



# Happy Easter

Stay safe – stay at home

## The Gallow

Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2020

### FSCA NEWS UPDATE

We are now entering the third week of closure at the Centre. Government guidance has been issued piecemeal with clarifications often arriving after the headlines. The committee continues to work, despite lockdown and self-isolation, on keeping our club going. Our situation is: STAFF

All Staff have now been laid off - Furloughed, with exception of Sally and the Golf Greenkeeper. The Government support of 80% salary for those Furloughed will be calculated.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANT

We believe the FSCA is eligible for a Grant of £25k which is administered by NNDC. We have applied for this.

#### SECURITY

Pam Whitehead, a committee member, has kindly agreed to check the interior of the building and the Golf Greenkeeper is checking the exterior.

#### CASH FLOW

We now have no income coming into the FSCA account however bills have to be paid. Obviously any income is welcome and we would hope some of the Golf Members who have not as yet renewed might do so.

#### MANAGEMENT

Sally is working from home fielding all enquiries, dealing with staff, finances and will also be working on a first draft of Budget for 2020/21 as we are looking to the future.

#### CATERERS

Our Caterers have been able to continue working with us to provide free meals to over 70s who are in need. We are extremely grateful to Grocott and Murfit for financing and distributing the meals. (See the next column).

### BRIDGE CLUB

The stop in playing Bridge at the Club has meant the Feeder Group lessons have also stopped. However the current members were still keen to continue with Bridge contact so Robert is arranging to send them problems each week. These are either bidding problems or playing problems and these are proving successful. The solutions to the problems are sent out after a few days. Well done to all the members and thanks to Robert.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Daniel Grocott, a keen squash player and enthusiastic supporter of the club, along with his partner Jodie Murfit (Grocott and Murfit) very kindly devised a scheme, working with our wonderful caterers, Simon and Sarah from The Chequers at Binham, to provide club members over 70 who were isolated with a hot meal every week day.



This free service was incredibly popular and, with the support of other businesses and charities, has been extended to include any over seventy, isolated or vulnerable person in the Fakenham area. Grocott and Murfit are delivering 50 meals a day and we are all very grateful to them for this fantastic, community initiative.



This is an example of the menu and shows how to order. Requests must be made before 6pm on the preceding day and meals are delivered between 12 – 2.30pm.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS MARCH

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£66.50)	85	Mrs P Cartledge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£49.88)	7	Mr B Bowen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£33.25)	10	Mrs P Hood
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize (£16.63)	113	Mr B King
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize (£16.63)	58	Mr H Palmer

## GALLOW INDOOR BOWLS

The Gallow Indoor Bowls Committee would like to send all good wishes to its members and indeed all members of the FSCA

Some things for us to celebrate .....

Mervyn King was awarded his 75th cap, in early March, when he played in the Home International series against Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and celebrated by an English victory.

Congratulations Merv



Pam Fray and Louise Hannant have reached the National Finals of the Senior Pairs, this is now scheduled for the end of September in Nottingham. What a fantastic achievement.

In the U/25 singles, played in January, Danny lost in the quarter finals, but it's really brilliant to be in the top 8 in England. Well done, Danny.

In the Federation Competition Finals we have Danny and Shannon in the mixed pairs, Danny, Shannon and Marco in the Mixed Triples and Danny, Tom and Marco in the Men's Triples. Can anyone see a pattern here?

For those of you wishing to enter National Competitions next season, the forms are now on the EIBA website. Your entries and payment need to be sent direct to EIBA as we are unable to collate all the info, this year, in the way we normally would. Finally something to look forward to .... We don't know what form it will take but as soon as the Government deem it safe to return to Bowls we will organize a day to celebrate together. Dependent on time of year we may also be able to run a small summer league or K/O competition just to get us all back into the swing of things.



Assuming we will be open again by September it is going to be a very busy month. County and National Finals will be played but we will also try to complete where possible our internal leagues and club competitions. A big ask for many not least our league and competition secretaries so please bear with us. Needless to say stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all on the other side of this.

## GOLF CLUB NEWS

Gary Sutton, the greenkeeper, is working and maintaining the course as near to normal as possible.

All of his work will make sure, that as soon as we are able to open the course it will be ready for normal play without any problems

When the course had to be closed this closure did include the putting green and the practice area.

With respect to subscription renewal please continue to post your cheques as normal. For those members that pay by card you can now pay direct by BACS. To use this facility please e-mail Sally McGrath (sally@fakenham-sports.co.uk)

With the work being put in on the greens and the fact we presume our members are wearing out the carpet with practice putting we will see scores and handicaps come down!!!

Remember if you know of club members without the e-mail facility please pass this information on.

Continue to follow guidelines and stay safe.

## TENNIS CLUB QUIZ

**Something to look forward to and put in your diary**

This has, obviously, been postponed and will now take place in November.