

### **Whitehead – The Story So Far**

In 2014, when the club took a 25-year lease on the disused bowling greens and pavilion at Whitehead Park it seemed to many members to be a bit of a risk, with plenty of potential but a lot of money and work required to realise it.

The first move, thanks to great member generosity and a landfill company grant, was the removal of the two crown greens and the path between them, the levelling of the site and the seeding of the resultant area. Next the pavilion needed attention. Thanks again to great member generosity and landfill company grants, the very poor accommodation for men's and ladies' bowls clubs and a park office was replaced with the excellent equipment room; fully fitted kitchen; community room/indoor croquet court; toilet and changing facilities for both men and ladies and a separate toilet for people with disabilities that you see there today. Whitehead was really taking shape, but one big problem loomed. We had been led to believe that the bowls lawns had a drainage system installed. However, the very wet Autumn and Winter of 2016 showed us that either there was no system installed or else it didn't work!

Site investigations convinced us that there was indeed no proper drainage system installed. We had a great site with an excellent pavilion but a lawn that was far less than adequate – not good

for a croquet club! We bit the bullet and decided to have a full drainage system installed in Autumn 2017 ready for the 2018 season. It would reduce the club's financial reserves to a level that was just about OK but far less than we would have liked. However, one thing we couldn't control was the weather which remained too wet for heavy machinery right up to April this year. The work had to proceed so we decided to close Whitehead for play for the whole season, putting a heavy strain on Coronation Park and its maintenance volunteers, but allowing us to get Whitehead right for the 2019 season. Two deep trenches, parallel to the pavilion and at either side of the lawn were filled with a large drainage pipe under aggregate and top dressing. They were joined by 14 smaller trenches, similarly filled, running perpendicularly across the lawn. The main pipes were connected to an existing, tested drainage point near the double gates. The disturbed area was levelled and seeded. All we needed now was some rain to allow the seed to germinate and grow strongly to bind the top dressing in which it was planted so that the next stage – sand banding – could proceed. Sand banding involves many, much smaller trenches at

260mm spacings, 20mm wide and 150mm deep filled with fine sand to intensify the drainage. The rain, which held us up so long initially, now refused to come and so we relied on the unstinting efforts of our volunteers to water, twice a day, to get the newly sown seed to germinate and grow. This has been so successful that we are hoping for sand banding to be done as soon as there is enough rain in the forecast. Rain is essential because once the sand banding is done the lawn will be finally levelled and the whole area seeded. Thereafter the whole lawn will need to be kept moist so that the new seed will germinate and grow – not possible in a heat wave where water restrictions are being encouraged.

Once this is done the lawn will settle and need re-levelling with top dressing in low areas, a little at a time, and John and his team will need to work on the lawn to get it in good shape for the season ahead. Let's hope for a superb lawn that will attract visitors and new members alike. There are so many people to thank for all that has been done at Whitehead to bring the vision to reality.

**Report by Derek Deadman**



work in progress



lawn on 4th July



**We think we have problems!**

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#### **INTERNAL MATCHES**

Don't forget to arrange your outstanding internal matches!

See up-to-date details (as at 24th July)  
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**Finals day 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

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**Bury Croquet Club Pens for sale £2.50 each**  
Still have plenty in stock - good for Birthday and Christmas pressies.

See  
Phil Nuttall.



## COBER HILL Fri 18th May - Mon 21st May

Bury Croquet Club once again visited Cober Hill for a long weekend. 26 people attended. including our friends from Morpeth.

21 of us played croquet, 14 playing Association and 18 playing Golf. During the days over the weekend 47 games took place. Well done everyone.

In the evenings we had a quiz and croquet beetle drive, carpet bowls and of course Cober Olympics. Of course Saturday also saw the Royal Wedding and the Cup Final so inevitably there were some spectators for these events.

The winners of the Association Croquet were David and Derek and those of the Golf Croquet were Derek and Barbara E.

As usual Sue ensured everyone was fed and watered mid mornings and mid afternoons.

Jean Hargreaves, David Barrett and Margaret Eccles did some fantastic organisation!



David showing his new style mallet!



