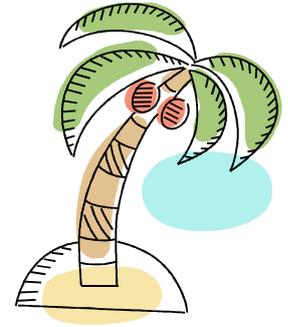


# PALM READER

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## Incoming President

It is an honour and a Privilege to become the President of Palmerston Club particularly as it is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, I just hope that I can do the role as well as others before me.

I would like to thank Barry for his work through the year as President.

The reasons I accepted this onerous challenge was to give something back to the club for all the friendship and support that people in the club have given me since I started bowling.

And this leads me on to the charity that I have chosen for my year as President which is the Hampshire Air Ambulance for the great work that they do and none of know when we may need them.

I know that a club is only as good as the support it gets from its members and I hope that the members will continue to give me the support that you have given to all past Presidents particularly in putting your names forward for the friendly matches.

Thank you very much.

*Marie Leonard*



HAMPSHIRE AND  
ISLE OF WIGHT  
AIR AMBULANCE

A very warm welcome to all our new members, we hope that you enjoy your time bowling with us and please remember to keep an eye out for the friendly matches putting your names down if you wish to play

Palmerston Business Park (Off Newgate Lane) Fareham.  
Tel No 01329 232005 website: [palmerston-bowls.org.uk](http://palmerston-bowls.org.uk)



## **PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS PAGE**

This is the schedule for the bowls green cleaning team for the forthcoming winter season.

All the team are volunteers for which the club is very grateful.

We currently have dates to be filled, so if you would like to join the team please contact Cyril Friend or Brian Hayles (b.hayles@ntlworld.com)

You will receive tokens for two games each per clean for your efforts and a big thank you. Instructions will be given if required.



### **Race Night**

The next Race Night will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Horses will be sold from 7pm and the first race will be 7.30pm  
Attendees will be limited to 85 with one member allowed to bring one guest.

The maximum numbers on any table is shown and this cannot be raised.

Booking arrangements, and ticket sales will be as normal.

Cost will be stated on the booking sheet and the tickets.

Roy Mudd.



### **Cribbage**

The crib meetings have been well supported and all who have attended have enjoyed themselves. Cribbage did not take place during the summer months due to the Club being closed in the afternoons.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for the first cribbage game and these will be held fortnightly dates as shown 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December further dates will be shown in the December issue of the Palm Reader.



## **NOTES AND REMINDERS**

**Please be aware that you are not supposed to go from the lounge area to the rink area to bowl until the previous players have completely left the rink area.**

**Have you**, changed your phone number or address? If so, please can you inform Lesley Howell to enable her to keep her records up to date.

**Bonus Ball**, you have to be in it to win it, the bag with the numbers is on the table as you come into the club, please remember to put a pound in the tin for every number you take.

**Ditches**, please do not step into the ditches as this breaks off the rubber spikes. One hand on the bank and remove the bowl from the ditch with the other hand.

**Chewing Gum**, please refrain from chewing gum whilst bowling as gum has been found on the green and is difficult to remove and it damages the carpet.

**Charity Sweets**, the sweets/cakes from the various charities appear to be being misused in that the monies are not being put in the appropriate boxes. This month one of the boxes was down by £12.00 if this continues we may lose this facility.

**Mobile Phones**, please ensure that your mobile phone is either switched off or on silent when in the bowls club.

**Plastic Cup Holders**, the plastic cup holders should only be used for hot drinks and not for anything else. Please ensure that you return the holders when you are finished with them.

**Rule 22 Encroaching**, a player shall not encroach on an adjoining rink where play is in progress. Should the player in possession of the mat so encroach, the umpire shall, after having giving a warning, have the bowl stopped and declared dead.

### **Out Going President**

President Barry said that by chairing the J.M.C meetings he had gained a better insight into the work done by members to ensure the smooth running of the club. He thanked everyone who had contributed to his charity The Rainbow Centre raising £1500. He thanked Marie and all those who helped in running friendlies and internal games. He paid tribute to Andrew who dealt with the extension building, Keith Fleming for the Palmerston Cup organisation and both captains for their success. The highlight of his year was being present at Melton Mowbray to see the ladies win the Vivienne Trophy. He gave some gifts to those people who had given him help through the year.

He handed over the chain of office and wished her well.

## **LADIES CLUB COMPETITIONS**

The entry forms for the Ladies Competitions are now available in the Ladies locker room and also on the website.

Let's make the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year a bumper entry.

