



From the Chair

Hello to you all, I hope you are all managing to entertain yourselves and finding lots to do in these unprecedented times.

Each day I walk locally, and marvel at the lovely countryside and wildlife. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful area.

Thank you to all those who have paid their subs, at present we have 47 paid up members. These are necessary as there are ongoing expenses which need to be paid to keep our club afloat in these difficult times.

Keep well, keep safe, Gill.

Cutting the lawns on 27 April.

Roving Reporters: The Hardy-Kings!



Lawn photo taken on 14 April by Chris Joslin.

This month's first roving reporter!



Croquet in the Community May 2020

First a big thank you to the members of the Croquet Bridge club who have donated £60 to the CIC fund. Looking ahead we need to buy suitable seating for people with mobility problems. For example, some stroke survivors only have the use of one arm. It is important, when they need to sit down it is on a chair/bench that is at the right height and unlikely to tip.

There must be lots of people struggling to cope with the current situation. Hopefully it will not be for too much longer and we can be out playing croquet again. We know the people with disabilities who came to CIC sessions last year were keen to return. In fact one group had croquet at the top of their list of activities to do in 2020. We can't wait to be in touch with them and see the enjoyment they get from playing the game we love.

Take care, keep safe.

Ann Redican & Jean Healey



HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE HELPING IN THE CURRENT CRISIS

At the end of March, when lock down measures were introduced to prevent the spread of Covid-19, many of us were left wondering how to pass the time with these new restrictions in place. At that time, a group of ladies in Great Totham and Heybridge saw the need for NHS scrubs. With regular need for changes in clothes in hospitals, the supply of these essential garments soon began to dwindle. After asking for initial interest from potential dressmakers and seamstresses, they were soon aware that the village could help support Broomfield with the problem. They started a 'Crowd-Funding' page to help buy the necessary supplies and since opening, it has raised over £4000! On average, the materials to make a single set of scrubs cost approximately £22.50. Further to this, a local printing company in Maldon offered their services to print out the scrub patterns.

Before long materials were purchased and bagged up to be sent out to a team of volunteers who then distributed bags of materials to local areas. Here is where some of our club members come in - Philippa Hardy-King and Tony White have been volunteering their time to cut out and sew up sets of scrubs for NHS. Most of the first batch have now been returned and distributed to Broomfield Hospital. This should provide just over 100 sets of scrubs which have been made by volunteers from across the local area.

The next round of fabric should be starting soon in which 300m of fabric has been bought using the funding and a further 300m has been donated. This will undoubtedly continue to keep volunteers busy and will help provide further invaluable scrubs for Broomfield Hospital.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/scrubs-for-broomfield?utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR36R98p1R7Lnkitaf0Xaxx_4HGIV0Qv8jPh06OB3qB1sQvlgoc2XUpP8T

Tony White



Made by Phillipa Hardy-King.

Modelled by Martyn Hardy-King!

**WEEKLY QUARANTINE
BUDGET:
Travel £0
Clothing £0
Entertainment £0
Food & Alcohol £500**



PRESS RELEASE

For those members unable to access a copy of the Maldon & Burnham Standard shown below is the recent entry from Neil Clark our Publicity Officer:

The beginning of April should have seen players taking to the Croquet Lawns at Forrester Park Great Totham. As we all know due to the Covid19 pandemic all such activities have been suspended indefinitely.

This should have been a very exciting season for the Club due to the excellent result of winning the East Anglian Regional Croquet Handicap League. The Team should have been playing in the National Finals and were aware that the first match would be against either Henley on Thames or Durham. Despite the privilege of getting this far, the drawback would have been having to travel all over the country!

Although matches were scheduled to take place throughout the summer, the National Association have been forced to make the decision to cancel the fixtures, probably until next year.

Another disappointment was the cancellation of a weekend in May, when the Club meets the Ramsgate Croquet Club at their superb lawns on the seafront at the Resort. This is a regular fixture for all Club members to play friendly games against Ramsgate for a small cup and lots of fun and fellowship.

We have always welcomed guests and visitors and had already booked in some of the regular groups who come every year. Unfortunately along with the rest of the UK we do not know when, or if, there will be a reopening of the Lawns this year.

Please consult our Website for general information: maldoncroquetclub.org.uk. If you have a booking with us or are contemplating coming along as a Group, and the situation starts to ease contact Gill Stone 01621 853948.