The Gang

## NWFCC ANNUAL FESTIVAL SOUTHPORT 23-24th June

The tournament enjoyed wall to wall sunshine for this great event.



Bury won the Handicap Association Shield.



Bury also came 3rd in the short lawn.

Captains Margaret (A/C) & Ken Eccles (golf), Richard (full lawn) and Barbara (advanced) organised very difficult schedules. Margaret also organised the evening meals whilst Barbara did the accommodation, she has already organised next year's!



Riggy was his usual exuberant self as NWFCC chairman. Where did he get that jacket?

**Why not sign up next year you will love it!**

Ruth made her debut at playing competitive short lawn. She may be petite and gentle but look at what she did with this black ball!



**DON'T MESS WITH HER JUST LET HER WIN!!**

## New Coach on the Block!

Congratulations to Chris Alvey for passing his coaching exams and what a great job he is doing. Here is the proof:



## Fundraising Events

Many people have been helping raise funds for the club by holding group events:

**Jean Hargreaves** - St Andrews Guides Bromley Cross, Trefoil Guild, 7th Radcliffe Brownies, Tower Trefoil Guild, All Saint's Men's Group

**Derek Deadman** - Phoenix Club Visit

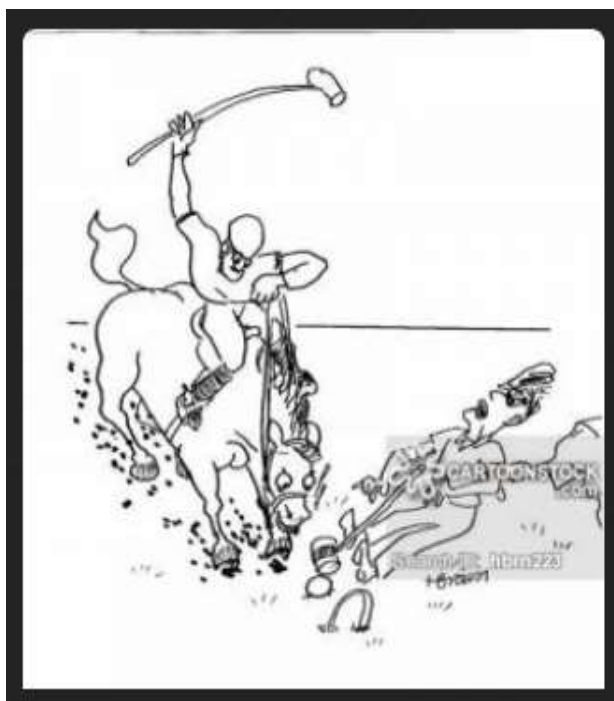
**Phil/Helena** - Nuttall Friends

**Judith Gathercote** - Nightlight Ladies

**Richard Harvey** - Portfolio Executive (SME)

If you have a group of friends or colleagues, why not think about having a great gettogether and help out the club at the same time!

So many members volunteer to help and they are fantastic to give their time selflessly.



**Derek mixing up his hobbies!**

**Team up calendar 24th July - 23 Oct.**

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## SHORT 2018 FULL BISQUE (1 hr 30 mins)

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SEMI	FINAL
PLAY BY END MAY	PLAY BY END JUNE	PLAY BY END JULY	PLAY BY END AUG	FINALS DAY 30th SEPT
VI ANNE	VI BOB			
RICHARD L MARGARET A	MARGARET A RICHARD H	MARGARET A		
BARBARA Y DAVID L	BARBARA Y MARGARET E	BARBARA Y		
HELENA CAROL	HELENA ROGER S	ROGER S		
PHIL RUTH	PHIL KEN J			
	ALAN JEAN H			
CHRIS TONY	TONY JOHN	TONY		
ROY DAVID B	DAVID B MAUREEN			
				WINNER

