

On The Bank

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Malden Manor Suspends all Activities

In his letter to all members, President Dave McGrady has confirmed that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and subsequent restrictions, the Executive Committee has no alternative but to suspend all matches and internal competitions, as well as drives, roll ups and related social events for the foreseeable future. The green and Clubhouse are closed to members, although some of us will be performing periodic checks on the facilities.

Dave's full letter was sent to the majority of members by email and subsequently by post for the remainder. If, for some reason, you have not received the letter, please contact Mark Smith.

Looking back into the Club's history, it's interesting to note that this is almost certainly the first time that bowling has been suspended since Malden and Coombe Bowling Club was founded in 1933, as play continued throughout the second world war – the one concession was that Club Competitions were halted in 1944 when the arrival of doodlebugs made play unsafe.

As Dave also alluded to, the friendship that we have as members, extends far beyond the bowling green and we urge all members to support each other in whatever way they can so that we all come through this crisis.

Stay safe everyone.

Keeping Connected

During this period of isolation that we are now all going through, we are proposing a few ways of staying connected

- If you have a Facebook account, a group has been created called Malden Manor Bowls Club. It's a private group, so if you have not already done so, you need to search for it and then request to join.
- We plan to issue more frequent editions of OTB, and we ask members to submit material to Maureen or Mark (by email or by hand), in order to make this feasible. Let us know how you are and what you're doing - send us your stories and pictures. Please don't leave it all to the editors.
- We would like to ask all members to take it upon themselves to pick up the phone and make contact with others in the Club. In particular, those that live alone or those whom you know are less comfortable with technology. Stuart Corner has kindly agreed to keep track of who has been contacted, so if/when you have spoken to someone, let Stuart know by phone or email (stuartcorner@talktalk.net)

Maureen & Mark

Who'd Be MM President or Chairman?

When the Executive were elected at our AGM who could have envisaged the decisions that would have to be made in March 2020? President Dave and Chairman Mark are ultimately the people who will have to lead our Club out of the abyss.

Their decisions in the present crisis may not be the route **you** would have followed but would you wish to take on either of the posts? I suggest we all use **goodwill and thanks** before **criticism**.

Personally, I'm grateful we have such responsible and caring people at our helm.

The others on the Executive and Bowling Committees aren't too bad, either!

Maureen Grimwood

Matters Arising ... the section that summarises recent actions and decisions taken by the Executive Committee and Bowling Committee

From the Executive:

Retailing of the roofs of the two storage huts is now complete.

A heavy duty **carpet cleaner** has been purchased

Watering system - three new sprinkler heads and a new control box with battery to retain settings in the event of a power cut has been installed.

A **calendar notice**, detailing 'bookings' for the clubhouse, will be displayed on the main notice board, in the clubhouse.

A new '**Outside Honours**' board will soon be required. It is planned to move the original Malden and Coombe honours board to the men's visitors' changing room to create space for a new board and the existing boards.

The new **Dress Code** has been finalised and is published later in this newsletter.

Terms of Reference for how the Bowling Committee operates have been agreed and implemented and are published in this newsletter

Minutes from the Executive and Bowling Committee, once agreed, are available for Club members to peruse. The respective files are by the Steward's Desk

Thanks to Gerald

Following in the footsteps of Tony Josolyne is not an easy task. So, we are indebted to Gerald Newman who has worked extremely hard in putting together the Club fixture cards ready for printing. We are hopeful that members will get to see the fruits of his labour later in the Summer.

Gerald has also been setting his sights on the Club Website. He has designed a method of publishing material which, although not the same as Tony employed, works for him, while still retaining the same content features. The 'new' site is not yet published, as there is still work to be done. Members will be advised when it's up and running.

Quite Interesting?:

Chessington World of Adventures has banned animal-print onesies to stop the animals there getting confused

With thanks to QI

Gordon Fleming has been a very good fellow

Sadly, health reasons have caused Gordon to resign from the positions of Men's Captain, Tour Organiser and Site Manager.

Over the years and aside from bowling strengths, Gordon has certainly made his mark in the Club. He served as Men's Captain in 2013 and 2014. He organised a club tour to the Isle of Wight, and two excellent tours to Torquay. He has been the organiser for our Day Out in Bexhill. As Site Manager, he has kept the maintenance team in order and (the most essential duty) been consistent in bringing the milk for the team's tea.