All Ladies can participate – you don't need to be an expert bowler to enjoy the experience of competitions.

The closing date for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> October and the finals week will take place in the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

If you have any queries regarding the Ladies Club Competitions please contact the

**Ladies Competition Secretary.**

**Marilyn Williamson**

**Tel: 01329 519335**



## **Proxy Voting**

At the AGM this year, a proposal was passed to enable members who play in the Sunday afternoon friendly matches against other clubs, to wear club shirts on a par with members who represent this club in the Bramley Bowl and Riversmeet matches. I suggest that it would be unfair and unjust if members who do not play in the Sunday afternoon matches were to deny the right to wear club shirts to members that do.

It came as a disappointment to read a club notice put out by the Board of Directors, that due to a possible breach of the regulations governing proxy voting contained in the Companies Act 2006, the vote at the AGM has been declared null and void. I consider that there are two downsides in proxy votes. First, the member who puts in a proxy vote goes entirely on the wording of the motion, and does not hear the arguments put forward at the meeting, which might influence the opinion of the voter. Second, there seems to be nothing to prevent a member from putting in a proxy vote then later attending the meeting and voting again.

We will now have to wait until next year's AGM to try again.

*Barry McCann*

# PALMERSTON CUP FIXTURES 2017/18

DATE / LEAGUE	FIXTURES (revision 1)
15th October 2017 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Lee on the Solent - v - Banister Park Gold Fareham Cheetahs - v - Milton Park
22nd October 2017 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Eastleigh Rail - v - Fareham Tigers Fareham Panthers - v - Meon Valley A
29th October 2017 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Lockwood B - v - Bridgemyary Meon Valley B - v - Lee on the Solent
5th November 2017 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Eastleigh Rail - v - Lockwood A Fareham Tigers - v - Priorsy
12th November 2017 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Banister Park Gold - v - Fareham Cheetahs Milton Park - v - Lockwood B
19th November 2017 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Banister Blue - v - Fareham Panthers Meon Valley A - v - Eastleigh Rail
26th November 2017 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Lockwood B - v - Meon Valley B Lee on the Solent - v - Fareham Cheetahs
3rd December 2017 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Lockwood A - v - Fareham Tigers Priorsy - v - Fareham Panthers
10th December 2017 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Milton Park - v - Bridgemyary Meon Valley B - v - Banister Park Gold
17th December 2017 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Meon Valley A - v - Lockwood A Fareham Tigers - v - Banister Park Blue
7th January 2018 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Fareham Cheetahs - v - Lockwood B Bridgemyary - v - Meon Valley B
14th January 2018 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Fareham Panthers - v - Eastleigh Rail Priorsy - v - Banister Park Blue
21st January 2018 <b>LEAGUE A</b>	Lee on the Solent - v - Bridgemyary Banister Park Gold - v - Milton Park
28th January 2018 <b>LEAGUE B</b>	Priorsy - v - Lockwood A Banister Park Blue - v - Meon Valley A
4th February 2018 <b>QUARTER FINALS</b>	<b>A.</b> Winner League A - v - 3rd Place League B <b>B.</b> Winner League B - v - 3rd Place League A
11th February 2018 <b>QUARTER FINALS</b>	<b>C.</b> 2nd Place League A - v - 4th Place League B <b>D.</b> 2nd Place League B - v - 4th Place League A
18th February 2018 <b>SEMI FINALS</b>	<b>E.</b> Winner Quarter Final A - v - Winner Quarter Final D <b>F.</b> Winner Quarter Final B - v - Winner Quarter Final C
25th February 2018 <b>FINALS NIGHT</b>	Winner Semi Final E - v - Winner Semi Final F



## **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

Your new Social Committee has been hard at work during the summer months, arranging a variety of events to be held during the Winter Season. We have tried to provide some top-class entertainers for you, but they do cost money. At the same time, we have been mindful to try and keep ticket prices to a minimum, so not all the events will be Dinner/Dances, some of them will be Buffet/Dances which means you will have a hot and cold buffet to choose from and this also includes a dessert.

Our first offering is a Buffet/Dance to be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017. What will you get for the price of a £15 ticket? Well for a start there will be an extensive buffet as detailed above. There will be a fun quiz with a prize for the winning table and there will be dancing to a dynamic duo from Dorset called "CLOUD NINE". These are experienced entertainers, having previously worked on cruise liners as well as across the south of England. There will also be a raffle for those who like a flutter.

This leads me nicely onto the second event which is a celebration of our 20 YEARS as an indoor bowling club on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We are still working on the food for this one, but we do hope to have a "Fun Casino" for members to blow their "fun money" away. There will be a blackjack table and a roulette table operated by experienced croupiers and the most successful punter that night will walk away with a bottle of bubbly. Watch the noticeboards for further details nearer the time.

