGM.

### **Promote/Publicise the Club and Club Open Day**

A big thank-you to all those that helped to distribute the Club flyers in the local neighbourhood. From the feed-back on the Open Day receiving the flyer was the main trigger for coming along. The Open Day went very well with about 20 people coming up and having a go. From those that came we currently have 10 people who have joined the club and potentially another 3 or 4. Thanks to all the members that turned out on the day and help make it a success.

For the future we are still hopeful of getting some time outside Morrisons supermarket and are considering another slot outside the library to keep up the awareness of RHP.

Besides our own initiative Gordon & I have attended meetings led by Essex Group 3 to promote Bowls and increase awareness of Bowls in the Essex Group 3 area. As part of this there have been 2 items in the Chronicle Community pages and a third is planned. It has also been agreed with the Chronicle that they will publish items weekly regarding Local Bowls on the Sports page. The first one will hopefully be in the edition of the 15th June.

### **SSC AGM 18th June 10:30**

Please make every effort to attend the AGM on the 18th it is an opportunity for you to put forward your ideas, to raise questions regarding the club and in general get involved in the running of the club. The committee does a lot of working keeping the club going it would be good to get some feed-back on how we are doing.

Why not go a step further than just attending the AGM. Why not put your name forward to go on the committee and really get involved and help in supporting and keeping the club running. The form for nominations is on the notice board.

### **Catering Co-ordinator**

With Joyce standing down from this role we need someone or maybe a couple of people to take on this role. Catering forms an important part of many of our events and forms a significant part of the package we offer to external users. So it's an important position that needs to be filled.

That's all for now. John

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