



## REMINDERS

### OUR NEXT WINTER LUNCH - TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

1230 for 1 pm at Forrester Park – Those who have booked will be sent a reminder!

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

To be held on

**Tuesday 17 March 11 am**

at The New Times

Coffee will be served from 10.30 am

Lunch choices to be emailed.

### LAWNS UPDATE!

The grass is growing very well. It is planned to Vert-drill the lawns and top dress when they dry out! This of course is weather dependant but hopefully can be undertaken mid-February.

The Committee have decided that for the coming season the lawns should be kept free for ground maintenance work between lunchtime and 1600 hours on Mondays and Thursdays.

Pete Howe – Lawn Management Officer.



Tony White has created a Facebook page for our Club.

If you follow the link below it will take you directly to the page.

We hope this will keep members informed and also give us more publicity. If you are on FB please have a look at the page and share it with your friends and family!!

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Following on from last month's newsletter we thought it might be of interest to new members to hear how the formation of MCC came about.

## MALDON CROQUET CLUB – FORMATION

In the autumn of 2010 Vaun Legerton realised the need for a croquet club in Maldon and approached Adam Capper the Sports Development Officer at Maldon District Council.

Vaun and John Gorrie had a meeting with Adam Capper & Vicki Ayris who offered to help them find a suitable ground. Before long an offer was made for two croquet lawns to be created on the cricket outfield at Drapers Farm Sports Club Drapers Chase Heybridge Maldon. Croquet club members could also become members of the Sports Club. They decided to form a Steering Committee to explore the project.

Jean Healey was recruited as Secretary and Georgie Clarke, Pam Hopper and Michael Manning joined this committee. A bank account was opened with the necessary initial cash coming from the steering committee as an early part-payment of their subscription for 2011.

Under Adam's guidance a successful application for a grant was made to Sport England (the lottery fund) and Maldon District Council also kindly made a grant. The sums of £3,800 from the Lottery Fund and £500 from the Council enabled the committee to purchase the necessary equipment – hoops, balls, mallets etc. These purchases were made through Drapers Farm Sports Club. The Croquet Association was approached resulting in a five year loan of a full set of equipment and provided the Club is still in existence it will then become the Club's property. Other items were acquired through members' contacts with some made by members.

Initial recruitment was mainly by word of mouth with invitations to attend a Welcome Meeting at Drapers Farm Sports Club on 30 March 2011 – less than six months from initial conception of the Club. By May there were 20 members the number needed for the Club to meet the forecast for the first year made to Sport England.

Photograph of the original Committee: Vaun Legerton (Chairman), John Gorrie (Treasurer), Jean Healey (Secretary), Georgie Clarke, Pam Hopper and Michael Manning (Committee members) together with the members of Maldon District Council.





**Welcome meeting 30 March 2011.**

**Play commenced on 13 April 2011.**

**Little did we know then where we would be 9 years later!**