



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your sixth 51 Petanque Club Newsletter - in which we wish to bring you the latest news about the Club and provide details of upcoming events. Subsequent Club Newsletters will be published as and when necessary but normally no less frequently than bi-monthly

MUSIC EVENING – FEZZIWIG CEILIDH BAND



On 3rd August 2024 at 7:30pm we will be holding a Ceilidh Evening in the Great Ellingham Village Hall. Providing the music will be the 3 piece band **FEZZIWIG** – known locally as the “best little Ceilidh Band in Norfolk”. The evening will provide the opportunity to just sit back and tap your feet or clap your hands to the easy going traditional music, or you can get up and dance. You don’t have to know anything in advance about the dances – the band has a Caller who will talk you through all the steps that you need to know.

Please come along and bring your friends – this is another way of helping to raise key funds for the Toilet Project whilst at the same time offering a great evening’s entertainment. Tickets cost £10 each and can be obtained from any Committee member.

SPRING MELEE

The intra-club Spring Melee was held at the terrain on Sunday 5th May. A total of 25 club members took part. Playing as pairs across two games in the morning and two in the afternoon – but with different partners and opponents for each game, everyone enjoyed the perfect weather that the day provided. During the lunch break players tucked into the expert cooking by Graham on the barbeque.

At the end of the day the results could not have been much closer, with the top 3 places on 4 wins each and only 2 points difference between them. The winner was Billie Jackson. **WELL DONE BILLIE!!**

PLAYER		TOTALS				POSITION
No.	Name	Wins	For	Against	Diff	
4	Billie J	4	48	18	30	1
6	Mark A	4	46	17	29	2
22	Pete J	4	50	22	28	3



CLUB LEASE

The ground upon which the terrain, Clubhouse and compound is located is leased by 51 PC from the Great Ellingham Recreation Ground Committee. This Lease has just been successfully amended to allow the Club to use the terrain lights on any night when the Observatory is not being used (the original lease only allowed the lights to be used on Thursday evenings). Additionally, the Clause preventing the Club from obtaining and publicising external financial sponsorship has been reversed.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

BINGO - To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 24th May, starting at 7:30pm.

BASTILLE DAY MELEE (Intra-Club) – to be held at home on 14th July, starting at 10:30am

CEILIDH EVENING – Come along to an enjoyable evening of dance and music on 3rd August which will be provided by the Fezziwig Ceilidh Band, starting at 7:30pm. Tickets - £10ea.

INTRA-CLUB AUTUMN MELEE – to be held at home on 8th September, starting at 10:30am

BOB BRUCE MEMORIAL PAIRS - to be held at home on 22nd September, starting at 10:30am (Open Competition)

BEETLE DRIVE - To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 27th September, starting at 6:30pm.

OPEN MELEE – to be held at home on 13th October, starting at 10:30am

BINGO - To be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st November, starting at 7:30pm.

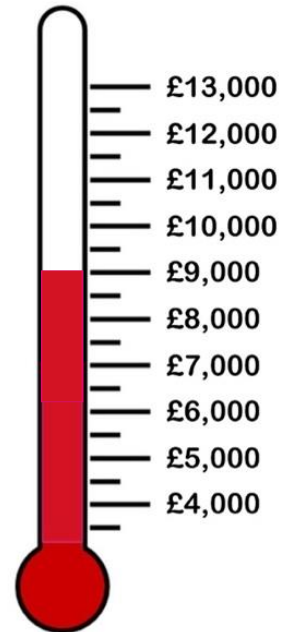
51 PC CHRISTMAS PARTY - To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December, starting at 7:30pm.

REPLACEMENT TOILET FUND-RAISING PROJECT

The Club is seeking to replace the existing Portaloos with a modern plumbed-in toilet block.

The replacement block has already been purchased, but the Club still has to complete the installation – total estimate - £13,000.

Please help support our efforts towards raising the rest of the funds required.



NEW FIXED SEATING



For those of you who have not recently visited the terrain, you will be pleased to know that additional fixed seating has now been installed along the North side.

GARAGE SALES

Once again the Club will be participating in the Teddy Bear Garage Sales this year on the 6th July. If you have anything that you wish to donate to this event, please bring it along to the Clubhouse by 3rd July or make contact with Claudine. Volunteers to help on the day of the Sale are also required please. All proceeds raised will go towards the Toilet Project.

BINGO

Whilst it might not be your *"cup of tea"*, the Club will be holding it's next **Bingo Night in the Village Hall on 24th May** – Claudine has worked hard on securing good prizes and we can promise you will have a good laugh. This is another important fund raiser for the Toilet Project, and we really do count on your (and your friends) support.