

Great Holland LADIES ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 13th October 2024 at 10.00am

Unapproved Minutes

Meeting opened: 10.01am (Minute silence to remember members who sadly passed away since our AGM in 2023 - Derek Tickner..... John Hills

Apologies for absence: Ruth Edgson, Sheila Horton, Sue Richardson, Jo Sanders, Angie Sheffield

Minutes of last meeting: Proposed: C Lofthouse Seconded: S. Lee

Matters arising: None

Chairpersons Report (J. Chippendale): Welcome to all. Congratulations to all competition players and winners. But numbers were disappointing this year. Hope there will be more entries next year. Congratulations to Sheila Stickland on achieving her Colts Badge. Good show of volunteers for this year's officers. We need all the help we can get. Thank you.

Secretary's Report (S Stickland): Thank you to all who have supported me in my first year as Ladies' Secretary. But special thanks to Angie, who has guided and supported me from the start; firstly with a very comprehensive handover pack, and then throughout the season answering my many queries. This was much appreciated, especially when my confidence was waning or when my computer wouldn't do as it was told. We are sorry she couldn't join us this morning, but our thoughts are with her and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The preseason coffee morning was well attended with 31 members enjoying yet another batch of Rose's delicious cakes. Thank you Rose.

It was decided that we would trial bulk buying crisps and biscuits for the ladies and mixed friendly matches, rather than individuals buying supplies a match at a time. This seems to have worked ok especially since we had quite a lot of last minute changes to the number of players we were catering for.

We have been fortunate to have a good number of new lady bowling members over the past year. I hope those of you who played in the league and/or friendly matches enjoyed it, and that those who haven't yet signed up will think about it next year. You will be most welcome.

The Macmillan Weekend was a great success. The coffee morning was very well attended, raising an amazing £1200, for this worthy cause. Thanks, to everyone who donated cakes, raffle and tombola prizes, to all who turned up and spent loads of money, and special thanks to Angie and her team for organising it. The sun even shone so that we could enjoy a final fling on the bowls green with our Macmillan match fundraiser.

Captain's Report (O Bambury): This has been a very difficult season for Great Hollands.

I will start with the TVLL (Thames Valley Ladies League). We were promoted to division 1 having been the leaders of division 2 at the end of season 2023. We started with our usual 4 teams, which gave us 3 teams playing alternately each week and 1 team as reserves. For various reasons, one being ill health, it soon became very hard to field a full team, and other members seemed reluctant to help. Anyway, we survived and managed to stay in Division 1.

Our greatest achievement was winning 10 - 0 against the top team who only lost one game in the TVLL and that was against Great Hollands!

We also had problems in the Top Club competition, having been drawn to play against a club more than 30 miles away. The county rule states that we could play on a neutral ground. The problem was we had left it too late to apply, so we had to travel an hour and a half to start the game at 10.

We managed to change this to 11am. Unfortunately we lost the game, so that was the end of Top Club this year.

I would like to thank Irene for all her help during the past months. She has run the Tuesday friendly games, which has also been hard work to get enough players, and also a new ladies competition (The Double Fours). I'll hand over to Irene to tell you how we got on.
Thank you Irene.

Vice Captain's Report (I Bradley): Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your help and assistance this year. I could not do it on my own, so thank you.

Out of 16 ladies games we won 8, lost 4 and 4 were cancelled. 2 to bad weather, Reading and Mytchett. Crowthorne cancelled due to lack of players, and we had to cancel Hurst as it clashed with the Tour.

In June, at the request of Gillian at Maidenhead Town, we added a game. Unfortunately, we lost but we had a lovely afternoon, and hopefully we can arrange a return game next year. They sent a lovely note expressing their appreciation of our hospitality and for the lovely homemade cakes provided by Rose.

The Double Fours: what a result getting through to the last 4. I personally thought we would struggle, but a great bit of team work saw us make the semi-finals. Let's repeat that again next year.

County Report (C Lofthouse): At the moment I represent the club at county level, attending a council meeting each year, this year Thursday 17 October.

Information so far:

New IT system has been purchased and will be implemented in 2025. However, competition forms are issued on paper as clubs like to plan this way.

SENIORS comps will now be over 60's

2WOOD comp reverts to zones West/East for initial stages. Ours is Wokingham. Entrants must be available on Sunday 22 June.

A proposed constitution change: No mobile phone to be used during games.

Nominations: Senior Vice President, Angela Isaac. Junior Vice President, Debbie Bissett.

Flood lights will be necessary for final stage of Double 4's.

There will be no coaches for inter county friendly matches due to high price. Also fewer fixtures.

Let me know if you wish to raise anything at the meeting or comment on above.

GH ladies entered a number of competitions in 2024 including the Double 4's where the team reached the semi-final - well done.

I hope everyone will consider entering a competition this year.- many to choose from, on the board already with further info.

A reminder to new bowlers, the info on how to become a county bowler is on the county board.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE/OFFICERS for 2025

Chairperson - Angie Sherfield

Secretary - Sheila Stickland

Committee Members - Carole Drury, Lesley Langer, Linda Stone

Ladies' Captain - Irene Bradley

Ladies' Vice Captain - Rose Reason

There was a discussion regarding electing 3 club members rather than 2. It was agreed that the club needs as much support as possible, and members should not be discouraged from volunteering their services. Rather we should take an opportunity to spread the load.

Any other Business:

Club Shirts: There were some sample sizes available to try on for size. June Clarke is going to obtain more sizing information from suppliers which she will email to members in due course.

Ladies Lunch: Whitehorse Pub, Easthampstead Road, Wokingham. 06 November at 1pm

Kitchen Inspection: It was agreed that milk should only be stored in the fridge in its original milk container, or taken home. If you notice any out of date food in the fridge, please dispose of it.

Date of Next Meeting: 19 October 2025

Meeting Closed 10.45am