Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk

Newsletter

March/April 2026

A round-up of recent events

Defib Session: 16 February. 29 club members attended. It was very worthwhile with plenty of useful information. Advice: if you need to ring 999 to report any incident anywhere always give the What3Words location; emergency services will know exactly where it is… a post code covers a wide area and trying to describe the road or house is difficult. Download the free What3words app onto your phone.
Our Club House's What3words location is **shun.splat.skim**
The nearest defib box is on the veranda outside the Cricket Pavilion.
The code is C159X **but always ring 999 first,** if necessary they will confirm the code. (There is also a stab emergency box). £145 was collected and donated to South West Ambulance Services who ran this free training session.

The **GC Referees' Refresher Seminar** and **New GC Referees' Course:**
25/26 February. Congratulations to David Richards from CPCC, now a qualified ref.

Skittles: 27 February. 24 people enjoyed the game and the supper at the Cricket Club, meeting up for the first time after a long wet winter. Thanks go to skittles professional Marion for guiding us through the game. Next skittles: next February.

Crocus Challenge: 28 February. Nigel organised a friendly GC competition to start the season. Paul Dix was the winner!

AGM: 4 March. 32 people attended, most staying on afterwards to enjoy delicious soup and play croquet in the sunshine. It is planned to repeat this format next year but start later at 11am.

The 2026 Committee is:

Fran Ralli/Chair David Milford/Treasurer Angela Crofts/Secretary
Des Back, Paul Dix, Phil Hendy, Andy Loakes, Simon Munton and Nigel Wulcko.

In addition CPCC is dependant on many of its members who take on different responsibilities throughout the year. Thanks are due to all.
Membership subs are now due: Full members £276 Social members £50
Payment prefered by BACS: Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club 30-90-54 41274968 and/or cheque or cash to David Milford.

Quiz Night: 21 March. 45 people enjoyed a fun Quiz and a splendid spread of food. Approximately £400 was raised for Club funds. Thanks to the usual Quiz team!
Next Quiz will be in November.

Progressive Doubles Competition: 28 March. Such a good way of mixing up everyone of all standards at the beginning of the season. Lynn was the winner. Thanks to Jill S for organising. Next one, near the end of the season, on 3 October

One Ball Competition: 9 April 10 people took part in CPCC's round raising £105 for **Save the Children**. Mo organised, won and qualifies for the Surbiton final in May.

South West Federation Spring Short Croquet Tournament: 11 April at Nailsea. CPCC team: John Rowley, Simon Dunk, Simon and Ann Munton came 3rd out of 5. They won 8 of their 16 games.

InterClub Bowl Competition: 14 April at home against Phyllis Court CC.
CPCC team: Jill Shaw, Patrick Knight, Ann Munton, Simon Munton.
Winners were Phyllis Court CC by 5 games to 2.

Coming soon!

Rules Seminar: This Thursday 23 April at 2pm in Club House.
Sign up on the Notice Board or email Brian bwilson71e@icloud.com

National Croquet Day: Sunday 3 May

Coincidentally this is one of the regular monthly Sunday afternoons when we welcome visitors to come and try out playing croquet. To make this a special day at CPCC free cream teas will be available for all. Please can as many members as possible be there, if possible wearing their CPCC monographed white polo shirts.

Summer Tournaments are due to begin on 22 May… Please ensure that you have booked your entries with Colin **before Friday 8 May.** No entry fees this year!!
Any queries Colinbritt1945@hotmail.co.uk

The next Work Party: Saturday 9 May starting at 10am.
Lots of useful jobs were done on 21 March, thanks to all the usual stalwarts.
It would be very nice to see some new faces… it's not onerous, we have fun, you can do what you fancy. See you then….
It is important that **YOUR** Club House and the grounds look spick and span.

Next Lunch: Thursday 30 April 12 noon at The Fromeway in Radstock BA3 3LG
Please contact Marion if you would like to go as a table needs to be reserved.
(Please note Marion's new email address) Marion.button2@yahoo.com
Lunches are organised on the last Thursday of each month at different locations.
If you have any suggestions please let Marion know.

South West Federation League Matches start on 24 April.
Please will Team Captains ensure that they send their results and photos to Angela for the Newsletter and Jill Parker for her newspaper reports.
Acrofts857@aol.com jspathome19@gmail.com
A reminder to each Team Captain on home match days. **You are responsible** for ensuring that the Club House is clean and tidy before and after the match and for checking that there is sufficient milk, tea and coffee. If the match is on a day when nothing is happening in the Cricket Club **you must ensure** that the main gate is closed after the last participant has arrived (by looping over the padlock chain) and that it is closed and locked after the last person has left. Also please double check that the Club House and stores are locked and all electrical items are switched off before you leave.

Training Sessions: Sunday 31 May and Sunday 19 July. These are run by the club coaches for existing and potential new members to help improve our standard of play and deal with the more complicated issues of the game. All details from Mo.
maureenboys@icloud.com

Tasters: 7 booked already. There are plenty of available dates if you would like to organise one. Contact Angela to check dates/timings/costs. Acrofts857@aol.com
Tasters range from "bring your own picnic" to "strawberry cream tea" to "proscecco and supper" and anything in between. The cost/person varies accordingly. Help is available to coordinate your taster depending on numbers and whether your invitees are croquet players or croquet virgins! Tasters are a great way to introduce people to have fun playing croquet and they raise valuable income for the Club.

