



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your eighth 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

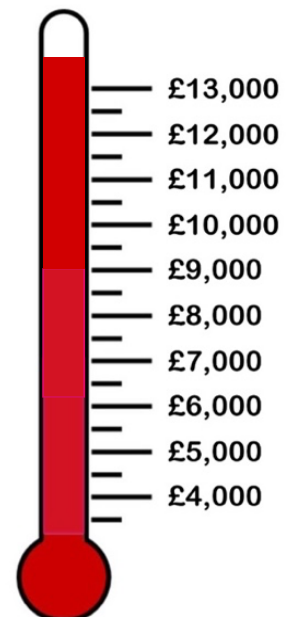
## SUCCESS – WE'VE GOT THERE!!

Following all the incredible fund raising efforts by Members, events and most recently the receipt of £500 from the Teddy Bear Festival Fund, we have finally reached our target for the new Toilets Project. In August – after numerous rounds backwards and forwards of questions and answers with Breckland Council, we also managed to get approval to proceed from the Buildings Regulations Department.

As a result, you will now start to see various aspects of the work commencing at the Terrain. Work has already started on getting fresh water connected. After much “divining”, digging and then the use of ground penetrating radar by an expert, we finally found the water supply across the Recreation Ground to the Scout Hut. It is this supply that we will be connecting up with. Hopefully the pipe will be laid across to the compound within the next two weeks.

The final big purchase of the sewage treatment plant (STP) has been made and the unit has been delivered into the safe storage at Ray Beales barn.

The responses to Mandy’s email to you all for volunteers to help with the work required, have so far been very few. If you can help can we please ask you to get back to Mandy so that we can formulate a plan for the work needed.



New sewage treatment plant arriving at Ray Beales barn

## AFTERNOON TEA

The Club held it's first ever Afternoon Tea on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August in the Village Hall. The event was a huge success and raised the incredible sum of £865 for the Toilet Project Fund. The success was all down to Mandy and her team of ladies who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to put on a fantastic spread of savouries, sandwiches, scones and cakes, and her team of gents who undertook front of house table waiting duties. WELL DONE TO ALL – A BRILLIANT EFFORT!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:45hrs in the Village Hall.

## Norfolk Petanque League Division 1

	Played	Wins	GD	PD	Pts
Sprowston Swallows	16	14	+38	+234	28
Bob Carter Centre	16	13	+28	+204	26
Norwich Mustard	15	11	+21	+186	22
East Norfolk PC	16	9	+14	+106	18
Ellingham Oaks	16	7	-10	-77	14
Freethorpe Ferrets	16	6	-6	-15	12
Lamb Chops	15	5	-19	-128	10
Diss Waveney	16	4	-24	-160	8
Sprowston Harriers	16	2	-42	-350	4

## Norfolk Petanque League Division 2

	Played	Wins	GD	PD	Pts
The Millers	16	13	+40	+380	26
The Mutton	16	13	+22	+231	26
G2	16	10	+16	+101	20
Lingwood Foxes	16	10	+2	-21	20
Norwich Diamonds	16	9	+10	+14	18
Ellingham Acorns	16	8	-10	-77	16
Wanderers SF Wildcats	16	4	-10	-55	8
Norwich White	16	3	-28	-236	6
Les Garniers	16	2	-42	-337	4

## Norfolk Petanque League Division 3

	Played	Wins	GD	PD	Pts
Wanderers SF Wolves	14	11	+24	+117	22
Bob Carter Sports	14	10	+20	+164	20
Norwich Red	14	9	+6	+87	18
Freethorpe Falcons	14	7	+0	-6	14
Bob Carter Leisure	14	7	-6	-32	14
Ellingham Magna	14	6	-2	-14	12
Diss Flyers	14	5	-12	-37	10
Wanderers SF Wallabies	14	1	-30	-279	2

## FINAL TABLES FOR SUMMER LEAGUE

The final Norfolk Petanque Summer League Tables are shown on the left. For their first season in League 1 the Oaks finished in a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place. The Millers dominated Division 2 for most of the season and finished as League Champions. They will now be joining the Oaks in Division 1 in 2025. Also in Division 2, the Acorns also performed well and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The Club's newest team – Magna, who comprised mostly of players who had never played in the League before, finished their first season in Division 3 in a highly creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Well done to all the 51 PC League players for their efforts in 2024.

## NORWICH PETANQUE WINTER LEAGUE

The City of Norwich Winter Petanque League kicks off on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10:30hrs. We have 3 teams across the Divisions for 2024/5 and they comprise; Packso 51 in Division 1, and both Social 51 and Snowboules 51 in Division 2.

We wish each Team every success for the coming season.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please don't forget the Club's Christmas Party which will be held in the newly refurbished Village Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Please get your names into Mandy asap so that her planning of the food can commence.

## CLUB PLAYERS FLYING THE FLAG

Since the last Newsletter a number of 51 PC players have been selected to play for the County/region. In September Jake, Liv, Fleur, Cheryl, Tony & Michael played for Anglia in the Inter Regionals at Pakefield. Over the 2 days and 12 rounds, Anglia only lost 2 rounds. They finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which secured their place in Div 1 for 2025. Also in September, Jake, Liv, Cheryl and Tony helped represent Norfolk against Suffolk Coastal at Meadlands, where Norfolk won 45 to 19. Cheryl & Tony finished the day as the top Norfolk players with 5 wins. Cheryl and Tony also represented Anglia in the Champion of Champions, Pairs and Triples competitions at Gravesend on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October. They won their way through to the Gold Final, but despite a fantastic effort they lost 11 – 13. A brilliant effort by all in keeping 51 PC in the limelight on the wider stage.

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