This will be followed by the Christmas Dinner and Dance on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Sit down to a traditional Christmas meal, followed by dancing to D.J. Mark Frampton. Do not be put off by the fact it is a disco, as Mark will play lots of suitable music from the 60s, 70s and 80s and will get you on the dance floor. Just ask any member of Fareham Bowls Club who have hired him for the past three years for their Dinner/Dances.

There are three more functions planned for the New Year. A Buffet/Dance on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018, a Valentines Dinner/Dance on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and a good old "knees up" to finish the season with a "Cockney Night" on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Guess who will be the Pearly King and Queen! Details of these events will be made available nearer the time.

**Your new Social Committee are putting a lot of time and effort into planning these events. All we ask is that the members support them by attending. After all, it is for YOUR benefit, not ours.** Tickets for the first event will be on sale at the bar, with a closing date for ticket sales on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Don't forget to reserve your table so you can sit with your friends. See the Social Events Noticeboard for details.

We look forward to seeing you at our planned events.

From your new Social Committee – Keith Fleming, Sylvia Wrightson, June Fleming and Trevor Howard

## Hire of Restaurant for Private Functions

It has been noted that on some occasions when a private function is being held in the restaurant the inner security door has been kept propped open. The fire extinguisher is the item normally used. This is not what it is there for!!! The security door must remain closed at all times as being kept open this way invalidates the Club insurance. If there is an incident due to the security door being propped open during a private function the member who requested the hiring will be held responsible and any further applications from the member will be refused. Please respect and comply with the security instructions relating to the safety of the Club premises.

During some private functions held in the restaurant the fire doors adjacent to the kitchen is being opened to allow people entry and exit of the Club. At some functions, the doors are opened to allow entertainers entry and opened again when departing. The doors are fire doors and are alarmed and are only to be opened if there is an emergency. Entertainers must use the main front door only. The member hiring the restaurant is expected to comply to the instructions posted on the fire doors.

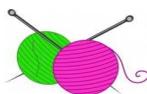
## Lunch Time Bookings

Lunchtime bookings - Starting from Sunday the 17th September 2017 the number of guests a member may bring in for lunch will be reduced to five. This has been discussed and approved by the Board of Directors. For parties in excess of ten a request form must be completed for approval and forwarded to Sylvia Wrightson, Director of Catering.

*Sylvia Wrightson*  
Director of Catering



One of our marvellous bar staff Cindy has had her hair shaved off in aid of Oesophageal Cancer, she is well on her way to reaching her target which is £1,000, your support has been greatly appreciated.



### Help Requested

Do you have any spare wool, one of our members who is now bed ridden would welcome any spare wool that you have to spare? Please leave donations of wool in the ladies changing room and Madge will collect it and take it to her.

## SUMMER LEAGUE WINNERS 2017

Monday	9.30am	Toffs	J. Didymus
Tuesday	9.30am	Posh Club	T. Mc Alear
Tuesday	11.30am	Jacks Five	M. Williamson
Wednesday	9.30am	Draw Backs	M. Brown
Thursday	9.30am	Posh Club	T. Mc Alear
Friday	9.30am	Shorts	T. Wilkins



### On the Lighter Side

#### **A Bridge too far?** - By a Palmerston player.

I was just about to deliver my bowl on Rink 1 when suddenly a voice from above said to me in a booming voice 'Because you have tried to be good and kind to all the members of the Palmerston Bowls Club I will grant you one wish`.

I stood up and said, 'Build a bridge to the Isle of Wight so that I don't have to queue and to pay so much to visit the Island`.

The Lord said, 'Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the man effort the supports required reaching to the bottom of the Solent and the concrete and steel it would take. It will almost exhaust many of the natural resources in Hampshire. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something else that could possibly help you.'

I thought about it for quite some time and I finally said, 'Lord, I wish that you could teach me to deliver a wood in the right direction and with the correct strength so that I could get near to the jack every time.

The Lord replied, "How many lanes do you want on that bridge?"

The End

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

"I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

## COMPUTER TOO OLD?

If you have a computer bought before 2010, the chances are it is running an insecure Windows system. Security updates for Windows XP stopped in April 2014 and for Windows Vista they stopped last April.

Does it matter? Consider this: Out of the blue, in June 2017, Microsoft, having stopped patching Windows XP 3 years prior, issued a patch for XP to protect against the massive WannaCry malware (you will remember this is the one which crippled the NHS).