## GOLF OPEN 2018 BEST OF THREE (Time limit see notice)

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SEMI	FINAL	
PLAY BY END MAY	PLAY BY END JUNE	PLAY BY END JULY	PLAY BY END AUG	FINALS DAY 30th SEPT	
	DAVID L	DAVID L	GILL		
	MARGARET E				
	GILL	GILL			
	DEREK				
VI	PHIL	RICHARD L			WINNER
PHIL	RICHARD L				
	JOHN	JOHN			
	CAROL				
	ROGER H	MARGARET L	JEAN O		
	MARGARET L				
	JEAN O	JEAN O			
	MARGARET A				
JUDITH	JUDITH	JUDITH			
HELENA	JEAN H				
	DAVID B	DAVID B			
	ROY				

## GOLF LEVEL PLAY 2018      BEST OF THREE

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SEMI	FINAL	
PLAY BY END MAY	PLAY BY END JUNE	PLAY BY END JULY	PLAY BY END AUG	FINALS DAY 30th SEPT	
JEAN O DAVID B	JEAN O	MALCOLM			
	MALCOLM				
RICHARD L GILL	RICHARD L	RICHARD L			
	<del>JEAN G</del>				
	MARGARET L	PHIL	JOHN		
	PHIL				
JUDITH DEREK	DEREK	JOHN			WINNER
	JOHN				
	ROY	VI			
	VI				
PAUL K MARGARET A	PAUL K	PAUL K			
	ROGER H				
BARBARA Y MARGARET E	MARGARET E	MARGARET E	MARGARET E		
	HELENA				
	CAROL	CAROL			
	DAVID L				

## GOLF 8+ 2018 BEST OF THREE

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SEMI	FINAL		
PLAY BY END MAY	PLAY BY END JUNE	PLAY BY END JULY	PLAY BY END AUG	FINALS DAY 30th SEPT		
	JOAN H	JOAN H				
	ROY					
	RUTH					
	JANET					
	ALAN					
	JEAN G					
	MARGARET L	MARGARET L				WINNER
	CAROL					
	ROGER H	BARBARA E				
	BARBARA E					
JOHN	DAVID L	DAVID L				
DAVID L	HELENA					
	LYNNE	GILL				
	GILL					
	JEAN O	JEAN O				
	RICHARD L					



## HANDICAP 2018 BASE 8 (3 hrs)

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	SEMI	FINAL
PLAY BY END JUNE	PLAY BY END JULY	PLAY BY END AUG	FINALS DAY 30th SEPT
MALCOLM MARGARET E	MALCOLM		
BOB PAUL K	PAUL K		
	TONY		WINNER
DAVID KEN A			
KEN J RICHARD			
VI CHRIS			
ROGER MARGARET A	MARGARET A		
BARBARA PHIL	PHIL	PHIL	

## ADVANCED 2018

ROUND 1	SEMI	FINAL
		FINALS DAY 30th SEPT
TONY MALCOLM	MALCOLM	
KEN J DAVID B		WINNER
KEN A ROGER S	ROGER S	
BARBARA PAUL K	PAUL K	

## Booking System

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24 Jul - 23 Oct 2018

### July 2018

Tue 24 Jul    All day            **One Ball coaching** ♻️ (David Barrett)  
                 13:00 - 16:00        **Golf Croquet** ♻️  
                 16:00 - 18:30        **Internal Golf Level Play Match** (Richard Leach vs Malcolm D)

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Wed 25 Jul    All day            **C Level Golf** - All lawns (Jean Hargreaves, David Barrett)  
                 All day                **NW Fed C Level Golf Tournament** (N W Fed Players)  
                 18:30 - 22:30        **Association Practice** (Association Practice)  
                 18:30 - 19:30        **Internal Full Lawn** (Margaret A v Phil)

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Thu 26 Jul    10:00 - 13:00        **Beginners and Improvers coaching** ♻️  
                 12:45 - 18:00        **Grass Roots Club Round** (7/8 people on 2 short lawns)  
                 13:00 - 16:00        **Golf Croquet** ♻️ (David leach)

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Fri 27 Jul    All day            **Ground Maintenance** (David Leach)  
                 10:30 - 12:30        **Internal short lawn** (Phil Nuttall v Ken Jones)

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Sun 29 Jul    All day            **Culcheth v Bury South** - Culcheth (John. Derek. Judith. Roy)  
                 All day                **Bury Peelers v Chester A/C Hcap** (Paul Kenworthy)

