



## Charlton Croquet Club New Season Newsletter



Welcome to the new season on the croquet lawn and as I write this the sun is shining – just right for a game of croquet! This Newsletter will give a summary of activities in the Club over the coming season with apologies for things you have already heard about.

First of all though, a warm welcome to our new Members who have joined the Club this year. I hope you enjoy many happy hours on the lawn either socially or competitively.

This year sees the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Club. We have come a long way from those early beginnings and established ourselves as a well-known Club in the area. We plan to mark this anniversary during the course of the year, culminating with a celebratory **Gala Dinner in Charlton Horethorne Village Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

On the lawn, Club afternoons are now up and running on Tuesday and Thursday at 2.00 p.m. and the various competitions will be starting in May. Just a reminder to say that the lawn is available for you to book seven days a week via the lawn booking system.

We are excited to launch a new competition in 2026 – see Gary's recent email and please try your hand at this and/or one of our traditional competitions during the coming season.

On the playing front, please avail yourselves of some or all of the coaching opportunities now available from our excellent coaching team. These are very useful as a reminder of the basics of the game but also ways in which our games can be improved.

We held a successful **"Fizz on the Lawn"** event last year and plan to repeat this on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – further details to follow. Also on the social front, we have a **friendly match at Winterborne Valley Croquet Club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August** and hope to arrange a visit to the Bishop's Club based at Wells Cathedral sometime in June.

As in previous years, we are looking to organise our outing to another club and we are currently exploring one or two possibilities. Once again, further details to follow.

As many of you will know, the "Gudgeon Nurseries" produce more plants than they can use and we will be offering these to members as and when they become available with donations made to Club funds. Watch this space for this year's surplus!

And finally! A couple of reminders of things previously announced:

- Club Sports Clothing – This is available via Kitz UK – please contact Sue Gudgeon for further details
- Easy Fundraising – An easy way to raise funds for the Club when shopping on line without costing members anything! Please contact Sue or Pete Hanson for further details

***Dates for your diary:***

- Entries to the Ladder Competition 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Entries for other Club competitions 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Friendly match at Bishop's Croquet Club at Wells Cathedral June TBC
- Fizz on the Lawn 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer Outing July TBC
- Friendly match at Winterborne Valley Croquet Club 19<sup>th</sup> August
- Finals Day 30<sup>th</sup> August
- Gala Dinner 30<sup>th</sup> October

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