If you are still running one of these systems I think you might be asking yourself if you should scrap it. If so, read on because I have some suggestions for things you might want to think about before you head to PC World to buy a new one.

First of all, if you've decided to replace your PC I recommend reading this website [howtoreplaceyourpc.com](http://howtoreplaceyourpc.com). For more detail look at my article "Don't buy a Windows computer" in the December 2014 issue (62) of Palm Reader. You can find this on Palmerston's website. Basically, it says that Windows is such a big target for the internet criminals it's best to steer clear. There are good alternatives for what most people need, and they don't have to cost as much as an Apple Mac.

But **perhaps your old computer might not be entirely useless** ... depending. Mainly depending on whether you are prepared to put some effort into it. If you've got some reasonable familiarity with running a computer and are prepared to have a go at learning some new stuff, **you can replace Windows with a free operating system called Linux**. Ten years ago, this was definitely the preserve of techie geeks like myself, but in recent years there are versions of Linux which ordinary people can run successfully without knowing how it works. And don't be put off by thinking free means rubbish. It is top quality and runs more actual computing devices across the planet than any other operating system including Windows. There's an interesting history behind it which I don't have the space to explain.

Assuming your PC is still running, search for articles on "Linux Mint". One of these is as follows: [www.lifewire.com/windows-vs-linux-mint-2200609](http://www.lifewire.com/windows-vs-linux-mint-2200609).

The downside to this system is that you can't take it to a PC shop for them to fix as they only deal with Windows and Apple. But if your old PC is doomed, what is there to lose? There's nothing to buy except perhaps a small button battery to replace the one in your PC which is probably on its last legs, and maybe a USB stick.

To give you an idea of what is involved here is an outline of what you might do:

1. Back up your data. Use a free internet backup service such as Dropbox or Google Drive. Visit their web site and check your files are there.
2. Clean the innards. Open the case and remove dust from the fans. A failed fan usually soon kills the PC. Replace the button battery (usually a CR2032 obtainable from local shops).
3. Download Linux Mint Mate. A very old PC might need the 32-bit version but most PC's will run 64 bits.
4. Prepare a USB stick or DVD using a tool such as Unetbootin or rufus (Google for these and download).
5. Insert the stick or DVD, reboot while pressing the boot menu key to boot from the stick or DVD instead of the Windows hard drive. Now follow the instructions to install,

which will wipe out Windows (and any viruses).

6. Have fun, surf the internet, do your emails, print your letters. Cancel your anti-virus subscription.

Of course, there are ifs and buts, and this is not for the faint of heart, but you might get a kick out of making it work. If the above doesn't immediately put you off, you might get 3-5 more years from your PC. But if it doesn't work out at least you tried and you won't have wasted any money. Anyone interested can speak to me for more information.

Russell Gadd



### **True Reports from British Life.....!!!**

#### **BRITISH NEWSPAPERS**

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, 'we agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdy has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.' (The Daily Telegraph)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (The Guardian)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coast guard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (Aberdeen Evening Express)

Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled – 'He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out "Heil Hitler."' (Bournemouth Evening Echo)

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, '@This sort of thing is all too common. (The Times)

## PERU AND BUST!

There are some dangers associated with being a Bowler, the trip over a wood whilst stepping backwards, the back strain from the perpetual bending, missing your step whilst negotiating the ditch and maybe the dropped bowl onto your big toe!

But none of these dangers compare to those encountered by the motorcyclist whose very life is at risk sitting astride a powerful machine often capable of frightening speeds.

I do enjoy my bowling but it does not take me very far afield, unlike biking that takes me all over the world and in fact on the occasion that I am going to tell you about now, all the way to Peru to ride across the Andes and down into the Amazonas and back again. Well that was my intention anyway.

In the last issue of Palm Reader, I finished by saying that I hoped to make it back in one piece and to continue playing bowls. Well sadly I managed neither as I came back in 3 pieces with my leg broken and consequently cannot bowl either!

The road had recently been repaired (although not very expertly). It was somewhat bumpy with some loose bits with no double white lines to show which way it went beyond the blind brow ahead. Roger was some 30 yards ahead of me and he was no doubt facing the same dilemma that I was. As I reached the brow I could see Roger ahead, struggling to get back on the road, having found himself on the offside verge. I thought, s\*\*\*, he's coming off! But he was too clever for that and his motocross experience enabled him to regain the tarmac and continue on. I was braking and laying my bike over to do the same but a split second later I found myself sliding down the road towards the verge and an alarming drop.....!

