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Coronation weekend

ICC will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla with, surprise surprise, a social game of croquet this Monday (8th May) - the more members, friends and family the merrier.

Please bring a packed lunch, and/or cakes, sandwiches, drinks etc. to share. We will start at 12 PM and finish by 4 PM (before the forecasted rain). Those who wish will then move on to a local hostelry for a celebratory drink.

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Progress at Trinity Park

The spring dressing has now been applied to the courts and as the soil warms the turf should become thicker and greener. Unfortunately this means more mowing and we still need more volunteers to help with the mower and moving the grass cuttings – if you haven't already done so please don't hesitate to put your name forward! We will then publish a '*Mowing Roster*' on the noticeboard in the pavilion.

To help with lawn maintenance the committee has decided to prioritise the purchase of a new mower with trailing roller seat and a trailer for the tractor to move grass cuttings etc.

The soft sandy soil is causing the hoops to sink quicker than expected and for '*rabbit runs / egg cups*' to appear. We will endeavour to move the hoops more frequently, and ask that players refrain from standing on the hoops or pushing them in too far. Also please remember that metal mallets or hammers should never be used on the hoops.

Working parties

Our sincere thanks to all those who have helped in previous working parties. However there is always more to do. Stone picking and weeding will be required on a regular basis and there are some once-off jobs to be undertaken.

Working parties will be needed on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please let Martin Brown know if you are available to assist.

Social events

It is proposed to meet up once a month at the Flex Café for a social lunch. It has been suggested that the 4th Wednesday of each month might be a good day. It would allow those leaving the morning doubles tournament to join those about to play in the afternoon club session.

Flex is very happy for us to do this but ask that we pre-book to ensure space, and a pre-order would be helpful. Your comments are requested and welcome.

A further suggestion is to hold barbeques at the club during the summer –

bring your own meet, salad, drinks etc. and cook on a barbeque provided by the club. This could be in the afternoon or evening and accompany games of croquet, boule or perhaps a light-hearted quiz. Again, your thoughts please.

May events

- Monday, 8th May** Coronation celebration as above
- Saturday, 20th May** ICC's Open Day during National Croquet week in support of the British Heart Foundation. It would be great if each member were to bring at least one non-member (family, friend, neighbour, colleague etc.) to 'have a go' and hopefully consider joining ICC. Please do your best. Members are asked to help with the provision of a few cakes, snacks, drinks etc.
- Monday, 29th May** Spring Bank Holiday. This is another chance to introduce family, friends, neighbours and colleague to our sport and drum up more members.
- Wednesday, 31st May** Suffolk Show. The club will be closed for play during these two days. If you have not already volunteered to help at the show, please check with Ria to see if she needs further assistance.
- Thursday, 1st June**

Tournaments

The next morning **singles handicap tournament** is next Wednesday, 10th May. There are still a few spaces left so please contact Martin Brown as soon as possible if you would like to join us – remember first come first served.

The next morning **doubles tournament** is on Wednesday, 24th May. These are light-hearted tournaments aimed to give those, who mistakenly feel they are not good enough, the chance to experience the enjoyment and comradery of these events. Don't be shy - please contact Simon Holloway to enter. We need more participants.

Now we have moved to Trinity Park we intend to reintroduce the Sunday all day GC singles tournaments. These used to be played in whites, however unless there are any objections we suggest we dispense with this formality.

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We propose that these take place on the first Sunday of each month starting in June. We will post a notice in the pavilion to gauge interest in this event

New members

We would like to welcome Jill Atkins as a new full member to ICC.

We would also like to welcome Liz Cutting back to the club after her recent travels. Henry Gosnell has also re-joined as a most welcome under 21 member.

Reminders

1. Please don't forget to collect your membership cards from the pavilion. These entitle you to a 10% discount at Flex Café.
2. This Monday (8th May) is the closing date for Victory Cup entries.
3. Tuesdays and Thursdays club sessions from 6 PM to 8 PM are now open. Please use the WhatsApp Group to arrange games.
4. Please feel free to use the suggestion box on the Members Page of our website. Among other things we are looking for your suggestions with regard to social events.

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We would appreciate your feedback. If you have any comments about this or future newsletters or would like an article published in a newsletter please contact the editor—contact details at the bottom of this page. Copy should be submitted by Wednesday, 24th May for inclusion in the June issue.