



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your tenth 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

## TOILET PROJECT

A significant and highly visible milestone has now been reached with the Toilet Project. The Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has now been installed in its excavated and very deep hole, the Ladies toilet (ultimately to become just the disabled toilet) has been installed in its final position in the compound, and the new twin Toilet Block has been installed on its base in the compound. In addition the trenches have been excavated ready for the interconnecting drainage pipes to be installed. We now have to complete the backfill around the STP and clear the remaining excavated soil so that the drainage field (soakaway for the STP) can be excavated and installed.

Unfortunately, the downside of undertaking this type of work at this time of year is that the heavy machinery used makes a mess of the surrounding grassy area. Once all the heavy work is complete (and whilst the ground is still soft and workable) we will be calling for volunteers to help roll/level and re-seed the affected area.



Sewage Treatment Plant being installed



Sewer pipe trench to STP



Sewer pipe trenches to toilets and Clubroom (for sink)



New toilet block and ladies toilet (temporary) installed in their final positions

## MEMBERSHIP

Whilst the vast majority of you have now paid their membership fees for 2025, there are still a few who have not. Could we please ask these members to liaise with John Brierley as soon as possible – thank you.

## 2025 PLAYING SEASON

The 2025 season is looming fast, and the following dates are now available for your diaries;-

**27<sup>th</sup> March**, friendly match against the Bob Carter Club – at home, starting 7:00pm, for all available team players.

**29<sup>th</sup> March**, International Womens Day Pairs, to be held at 51 PC, starting at 13:00hrs, open to all ladies in the Anglia Region. (incl non PE members).

**30<sup>th</sup> March**, friendly match against the Garnier Club – at home, starting 10:30am, all 4 teams playing. TBC

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the K O Shield

Ellingham Oaks vs Freethorpe Ferrets, at home, 7:30pm start

The Millers vs S F Wallabies, away, 7:30pm start

Ellingham Acorns vs BYE

Ellingham Magna vs BYE

The Summer League starts on **10<sup>th</sup> April**, but the Fixture List is still being finalised. When it is, those of you who have ordered Fixture Books should receive them shortly afterwards.

**6<sup>th</sup> July**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Regional Qualifier, to be held at 51 PC

**3<sup>rd</sup> August**, Anglia Region Pairs, to be held at 51 PC

**21<sup>st</sup> September**, Bob Bruce Memorial Pairs

## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES;-

**12<sup>th</sup> April** - Quiz & Chips, 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Teams of 4

**16<sup>th</sup> May** – Bingo, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

## GARNIER CLUB

As some of you have maybe heard, the Garnier Club at Eccles have been temporarily stopped from playing at their ground. This is due to the Clubhouse being declared structurally unsafe. Whilst plans and funds are being sorted out to resolve the issue, the Garnier petanque players have become members of 51 PC. As a result – and with the backing of the League, all the home matches for the 2 Garnier teams will be played this season at Great Ellingham. The League has also allowed Garnier to play some home matches on a Wednesday evening when there are two 51 PC matches being played at home at the same time.

Some of the Garnier players have already played in some social sessions and have practiced at other times on the terrain, so please don't be surprised if you start to see some new faces around as we wish to warmly welcome them to our facility.

## FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKE

Mark Akehurst has again kindly stepped forward and organised a Football related fundraising Sweepstake for 51 PC (very many thanks Mark).

Following the draw the "Runners & Riders" are;-

**FA CUP** Aston Villa - John B, Cardiff – Scott, Preston - Jill J, Burnley – Claudine, Crystal Palace - Sue W, Millwall – Billie, Bournemouth - Chris W, Wolves - Sue L, Man City – Jerry, Plymouth – Graham C, Newcastle - Brian H, Brighton – Paul, Man Utd – Kelvin, Fulham – Fleur, Notts Forest - Graham B, Ipswich – Roger.

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE** Arsenal – Mark, Aston Villa – Trevor, A.Madrid - Lesley M, Barcelona – Sally, B.Leverkusen – Mandy, B.Munich – Marie, Benfica - Chris T, B.Dortmund – Peter, Club Brugge - Lesley B, Feyenoord – Helen, Inter Milan – Karen, Lille – Rob, Liverpool - John M, Paris S G – Anna, PSV – Gillian, Real Madrid - Brenda H.

Please ensure all your entry fees are paid to Mark asap – thank you.

