

## Great Barford Bowls & Petanque Club

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Dear Member,

Welcome to a new season at Great Barford Bowls and Petanque Club and my first communication as chair of the club. 2018 promises to be an exciting year continuing the progress made in 2017, when many of the representative teams came close to promotion. We will enjoy the full benefit of the development works at the club including some upgrades to be completed in the next couple of months.

My thanks go to continuing members of the club who are extremely loyal, but some sections of the club are in need of new members, notably Ladies Bowls and Petanque. Our experience has been that new members are most successfully recruited by word of mouth and if every existing member recruits one new member we would double the size of the club for next season. Recruitment activities will be undertaken as local residential developments become occupied but please continue your efforts in the meantime.

In common with all sports clubs, there is always work to be done at the club. An ongoing list of jobs is on display in the clubhouse and support of any description is always welcome; the more people that contribute the easier the tasks become.

As well as the headline sports, the club offers many other activities and social events throughout the season which will be publicised by the Development & Fundraising Committee and included in the club calendar on the website. These include carpet bowls on Thursday evenings, a whist drive on Wednesday evenings and yoga and pilates on Fridays amongst other things. These events are open to non-members as well so please bring friends and colleagues to provide their first experience of the warm welcome at our club. We are always striving to promote the club within the local community and encourage their participation.

Your suggestions for improvements and innovations are always welcome so please feel free to contact me or any other committee member with any ideas you may have.

With best wishes to you all,

John Griffiths