Six of my pals also fancied a trip to Peru and they were there with me riding high in the Andes sometimes at 4600 meters. This tour even included a trip up an Amazon tributary by motor boat and canoe!

My dear pal Bob was there as was Phil Pett, who had sadly recently lost his wife, Jill Kernick a Master Mariner, her partner Roger from New Zealand, Simon who was something big in the City and his pal John made up the group.



Gerry in Cloud Nine.

At 3.35 on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> March my doorbell rang and there stood Bob with his usual wide grin on his face. "Are you coming to Peru?" he asked. We picked up Jill and Roger, from their boat in Bursledon and the 4 of us set off in the taxi heading for Terminal 5 and Lima via Madrid. £517 return was a brilliant price that Jill had resourced and we all took full advantage of that, you can bet.

We spent one day in Lima to see the sights before flying the 352 miles up to Cajamarca where APM were based and the bikes stored: The APM team were absolutely magnificent

and everyone fell in love with Franco, our ride leader who has a degree in engineering and Jorge, our driver who also has a degree but in Agriculture.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ride to our two night-stop in Celendin would take us over the Cruc De Conga at some 4000 metres, so we were hoping that our altitude tablets would do their job as altitude sickness is a life-threatening condition that should not be taken lightly.

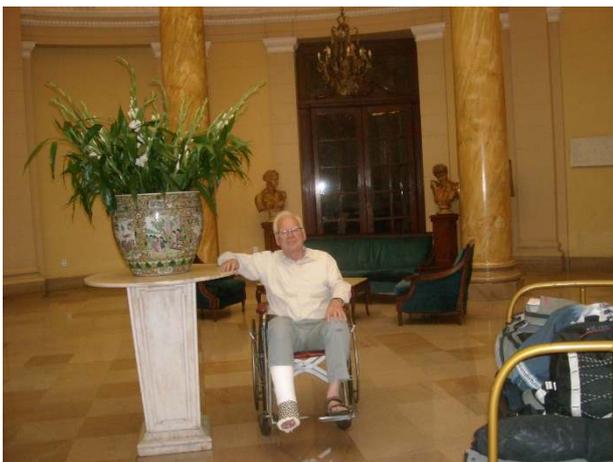
Some cloud and rain was encountered but the ride was truly memorable, high in the Andes with almost no other traffic and a complete absence of other tourists. The Plaza in Celendin, with its beautiful Church, period buildings, wonderful flower beds and ample seating, provided us with a vivid contrast to our roaring engines and bucking bikes across the mountain roads. Restaurants were plentiful and I chose to eat alone that evening so that I could soak up the atmosphere of the real Peru. The pretty waitress smiled as I gave her the thumbs up as my teeth sank into a magnificent steak.

Unfortunately, John crashed into a Tuk as he rode the wrong way up a one-way street knocking the thing over on its side and tipping the passengers out onto the road. Twisted forks and bruises and a 200 Sol cash (about £50.00) payment kept the driver quiet!

I enjoyed, riding through small villages, alongside raging rivers through gorges with huge overhangs and often massive boulders lying on the river bed.

Moyobamba, in the heart of the Amazonas, was our next stop and it was during this ride that I encountered the right-hand bend featured at the beginning of this story. I am happy to say that I did not disappear over the edge of the steep drop but came to a stop with inches to spare albeit with my right leg broken in three places. (not that I knew it at that time) So although it was quite painful I continued for another 75 miles before deciding that enough was enough and I pulled over to wait for the backup Hyundai minibus with trailer to arrive and pick me up.

I was determined not to miss the Amazon boat trip the following day to see the wildlife, the plants and the waterways. After a pause for coffee I was struggling to walk and getting into a canoe became very difficult and painful. The canoe guide very kindly hacked at an Arinoca root and whittled me a wonderful walking stick that I now have at home in the UK! The canoe trip was so memorable, with us slipping silently through the Amazon jungle between the massive roots stretching down into the water with monkeys and other wildlife continuing about their daily business high in the trees unaware of our presence.



The following morning necessitated me visiting a hospital as the leg was getting bigger by the hour and the x-ray clearly showed my leg in about three pieces.

I spent my last night in Peru at the wonderful Hotel Bolivar right on the main Plaza in Lima, I was in a wheelchair by then, of course, on four wheels instead of two.

Arriving home after a 20-hour trip door-to-door found me quite shattered and fearing that Sheila really might actually `kill me` as she had emailed one particular person! But thankfully she hasn't, well not yet anyway.

The party's host paid me a great compliment. "You are a good-looking woman," he said. "Honest—I've had only one beer."

My glow was only slightly dimmed when my husband interjected, "Imagine how great she'll look after two."