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Mon 30 Jul    17:30 - 21:30        **Association Practice** ♻️ (Association Practice)

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Tue 31 Jul    13:00 - 16:00        **Golf Croquet** ♻️

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### August 2018

Wed 1 Aug    10:00 - 12:00        **internal golf competition** (David L, v Barbara E.)  
                 17:30 - 21:30        **Association Practice** ♻️ (Association Practice)

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Thu 16 Aug    10:00 - 13:00        **Beginners and Improvers coaching** ♻️  
                 13:00 - 16:00        **Golf Croquet** ♻️ (David leach)

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Fri 17 Aug    All day            **Ground Maintenance** (David Leach)

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Sat 18 Aug	All day	<b>Bury Caesars Vs Fylde (Playing at Fylde) - AC Handicap</b> - Fylde
Sun 19 Aug	All day	<b>Bury South Handicap Golf</b> (V Crane)
Mon 20 Aug	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Tue 21 Aug	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻
Wed 22 Aug	All day	<b>Midweek</b> - Away at Chester (Barbara Young)
	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Thu 23 Aug	10:00 - 13:00	<b>Beginners and Improvers coaching</b> ↻
	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻ (David leach)
Fri 24 Aug	All day	<b>Ground Maintenance</b> (David Leach)
Sat 25 Aug	All day	<b>Bury North V Llanfairfechan Golf Handicap</b> (David Leach)
Sun 26 Aug	All day	<b>Southport v Bury Peelers</b> (Paul Kenworthy)
Mon 27 Aug	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Tue 28 Aug	All day	<b>Short Lawn</b> (Bury v Westmorland)
	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻
Wed 29 Aug	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Thu 30 Aug	10:00 - 13:00	<b>Beginners and Improvers coaching</b> ↻
	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻ (David leach)
Fri 31 Aug	All day	<b>Ground Maintenance</b> (David Leach)

## September 2018

Sat 1 Sep	All day	<b>Bury Caesars Vs Bowden Firs A/C handicap</b> - CP
Sun 2 Sep	All day	<b>.? Spice</b>
Mon 3 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Tue 4 Sep	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻
Wed 5 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	<b>Association Practice</b> ↻ (Association Practice)
Thu 6 Sep	10:00 - 13:00	<b>Beginners and Improvers coaching</b> ↻
	13:00 - 16:00	<b>Golf Croquet</b> ↻ (David leach)
Fri 7 Sep	All day	<b>Ground Maintenance</b> (David Leach)
Sat 8 Sep	All day	<b>Fylde v Bury Peelers A/C Hcap</b> (Paul Kenworthy)
Sun 9 Sep	All day	<b>Bury North v Culcheth Golf Handicap</b> (David Leach)

Mon 10 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Tue 11 Sep	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Wed 12 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Thu 13 Sep	10:00 - 13:00 13:00 - 16:00	Beginners and Improvers coaching ☞ Golf Croquet ☞ (David leach)
Fri 14 Sep	All day	Ground Maintenance (David Leach)
Sat 15 Sep	All day	.? Spice
Sun 16 Sep	All day	Short Lawn change of date from 9th June (Vi Richards)
Mon 17 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Tue 18 Sep	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Wed 19 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Thu 20 Sep	10:00 - 13:00 13:00 - 16:00	Beginners and Improvers coaching ☞ Golf Croquet ☞ (David leach)
Fri 21 Sep	All day	Ground Maintenance (David Leach)
Sun 23 Sep	All day	Golf Handicap Bury North v Bowdon (David Leach)
Mon 24 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Tue 25 Sep	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Wed 26 Sep	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Thu 27 Sep	10:00 - 13:00 13:00 - 16:00	Beginners and Improvers coaching ☞ Golf Croquet ☞ (David leach)
Fri 28 Sep	All day	Ground Maintenance ☞ (David Leach)
Sun 30 Sep	All day	Finals Day - All lawns

## October 2018

Mon 1 Oct	17:30 - 21:30	Association Practice ☞ (Association Practice)
Tue 2 Oct	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Tue 9 Oct	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Tue 16 Oct	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞
Tue 23 Oct	13:00 - 16:00	Golf Croquet ☞