

Broughton & District Club
125th Anniversary Souvenir
1990 to 2015

FOREWARD

Quasquicentennial – not a word I was familiar with until Dave Mayo offered to update the Club History. This grand word describes a one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary!

The Club has evolved a great deal in the last 25 years since it's history was last documented and continues to do so. We have a new and informative website which helps publicise our facilities, and it continues to attract new members who participate in the sports and social activities we offer.

The Club's success reflects the dedication and commitment of the membership, who freely give so much of their time, knowledge and skills for general benefit.

I wish all members every success in their sport, and hope you all enjoy happy times, socially and competitively in the next 125 years.

A special thanks to Dave Mayo for his work on this latest chapter of the Club's history.

Long may Broughton Club flourish!

Karen Galloway.
President 2015/2016

1990 – President Mr Bill Seddon

The AGM for the Centenary year of 1990 was held on 22nd March of this year and it was reported that the President, Mr W. R. Seddon, and his wife had (*after “much behind the scenes efforts”!*) been invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which they attended in July 1990. Mr Seddon reported to the meeting that *“The Queen and the Princess of Wales were on duty that afternoon. Princess Diana was stunningly dressed in a lime green suit and hat trimmed in yellow”*.

It seems that after some years of enforced austerity profitability was slowly returning to the Club and the Honorary Treasurer reported a sound profit for the year.

It was reported that the new Stewards, Lynda & Ian Copley, who were appointed in 1989, appeared to have settled in well and provided a welcome to all which was pleasant and friendly.

Thanks were also given to John Hepworth for starting the new, and very successful, 300 Club and to the newly acquired Petanque Section which ran its first Doubles Tournament during the year.

1991 – Mrs Rita Clarkson

After the financial recovery of 1990, 1991 saw a major set-back as, after a fire in the Concert Hall, the insurers subsequently condemned the under-floor heating system in the Hall as unfit for purpose. There was much wrangling with the insurers which continued for some time but in the end a brand new central heating system was required for the Hall which took nearly all of the year's profitability away. When all work was eventually completed the Concert Hall was re-decorated.

President's Day this year had to make use of a Marquee due to the Concert Hall being out of use but some said that this gave the event an unusual and special atmosphere and the day went well.

There was a first for the Tennis Section when their member Colin Beesley won the Men's Open Singles Competition in the Preston Tennis Tournament.

October 1991 saw some complaints made regarding the Steward's attitude to certain people from behind the bar. After further investigation no individuals were prepared to put their complaints in writing and so other than a general word to the Stewards by the Honorary General Secretary no further action was taken.

Membership was reported to stand at 634 for the year.



The Snooker Room



The Concert Hall



Bridge in the Wilson Room



The Verandah Lounge

1992 – Mr Barry Lunn

A minute from the February General Committee stated that after contacting the police with regards to traffic congestion problems at the Club Car Park exit the police, in a written reply, had stated that *“the situation should be resolved when the new Broughton By-Pass was built”* (at the time of writing [2015] there is still no by-pass!!).

During the year the local theatre company, Act One, was wound up and their assets were made available to drama groups. This windfall enabled our Drama Section to purchase seat cushions for the comfort of the audiences.

The Club was represented at Preston Guild celebrations with a 40 foot long float, courtesy of N L Walling Ltd., depicting the activities of the six sections of the club and held a special Guild Ball in June with dancing to the Jack Campbell Band.

At the AGM for 1992 the Treasurer, Mervyn Coward, warned that *“this could be the year in which the recession could be said to have reached Broughton Club”* and warned the membership that *“It is imperative that the Club’s financial fortunes improve in 1993. and in the next few weeks positive steps to this end will have to be taken!”*. The losses were mainly put down to a significant drop in both bar profit and fruit machine income which was occurring due to the dual pressures of the ongoing recession coupled with the newly introduced drink-drive legislation. Significant price rises appear to be inevitable!