Gordon, we all have so much to thank you for.

Mark Smith has stepped up to be Men's Captain. The position of Men's Vice-Captain will be covered by President Dave, Past Captain Graham and others. Eric Darby and Maggie Fleming will be the Tour Organisers and will organise the summer outing to Eastbourne. The position of Site Manager will be undertaken by Dave Padgham. Dave will be assisted by Roy Walton.

An Appreciation of Ivor Cohen (26.5.1942 to 13.3.20)

Ivor and Maureen along with Bert Turner changed clubs to Manor Park in 2001 from Auriol. Ivor quickly made his mark as a bowler, winning the 2-wood singles in 2002. He was also a regular competitor in other club and local competitions. In the K&D, Ivor and Maureen won the Mixed Pairs and, with Ann and Roy Gunn, the Mixed Fours. He was part of the team that facilitated the amalgamation of Malden and Coombe with Manor Park Ladies.

Ivor, a chemistry graduate, joined the Laboratory of the Government Chemist (later renamed The National Physical Laboratory) in 1964. By 1983, Ted Godly was his boss. On Ted's retirement, Ivor became 'our man' in charge of all LGC's technical advice to HM Customs and he was the UK's technical delegate at Customs meetings in Brussels. He retired in 2002. His workmates presented him with a full-length stand-up photo of himself, as a young man. This was on display at Ivor and Maureen's Golden Wedding celebration.

Ivor and I were elected as Secretaries of our respective clubs (Ivor, Malden & Coombe: me, Manor Park Ladies) for the 2005 season. The role of the Club Secretaries was far more encompassing than that of the Section Secretaries today. We had an excellent working relationship as Club Secretaries for the last four years of the separate clubs and as Section Secretaries for the first year of Malden Manor. We also shared the same birthday (but not year of birth!).

One combined and arduous duty was to arrange the tea rota (often full teas) for the Men's home matches from names of volunteers. We couldn't win on this. Sometimes, we had to tread very carefully in matching the tea servers. We also ensure that people didn't forget to turn up or bring the milk. One year, we were instructed to list members' 'emergency' contact details. This proved impossible as some supplied incomplete details and others didn't want their information disclosed to anyone other than us. We conveniently forgot to ask for emergency contacts the next season.

In the winter, Ivor and Maureen housed the club photocopier in their spare bedroom as, in previous winters, damp in the clubhouse had caused the printer to malfunction. So, I would go to the Cohens' home to print the Manor Park renewal papers for the new season. There were plenty of jokes between the Cohens and the Grimwoods about me being in the spare bedroom with Ivor!

Our most time-wasting duty was when I was secretary of Kingston and District during Maureen's presidency. One of the Committee suggested we purchased cardboard boxes to use as cases for the presentation cups. What was not disclosed was that the cardboard came as pre-marked sheets and in limited sizes whilst there were umpteen different sizes of cups! Ivor, Ann Gunn and I spent a morning trying to make the boxes fit the cups. For years afterwards, Ivor would just mention 'Cardboard boxes' or, 'Do you know how to waste some time', for us both to collapse with laughter.

Ivor was always a most affable and friendly person. He loved conversation. Another talent was that he and Maureen could do a very mean jive! Some members said he reminded them of Norris, a character in Coronation Street. Ivor was a one-off who is greatly missed.

Maureen Grimwood

Note from Ed: As many members will know, Ivor's funeral will be held on 14th April, but current restrictions mean that only immediate family will be permitted to attend. Maureen Cohen has told us:

"Quite a few of Ivor's friends are suggesting a memorial service, or something similar later on. I will give it some thought and maybe in September or October think of doing something along those lines".

Two more very successful social events have taken place since the last issue:

Afternoon Tea

It's not often that my wishes are granted but on 8 February my wish did come true when fifty people sat down to afternoon tea in the club house. We were treated to four different types of finger sandwiches (goodness knows how many loafs of bread were used), scones with cream and jam and lots of cups of tea, followed by a wonderful selection of cakes. We all felt 'satisfied' when we left for home. There was also a magician who entertained each table and we all had a good natter while enjoying ourselves. Who it was who arranged the weather I don't know but they did a wonderful job of it, bright warm sunshine and a gentle breeze which all added to the afternoon. It was the calm before storm Ciara hit us later that evening

Thanks to all the social committee who arranged the afternoon and their hard work. It must have taken ages to do it all. There was a hint, only a hint, that it might be repeated next year, I do hope so. Well done to all involved.

