Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

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Newsletter .

December 2024 .

HAPPY CROQUET CHRISTMAS!!!

Christmas Lunch in the Club House…
Next Tuesday 10 December 12.30 for 1pm

If you haven't already let Fran know that you are coming please contact her **NOW!**
All welcome but we do need to know how many we are catering for…!! **£10/person**
Franralli@gmail.com

As always there will be plenty of scrumptious food…. (bring your own drinks!)
The engraved trophies from the Summer Tournaments will be presented
and there could be a Jolly Christmas Quiz and some home-grown entertainment….?

STOP PRESS: A lot of hard work Well Done and **BIG thanks!!**
Mo and her team took **£324** at the CPCC stall at Bath Christmas Market on Tuesday.

The Quiz Night on Saturday 26 October raised an amazing **£640** for Club funds. Thanks again to all who attended, to the Quiz Master and his team and the raffle and catering team!!! The next Quiz at Claverton Hall is booked for Saturday 1 March.

The Next Lunch is on Thursday 30 January 12 noon at

Newton Park Farm Shop and Café BA2 9BT

As usual please sign the notice in the Club House or contact Marion.
Numbers are needed to reserve a table…… marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

CPCC Winter GC Tournaments are ongoing between rainstorms!!!
Two people have qualified for the final of the GC High Handicap Tournament:

Mike Power and Phil Hendy

Ann Munton will play in the final of both the Advantage and Level Play tournaments having won through in her rounds. However both of the other qualifying rounds have been postponed.. so as yet her opponents are unknown! All games were scheduled to be complete by 6 December with the Finals played on Saturday 14 and/or Sunday 15 December. Unfortunately it's not possible to confirm that yet….

Winter Lawn Treatments are ongoing….. we are still restricted to Lawns 1 and 2 rainstorms or frost permitting. Please continue to check **before** you set the lawns which ones are available and that they are definitely flood and frost free….

The **Work Party** on Saturday 23 November had to be cancelled thanks to Storm Bert!! Another will be organised after Christmas….Plenty of jobs to suit everyone

Drop-In Sessions, on the first Sunday of every month from 2pm until 4pm for anyone interested in finding out more about croquet, will continue in the New Year and hopefully gather momentum as and when the weather becomes more suitable.

SOMETHING NEW FOR 2025! On the second Monday of every month starting in January there will be a **SOUP & HOOP LUNCH** for all in the Club House.
Starting from 12noon with hot soup, rolls and cake at £5 per person.
Monday afternoon is a Club Play Day so hopefully a journey around the hoops will follow some delicious soups!! First date **Monday 13 January…….**

YOUR CROQUET CLUB NEEDS YOU !!!!!!

Plans are underway organising the CPCC Diary for 2025:
The AGM is on Saturday 8 March.
Current committee members have been in role for a few years now but
it is essential for the health of the Club (and the existing Committee members!) that new faces replace old and new ideas and experience are included.
The Committee members **now in need of help and/or replacement are:**
Fran Ralli (Chair) David Milford (Treasurer) Angela Crofts (Secretary)
plus ……with all other portfolios…….
Des Back, Marion Button, Phil Hendy, Andy Loakes
A new Committee is elected at each AGM in March. Committee meetings are held on the morning of the first Monday of every month (which can be altered to suit).
There is a role/job to suit everyone. **Please give this some serious thought.**

100 Club Lucky number: **3** **Robin Oldland**
Please contact Nigel to join or buy more numbers nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10 December:	**Christmas Lunch: The Club House 12.30 for 1pm**
Saturday 14 December:	**Winter Tournament Finals Day????**
Sunday 15 December:	**Winter Tournament Finals Day????**
Sunday 5 January:	**Drop-In Session 2-4pm**
Monday 13 January:	**Soup and Hoop Lunch: The Club House from 12noon**
Thursday 30 January:	**Lunch at Newton Park Farm Shop 12 noon**
Saturday 1 March:	**Quiz Night at Claverton Village Hall 7.30pm**
Sunday 2 March:	**Drop-In Session 2-4pm**
Saturday 8 March:	**AGM 2pm**

And finally…….

Those who read the Croquet England magazine will have seen this first picture and read the accompanying text: "*A painting by Spanish Baroque artist Bartolome Estaban Murillo (1617-1682) entitled The Holy Family, clearly shows Joseph making a croquet mallet, with several more stacked in the background……*[1]*.".*

I was intrigued……is this an appropriate (or inappropriate?) picture for our Christmas newsletter? So, on yet another rainy/no croquet day, I decided to investigate the origin of this (whatever your opinion?) cleverly created spoof……..

I discovered this second picture which is the "original" painting entitled:
"Holy Family with the Infant Saint John the Baptist: an oil on canvas painting by the Spanish artist Murillo created c1668-1670 and now held in the Museum of Fine Arts in Budapest" [2]*.*

I've not contacted David Graham to find out how he has managed to find and adapt this image

Nor have I spoken with Bartolome Estaban Murillo for his comments……

Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary Dec 24

[1] The (Unofficial) History of Croquet by David Graham
[2] Wikipedia