100 Club March's lucky number: 19 Diana Wade
April's lucky number: 23 Marion Button
Please contact Nigel if you would like to purchase a (lucky) number for your chance to win £25 Nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

Request for Information

If you are taking part in any competitions elsewhere it would be good to have your results in the Newsletter… Please send me the information and any photos by email.. if we don't know what you have entered we're not able to spread the news!!
Acrofts857@aol.com

And finally

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Chance to play croquet at free sessions

CROQUET

THE 2026 season beckons at Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club, with early season events planned and a new scheme in place for introducing people to the game.

Following the success in 2025 of monthly Roll-up Sundays, the club will be promoting this approach. Come and Play Days will be run on Sunday, April 12, and Sunday, May 3, from 2.00pm.

The club lawns are in Peasedown, accessed from Peasedown Cricket Club; just 'Roll-Up' wearing flat shoes and everything else will be there for you to have a game of croquet. More details on the Club website. These afternoons are free to all comers. Tuition and training days, run by the club's coaches, are already scheduled for March 22, May 31 and July 19. Mo Boys will be running a beginners and Improvers session on March 22 (2pm). For more information and to sign up for this course email Mo: maureenboys@icloud.com

Andy Loakes will be doing a reprise of his very successful 2025 Improvers' Course on Sundays in March and early April.

All the fixtures scheduled for the club's nine teams are now in the club diary and players for these teams are being registered ahead of the first matches which will be in April.

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In February the club enjoyed a skittles evening and are looking forward to a quiz evening on March 21 and a Progressive Doubles competition on March 28. https://camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk/

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New season starts to get underway

The 2026 croquet season beckons at Camerton & Peasedown CC (CPCC), with early season events planned and a new scheme in place for introducing people to the game and into the club as members.

Following the success last year of monthly Roll-Up Sundays, the club will continue promoting this approach. Come and Play Days will be taking place on Sunday, April 12 and Sunday, May 3 from 2pm.

The club lawns are in Peasedown and accessed from Peasedown Cricket Club. You must wear flat shoes, but everything else will be provided for you to have a game of croquet.

The afternoons are free to all-comers and more information can be found on via *camertonpease-owncroquet.co.uk*.

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The handicapping system for Golf Croquet (GC) has been simplified for 2026 and, as a pre-season opener, a Crocus Croquet Challenge was held last month specifically to introduce club members to the new starting levels.

On the social side, the club enjoyed a skittles evening last month on the adjacent Peasedown Cricket Club alley and are looking forward to a quiz evening and ploughman's supper on Saturday. A progressive doubles competition is scheduled for March 28.

Also last month, as part of Chiltern Croquet Academy's 2026 outreach programme, Croquet England Golf Croquet examining referee Ian Shore visited Camerton & Peasedown to instruct and examine a new group of Golf Croquet referees.

He was accompanied by the club's Brian Wilson and Chiltern's Ron Carter, both experienced GC referees.

There were ten participants at the blended learning one-day course, which was supported by the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs.

They came from clubs all over the South West, including Budleigh Salterton, Bristol, Cheltenham and Dorset.

The course, which was mainly delivered on the lawns alongside some time spent in the classroom, built on the candidates' previous knowledge of the rules of Golf Croquet and provided practice in applying these rules on the croquet court.

There was a formal assessment both of that knowledge, and the candidates' ability to apply what they had learnt in a competitive game.

The day began with introductions and indoor presentations, preparing the ground for the practical demonstrations on the CPCC lawns. The weather was for the most part fair.

Emphasis was not only on Golf Croquet rules, but also the role of a referee and their expected presence in a refereeing situation, especially if that proved to be challenging.

In the afternoon, the candidates were examined in a short multi-choice written test and by demonstrating their knowledge on the croquet court. This was assessed by the Croquet England examining referee.

Those that passed both parts of the examination were recommended to become qualified GC referees and to receive a GC referees' badge.

CPCC's David Richards was among those to have become a newly-qualified referee, alongside Taunton Deane CC's Gordon Butler, Bristol CC's Dave Kibble and Bristol & Budleigh Salterton CC's Neil Purchase.

CPCC provided refreshments all day, and also supplied the guinea pig players for the practical tests – David Milford, Nigel Wilko and Des Back.

For more information, the Croquet England website also has a useful set of rules-based questions, in the form of a quiz, to test your understanding.

Beginners are welcome at Camerton and Peasedown CC

2026 class of aspiring Golf Croquet referees ahead of their practical ination on the Camerton & Peasedown courts

The Midsomer Norton, Radstock and District Journal Wednesday, 11th March 2026

Croquet academy visits

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Fortunately, the weather for the outdoors practical part of the course was, for the most part, fair.

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The newly qualified referees from this course were: Gordon Butler (Taunton Deane CC), Dave Kibble (Bristol CC), Neil Purchase (Bristol CC & Budleigh Salterton CC), and David Richards (Camerton & Peasedown CC)

Camerton and Peasedown provided refreshments all day, and also supplied the 'guinea-pig' players for the practical tests: David Milford, Nigel Wilko and Des Back.

The 2026 class of aspiring Golf Croquet referees

Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary April 2026