Ken Dovey

Maggie added: Big thanks to Beryl, Sue Beard, Audrey and Diana for supplying the delicious home-made cakes.

A Night at the Races

The excitement of horse racing returned to Malden Manor at the end of February. Seven races on the night for punters to wager a few pennies on, in the hope of winning a fortune (well a couple of quid anyway!!). Horses made progress down the track according to dice that were rolled by volunteers. The handicap races caused a few upsets and Les will claim foul as he was 'robbed' by having to go back three squares, when well in the lead. All good fun and it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Punters were also able to pay for the privilege of owning one of the six horses in each race, which also allowed them to 'ride' it along the course. Each winning owner took home a bottle of something fizzy, together with their 'winner' rosette.

It's interesting to remind ourselves that the wooden horses that we use, were made for us (at least ten years ago), by former member Peter Wood. They still look good and the odd running repair will ensure that they will be with us for many years to come.

A big thanks to Helena Smith, who ran the tote on the night and relieved members of their cash with a friendly smile on her face; to the all-important dice-rolling volunteers; to Eric, Marsh and Gordon for testing out their knees in setting out the track.; to Ray and Eric for running the bar and to Mark for working really hard to keep some semblance of order. All good fun and it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves.

E.I. Addio (Our man in the paddock)

Memories of VE Day, 8 May 1945

Maureen Grimwood is in the process of contacting members to ask for their memories of the VE Day celebrations. If you have memories of the Day then please contact her. A collection of the reminiscences will be issued.

Quiz Corner

Dr. Who

Thirteen actors have taken the eponymous role of Dr. Who in the BBC TV series. Can you remember them all?

How many Players

How many in-game players do you need for a team in each of these sports?

1. Netball,
2. Rugby Union,
3. Rugby League,
4. Field Hockey,
5. Polo,
6. Water Polo,
7. Volleyball,
8. American Football,
9. Tug-of-War,
10. Curling

Terms of Reference for the Bowling Committee

It was realised that, since its formation, the Bowling Committee has been operating without Terms of Reference. The Executive Committee made the decision that this situation should be rectified, with the additional benefit of providing further clarity as to the working relationship between the two committees. Here, for members information, is what has been documented:

“At a meeting of the Executive Committee on 31 January 2020 it was agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Ladies’ and Men’s Sections, known as the Bowling Committee, shall, until such further amendment as it is considered necessary, be:

The Bowling Committee will deal with issues arising out of S13 (a) of the Constitution or that the Executive Committee delegates to it from time to time, including internal and external competitions, matches, drives and catering thereto.

All decisions made incurring a financial cost to the Club must comply fully with any pre-determined financial budgets. The Bowling Committee will not undertake any unbudgeted financial expenditure until specific approval has been received from the Chairman or Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Any decision reached by the Bowling Committee must represent a majority of the members present. In the event of a majority not being achieved, the matter may be referred to the respective Sections for further consultation and determination. Any decisions involving changes to competition rules must be ratified at the next Men’s or Ladies’ AGM following the implementation of the change. Matters relevant to both Sections must be approved by both sections.

The Bowling Committee will be responsible for determining the frequency of its meetings, chairmanship and quorum. It will at all times maintain an equality of representation between the Sections but that will in future be limited to four from each section.

Any Playing Member may raise an issue relevant to S13(a) through his or her Section, such matter to be referred to the Bowling Committee and thereafter to the appropriate Section Annual General Meeting.

Such issues will not be deemed appropriate for the Club Annual General Meeting pursuant to S12.1 vi of the Constitution. Such issues can, however, be raised at a Special General Meeting upon satisfaction of the requirements of S12.2 (a)ii of the Constitution.”

Peter Hope

Peter Hope formerly the ‘Hope’ of Hope and Davies (vets) has recently died. Peter was born in 1943.

At a Maldens and Coombe Heritage Society meeting, he recollected that after qualifying he eventually set up his own practice in 1972 at 14 Burlington Road, New Malden. The premises cost £6750. No planning permission was required as the practice only used two rooms of the building. In 1973 planning permission was obtained to convert the building to a surgery. In 1978, an extension was added, and John Davies joined the business. Peter then bought 12 Burlington Road and converted the two properties into one.

