



Reigate Priory Bowling Club (Est. 1880)



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The season's over, it's time to call it a day

The week's seem to have flown by - it doesn't seem that long ago since we were looking forward to many weeks of playing and socialising in the fresh air!

In terms of play, we have had good days and not so good days. Despite the not so good, we finished third in the Border League, third out of five in the Friendship League and second (by one point!) in the North Downs League. Well done to all those who participated.

We have run three very successful Invitation Days, thanks to the hard work of Colin and Evette Oakford and all the members who helped out behind the scenes. A profit of **£1,674.75** was made over these three events - a brilliant result.

Four social events have also been held - Beetle Drive, Bingo, Quiz night and the end of season event, which were very well supported and enjoyed by all.

The Clubmark Scheme - update

In August, an email was received from James Lovell, our Clubmark Assessor notifying us that Sport England had been undertaking a review into the Clubmark scheme to explore the efficiency, effectiveness and continued suitability of Clubmark.

As a result, Sport England decided that Clubmark should cease on 30 November 2019. At its creation, there were elements of the scheme which were considered to be 'best practice' but these are now deemed to be essential aspects of any club's operations - Safeguarding, Duty of Care and Governance etc.

Our Club will continue to be fully accredited until **25 July 2020**.

As a result of the work carried out to achieve accreditation our Club now has a range of policies and procedures, which are regularly

reviewed by the Committee. In addition, we have a Development Plan to work to over the coming years. These documents will hold us in good stead in continuing to be a well run club which looks after its members.

And on another positive note - no more external verifications to go through!

Annual General Meeting

One of the most important dates of the year for the Club. This is when the Committee reports on the Club's year and members vote on the various items put forward as well as appointing the Club's officers for the forthcoming year.

As shown in the attached documents, the AGM will be held at Reigate Park Church, Park Lane East on Tuesday 29 October from 19.00 for a prompt start at 19.30, all members are asked to attend.

Please help to make sure the seats are filled!



GoRaise

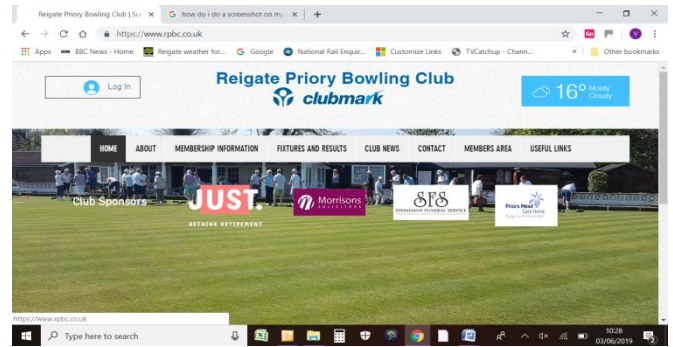
Unfortunately, only 5 donations have been received this year. Christmas is coming (oh, yes it is!) so hopefully these will increase over the coming weeks. As GoRaise only pay us when we have reached £15 in donations, our total so far is still £106.24, as mentioned in the last newsletter.

Remember, there are over 3000 retailers on the site who will donate every time you shop online.

Go to <https://www.goraise.co.uk/rpbc/> to make a difference, or visit our website and click on the link.



Web Site



Policies and Procedures

In this newsletter we are highlighting a further two policies: Health and Safety and Inclusion and Diversity.

Health and Safety

This policy outlines the actions the Club is committed to and also outlines the duties of Club members. The specific safety areas covered are: electrical, construction, fire, grounds, catering. The document also gives details of where the first aid cabinet may be found and refers members to the Accident Report forms. The names of qualified first aiders are shown on the Club Information notice board.

At a recent Committee meeting, concern was expressed over members using the toilet in the kitchen, particularly when functions are being catered for. It was therefore agreed that this toilet should only be used by members working in the kitchen, to avoid any cross contamination.

Inclusion and Diversity

Reigate Priory Bowling Club is committed to ensuring that its members, whether participating in or watching activities are treated fairly and are able to conduct their activities free from discrimination, harassment or intimidation.

The Club will investigate any claims when brought to its attention and will impose such sanction or sanctions as it considers appropriate and proportionate, where such is found to be the case.

The full policy documents are available to view in the Really Useful File and are also available to view in the Members' section of the Club web site.

Do you visit the Club web site? If not, do have a browse and see how much easier it is to find what you need. There is a great deal of information on the site including the teams for forthcoming matches, the order of play for the Club competitions, and much, much more. If you aren't signed up please visit the site at www.rpbc.co.uk and click on the "Log In" box in the top left hand corner. Enter your email address and the password you would like to use and Kris or Phil will contact you.

Thanks to Kris and Phil for continuing to keep the website up to date.

Bequest from Gina Fernall's estate

Members were informed in a previous newsletter of the substantial bequest received by the Club from Gina Fernall's estate.

We have recently been informed that a challenge has been made on the will, which although it probably does not affect the Club's bequest, could mean there is a delay in the bequest being finalised.

We will keep members informed in due course.

And finally,

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and the Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation Evening and if you will not be attending either of these we wish you a

**Happy Christmas and
Prosperous New Year**