



**2019 PRESENTATION DINNER TROPHY WINNERS**

**Forrester Plate: Chris Joslin & Paul South**



Thirty-nine members and guests enjoyed our Presentation Dinner held in the Forrester Suite. The Chairman welcomed everyone and said it had been hoped Vaun and Eunice Legerton could have been in attendance to present the trophies. However due to Vaun's ill health this was not possible. A card sent by them wishing the Club a successful evening was circulated. A 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card for Vaun was signed by members for the coming week. After a three course meal during which table quizzes were completed the various trophies were presented. Also on display was the East Anglian Croquet Federation trophy won by the Pavilion team. An

inscribed vase was also presented to Jean Healey for her role as Club Secretary since 2010.



**Georgie Clarke Vase:**

**Jean Healey**

**Legerton Trophy:**

**Pete Howe**



**Chairman with the East Anglian Federation Trophy  
Awarded to the Pavilion Team**

**Presentation of inscribed vase  
to Jean Healey**



The raffle which raised £128 for club funds was drawn and the evening ended.



## WINTER LUNCH – TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Our first winter lunch will be on Tuesday 12 November 12.30 pm at The Green Man Braxted. Details of the menu have been emailed out – please sign up by the 5 November as we are limited to 25 persons on this occasion.

## FUTURE DIARY DATES 2020

**ANNUAL CLUB DAY – TUESDAY 11 AUGUST**

**PRESENTATION EVENING – FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**



## Maldon & District U3A Croquet

The Maldon & District U3A has enjoyed its second season of playing croquet. They meet every month on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons, paying a fee to the Croquet Club for the use of their lawns and equipment. Jean Healey, Barbara Grimason, Shirley and Geoff Macro – as the “experienced” players - have guided the U3A members through the intricacies and rules of playing the game and they are now enjoying being able to play successfully themselves. It’s a very friendly group of people and, as always with anything involving the U3A, ends with a chat over a cup of tea (or coffee) as seen here!



## Heybridge U3A – Croquet Group – Summer 2019

The Heybridge U3A – Croquet Group would like to thank the Maldon Croquet Club for allowing us to play again on your lawns this summer. We do not play competitively, but for exercise, fun and good company, this does not mean we don’t take it seriously, we improve as the summer progresses, some a lot more than others! Several members have had a ‘Hoop-in-One’ and even the occasional ‘Jump Shot’.

We will always be grateful to John Gorrie who started our group and taught us well, we hope we have not let him down. As the summer ends we reflect on the laughter we have shared and sadly finish for the season, but, look forward to next summer, when we hope we will be able to play on your lawns again and have yet another thoroughly enjoyable season. Our very best wishes for your future and thanks to you at the Maldon Croquet Club.

Anne Newsom



## Croquet in the Community

This season has been a steep learning curve which in part explains a slow start in reaching the people who are not playing a sport. A change in approach, talking direct to specific support groups, has produced the results we wanted. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> September there have been visitors from Maldon CVS, Maldon Pioneers and the Maldon Stroke Survivors Group. A total of 33 adults and 3 children have been to "have a go". Some visitors with mobility problems found the amount of walking and standing a challenge. Jean came up with the brilliant idea, that worked really well, of playing on a half lawn.

A few comments from visitors , "I thought only posh people played croquet" " I didn't think I could do this" "when can I come again" "I can use the mallet instead of my stick".

I thank Jean for her support and sharing her knowledge of the game and what is available for people with disabilities. Jean and I give huge thanks to the members who have helped with the sessions. Little did any of us realise how challenging it would be. Tiring but so satisfying and worthwhile.

What next?. Jean and I are planning for 2020. To increase the number of groups we approach, increase the number of people taking up the offer to "give it a go".

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About to hit a ball. Photo: Tat Son / VNP



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