Peter became the practice manager and was in charge of consult and operations. After operating on a Dalmatian to remove a lump on the side of the dog’s chest, Peter was upset to find the Dalmatian’s spots didn’t join up!

Maureen Grimwood

My Thermometer

I ordered a thermometer from Amazon, – one of those that, if placed on one’s forehead, would read one’s temperature.

It arrived one week later, sent from Southall. But, the instructions were in CHINESE and the label on the product was in CHINESE. I have now contacted Amazon to say the thermometer is useless without instructions in ENGLISH and that I want a refund if these cannot be provided.

Maureen Grimwood (alias Mrs Complaints)

Malden Manor in World War Two

The following item was seen on Facebook and we thought it would interest readers. It was posted by Jeff Walder, shared further by Richard Johnson and summarised a bit by Maureen Grimwood.

World War Two passengers on the Southern Railway would have passed through a large and now forgotten Italian Prisoner of War camp just before they arrived at Malden Manor Station. This occupied both sides of the railway line: half where Sheephouse Way joins Malden Road and the other half in Strouds Field along Church Road opposite the Plough pub.

The railway had been extended from Motspur Park to Tolworth in May 1939 and on to Chessington North and Chessington South in May 1940. The stations were built in the Art Deco style. The planned extension to Malden Rushett was never completed because of the War.

Most of the Italian PoWs had served in the Italian Air Force. It is not generally realised that one in twenty of the enemy aircraft in the Battle of Britain in late 1940 were Italian and not the German Luftwaffe.

The locals of Malden Manor and Old Malden were clearly not ones to hold a grudge and on weekends often conversed with the Italians through the wire fence, passing them cigarettes and sweets in the process. Historic aerial photography of the area taken in 1946 shows the layout of the camp and its huts can clearly be seen, when viewing Google Earth (this requires viewing Google Earth on a PC rather than Android or Mac devices).

The railway bridge over Malden Road at the top of Sheephouse Way was used as an air raid shelter during the Blitz by local residents, who slept on the pavements beneath, trusting in the protection of the strong concrete structure from bombs, Doodlebugs and V2 rockets.

No escapes were ever reported from Malden Manor's PoW camp!

Developing the Playground in Manor Park

In February, Dave McGrady and I met up with Simeon Linstead, the Chairman of the Friends of Manor Park to get an update on their plans for upgrading the park's playground. This is the first element of their grand plan for 'revivifying' the park.

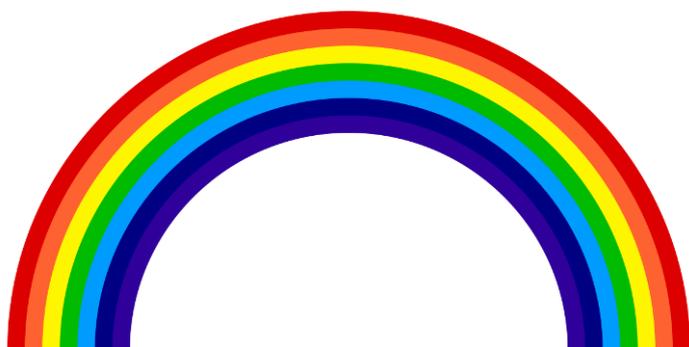
The plan is to have a far more extensive playground, with elements on both sides of the existing pavilion, with equipment suitable for different age groups. The section on the side nearest our green will actually move further away from the hedge, to such an extent that there will be a clear space for other park users to walk through.

The Friends already have £140k which was allocated to them by the Council, but to achieve the full plan, they are in the process of crowdfunding a further £195k, which would then be matched by the Government. We were interested to hear that the 'rules' of a crowdfunding campaign mean that if the £195k is not achieved, then they do not get any of the funds (other than the £140k which they already have).

Simeon has provided some flyers and he has committed to provide me with some further materials, which I would look to display for member's information.

Mark Smith

**Create a Rainbow picture
in your window to spread
happiness and for children
to count whilst out
walking with their parents**



Dress Code

At the AGM, members voted in favour of asking the Executive Committee to revise the dress code to allow for casual clothing for roll-ups. In doing this, it became apparent that dress codes existed for both men and ladies. We are now publishing the dress code which is applicable to all club members.