The Honorary General Secretary for the previous seven years, Keith Rogerson, did not seek re-election this year and he was replaced by Tim Threadgold. Tim’s move from many years in the Tennis Section to this position had several knock-on changes to Section Officers and a number of new faces were now running some of the sections.

1993 – Prof. John Hepworth

This year saw the re-introduction of a joining fee as a year’s trial without one had no effect on numbers but lost a little revenue. An Open Day was held which resulted in a good intake of new members.

Some new fund raising events this year featured the running of “Flea Markets” on three occasions. These certainly benefited the Club financially but were not universally popular.

Some major repairs and maintenance were required over the year including new fire doors in the Concert Hall, door frame repairs,

exterior re-painting of the Hall and replacing the damp-course in the Steward's House.

Major funding was sought and found for two new tennis courts and floodlights during the year but it was expected that construction would not start until 1994. Funding sources included:- the Foundation for Sport & the Arts; Preston Borough Council; Harris Charity; Bridges Foundation and an interest free loan from the Sports Council.

1994 – Mrs Joan Mulhall

The highlight of the year was the opening of the two new all weather tennis courts (with floodlights!) in October by the Mayor Councillor Ian Hall.

The Bowls Section had a successful year with the Woodplumpton A Team achieving the League and Cup double. The star bowler for the year was Elizabeth Roberts who won the President's Day, the Nightingale Cup, the Attwater Cup and the Ladies Team merit prize.

The Snooker Team achieved promotion to the 1st Division and was to be facing some very professional players in the coming season.

A very successful production of Francis Durbridge's "Murder for Love" was staged by the Drama Section and they were also featured in a 5 minute interview with Radio Lancashire's Saturday morning feature.

1995 – Mrs Cathy Lunn

After some controversy in the General Committee an electronic random number generator has been purchased for use with Bingo and Cash Box Draw games. This is also planned to be used for a newly introduced monthly Food Bingo game in the Concert Hall (a practice which, with hind-sight, has proved to be an excellent fund-raiser for the Club!)

A piano was found for the Verandah Lounge and Satellite TV was installed into the Front Lounge with the warning that the licence fee was quite expensive and the usage of the TV was to be monitored.

The Club sweater in sky blue had proved to be unpopular and so a new supplier was found to supply sweaters, shirts and tee-shirts in both Royal Blue and White with the associated Club Logo.

Mrs Irene Wand presented the Eric Wand Memorial Trophy to the Club in memory of her late husband. It was decided to present this Trophy to the winners of the Invitation Doubles event and it was won in its inaugural season by Steve Boyle and Guy Anderson.



The main Floodlit Tarmac Tennis Courts



The Bowling Green, Clubhouse and Concert Hall

The Gents toilet in the hall is currently undergoing a much needed refurbishment to complement the Ladies 'loo' which was beautifully refurbished last year.

Other projects include replacing the stage curtains and a much needed redecoration of the front lounge and the Wilson Room.

There is a continuing demand for improvement and hopefully these can also be achieved to benefit the club.

In the meantime, let's all get on with enjoying the current facilities.

Have a great season all.

Karen Galloway

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The new Tennis Courts were proving to be very satisfactory and Tennis membership was on the increase with the improvements as well as the appointment of the new Tennis Coach, Paul White.

The Drama Section celebrated their 50th season in style but one play had to be cancelled owing to the need to re-roof the Hall.

1996 – Mr John Watson

A marvellous and professional performance of "Run for your Wife", produced by Joan Mulhall, drew full houses for all three nights and was then produced for a charity run at the Charter Theatre later in the year.

The electrical wiring in the Steward's House, Snooker Room and Front Lounge were found to be in a bad state and had to be re-wired to the latest standards.

Two attempts to rob the Fruit Machines had occurred this year and it was considered necessary to introduce a coded entry system to the Club during the day-time for added security.

Membership was reported to stand at 570 for the year.

