



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your ninth 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS



BINGO

The Club held another Bingo session in the Village Hall on 21st November. As usual, this was a well attended event which resulted in £309 being raised for the Club funds. A huge thank you to Claudine and Jean for all their efforts in making this fund raiser such a success for the Club!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club's Christmas Party was held in the Village Hall on 7th December. Unfortunately, the stormy weather on that evening and sickness resulted in 5 members having to call off at short notice. However, those members who did battle their way through the elements enjoyed an excellent meal that was prepared by Mandy and Claudine – their theme for this year being Mexican, and very tasty it was too! Additionally, a number of party games were organised by Claudine and Fleur which were very entertaining. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

TOILET PROJECT

Work on the Toilet Project has now got underway. Three very successful working party sessions have been held so far, the first being to install a new underground cold water supply across the Recreation Ground to the 51 PC Compound. This pipe has been connected into the watermain supply to the Scout Hut. The second was for the clearance of all the brambles and undergrowth that existed along the planned route of the new sewer pipe from the new Toilets to the new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), and the third being for the digging out of the foundations for the new concrete base on which the new Toilet Block and the Disabled Toilet will be installed. Very many thanks go out to all those members who helped during these sessions. Since the last working party the wooden shuttering has been put in place to provide a defined edge for the concrete. In addition, the Safety Fencing has been erected around the area affected by the works, and this in turn has meant the exiting Compound fencing could be taken down – allowing better access to the new groundworks.

The pea gravel required for the sewer pipe trenches and STP backfill, plus the ballast and sand required for the concrete has all been delivered to the edge of the Recreation Ground. However, it has not so far been possible to get this moved across to the Club due to the continuing soggy ground conditions. It will not therefore be possible to do much more work on the Project without these materials being readily available for use.



Shuttered foundation for the Toilets



Ballast, sand and pea gravel being delivered

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We would like to remind you that the Club's Annual General Meeting is fast approaching, and we would very much like to see you all attend and take part in this important part of the Club's business administration. The Meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2025, starting at 19:45hrs in the Great Ellingham Recreation Centre Hall.

Very soon you will all be receiving the formal notification of the Meeting from Mandy. Within this you will be asked to write back and advise on;- any changes/amendments to the Club's Constitution that you consider are necessary, any subject you wish to see discussed and voted upon by the Meeting, and any nominations that you may have for the key Committee positions.

Just to remind you, the Committee currently comprises; Chairman – Graham Beales, Vice Chairman – Ed Andrews, Secretary – Mandy Seabrook, Treasurer – John Brierley, Clubhouse/Fund Raising Manager – Claudine Guilman, Social Members Representative – Mandy Seabrook, Maintenance Manager/Groundsman – Peter Joyce, plus the following Team representatives – Keith Hilton, Jake Beales, Barry Wilson and Roger Jackson.

PLEASE REMEMBER this is the one opportunity during the year where you can have your say on any aspect of how the Club is managed.

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