Inter Club Matches

For all Inter-Club matches or Representative games all players will wear club shirts and grey or white trousers/shorts or skirts as stipulated on the team sheet displayed on the club team selection notice board. Shorts if worn shall be tailored or Bowls England approved.

Pullovers, cardigans and rainwear should be predominately white, or Club colours

On the green all players will wear Bowls England approved shoes.

i.e. *players, umpires and markers must wear flat-soled ('heel-less') footwear when they play on the green or act as umpires or markers.*

Roll Ups

The dress code for practice roll ups will be smart casual clothes, although a white shirt or polo type bowls shirt with collar is preferred. Shorts are allowed but must be tailored or Bowls England approved. Shoes must be Bowls England approved.

T-shirts or tops without collars or sleeves will not be permitted.

Internal Club Competitions & Drives

Players in internal club competitions & drives will wear club or white tops with grey trousers/shorts or skirts all as stipulated above apart from club finals when club shirts and white trousers/shorts or skirts shall be worn.

PLEASE ALL NOTE: The Executive Committee anticipate members will respect this relaxation of the dress code and continue to maintain the high standards of the club at all times

The Executive makes no apologies for publishing the revised Dress Code in OTB, even though it will be displayed in both Changing Rooms. What is important is that every member follows it.



K&D Presentation Evening

A large number of members attended this evening on 6th March to support our winners and runners up collect their silverware. Captain Graham also collected the trophy and prize money for winning the K&D League.

Thanks to Roy Walton for these photos



From Malden Manor's Bard alias Tony Josolyne

(Sadly, there won't be the usual 'Opening Drive' this year; this poem was based upon memories of those in previous years. Tony J).

Mid-April - The Opening Drive

This month the Bowls Club opens up again;
Members coming back, some from 'indoor games',
Now warmly-dressed, for facing wind and rain;
To join the 'Drive' we register our names:
Great work completed in the winter break
Provides us with a verdant field of play
Prepared for all the action it will take;
From roll-ups and the matches, day by day.
We arm ourselves, with drinks bought from the bar,
The bowlers take their places on the rink,
But others feel that's still a step too far
And stay back in the warmth, to have their drink.
Inside the clubhouse, notice boards are decked
With half-filled match-sheets waiting for more names,
Still posted there for captains to inspect,
When picking teams for all the future games.
A friendly bar, plus laid out cakes and tea
Awaits all those returning from the green
And the opening drive, once more will be
A great beginning to the 'Summer scene.'

100 Club Winners 2019/20

Congratulations to the following. £100 prize for April, and £45 for all other winners

2019

May	No 161 Nigel Stagg	Drawn: May Bank Holiday
June	No 45 Shirley Walton	Drawn: Friday Night Triples
July	No54 Tony Hooker	Drawn: Captain and Vice Captain's Day
August	No 148 Tony Josolyne	Drawn: August Bank Holiday Drive
September	No 154 Jose Dovey	Drawn: September Finals Day
October	No 21 Anna Camps	Drawn: Closing Drive
November	No 10 Stuart Corner	Drawn: November AGM
December	Andrew Peile & Peter Jezzard	Drawn: Carols evening

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January	No 154 Josie Dovey	Drawn: Bingo evening
February	No187 Lyn Eden	Drawn: Race Night
March	No145 Bert Turner	Drawn: Cards, Monday 16 March
April	No 179 Pat Wye	Drawn at the club 23 March by Irrigation Contractor

The next edition of On The Bank will be published soon. Please send us material.

In the meantime, enjoy Midsomer Murders, Miss Marple, Poirot, Morse, Endeavour, Father Brown, . . .

Quiz answers

Dr Who: 1st William Hartnell, 2nd Patrick Troughton, 3rd Jon Pertwee, 4th Tom Baker, 5th Peter Davison, 6th Colin Baker, 7th Sylvester McCoy, 8th Paul McGann, 9th Christopher Eccleston, 10th David Tennant, 11th Matt Smith, 12th Peter Capaldi, 13th Jodie Whittaker

How Many Players?: 1. Netball (7), 2. Rugby Union (15), 3. Rugby League (13), 4. Field Hockey (11), 5. Polo (4), 6. Water Polo (7), 7. Volleyball (6), 8. American Football (11), 9. Tug-of-War (8), 10. Curling (4)