1997 – Mr Bill Oldcorn

Various general refurbishments took place in 1997 including the refurbishment of the ladies toilet in the Hall, updating of the Hall electrical supplies and new Hall curtains. Additionally the stables have been pointed, felted and re-slatted and the adjacent lean-to has also been done up.

The installer of the Tennis Floodlights would not provide any help with a problem of premature bulb failure but eventually, after a face to face meeting with the manufacturer, the free provision of four of these, very expensive, but effective, bulbs was achieved.

Following growing dissatisfaction with the Bass Brewery Reps, Barry Lunn, the Bar Chairman, brought to fruition an end to the Club's ties to the Bass Brewery. After a "consultation exercise" with the members (*which one must assume included much drinking of beer!*) the Club paid off all debts to Bass and became a Free-house; beer was sourced mainly from Boddingtons and Whitbread Breweries and the change would provide cheaper beer for members and an improved margin to the Club.

1998 – Mr David Drake

This year saw the development of the Concert Hall facilities by building an extension on the west side of the Hall with a small bar and kitchen as well as a general store. Chairs and Tables are now conveniently stored in the side-room and the “tatty” mobile bar no longer clutters the Hall space. The Drama Section have also benefited from a dedicated wardrobe store and access to the rear of the stage via the kitchen. Most of the Hall has now been re-wired and the stage electrics received a significant upgrade giving Stage Managers a far greater flexibility and sophistication in lighting effects.

The dramatic increase in licence fee for Sky TV on Public Premises became untenable given the small audiences involved and Sky TV was cancelled.

Food Bingo continued to be a star earner for the Club netting £2500 in 1998.

The A Team in the Woodplumpton Bowls League won their Divisional Cup whilst the two Longridge League Teams were both beaten finalists in their respective Cup competitions.

1999 – Mrs Ann Rogerson

This year saw a change of Stewards as, after a few years of problems, the Copley's finally handed in their resignation and one months notice on 22nd February. After interviewing 6 selected sets of candidates for the Steward's position Brian & Christine Noblet were chosen and were appointed. They took up their position on April 16th 1999.

Following complaints from some members a difficult decision had to be made by the General Committee regarding the presence of dogs in the Clubhouse. After much soul searching the vote came down (by an undisclosed majority) in favour of banning all dogs other than guide dogs from the Clubhouse. In his remarks to the AGM the Honorary General Secretary, Tim Threadgold, stated that *“I am afraid that you cannot please all of the people all of the time!”*

Changing tastes had to be reflected in the products available at the bar and this year declining sales of Guinness led to the switch from draught to bottles whilst Murphy's has now been replaced with draught Cider. One of the main supplier's, Whitbread, had agreed to fund a new double-sided sign on the road-side at the front of the Club but eventually this offer was withdrawn.

2014 – Mr Mike Davison

A suggestion scheme was introduced for a trial period which drew a lot of suggestions in its early weeks. Some of the more printable suggestions included:- “proper coffee”; family BBQ; charitable events and Christmas Panto.

The Concert Hall seating, which had come in for some criticism for a few years now, was finally replaced. The new chairs were much more substantial and stable than the old ones and also had fully upholstered seating.

One big event this year was the retirement of the Stewards, Brian and Christine Noblet. They had been Stewards for some 15 years and were universally popular with all members. They stayed in post until President's Day was over and then there was a sending off party in the Club in late July. Various collections were made from all the members and John Whittall led a musical good-bye in his usual inimitable style. They were rewarded by the Committee with life-time Honorary membership of the Club.

The new Stewards Mel and Ian (Tosh) were welcomed to the Club.

2015 – Mrs Karen Galloway

And so now it is our 125th Anniversary year!

The President's Event and President's Dinner Dance in October will reflect this celebratory year and, for the first time, the President's Event is permitted to raise funds for a charity of the President's choice. In 2015 this is to be Cancer Research.

Earlier this year a grant application was made by the Honorary General Secretary to the lottery to re-furbish the hall kitchen. In May it was confirmed that £9,995 had been awarded to the Club for this purpose. A Commercial kitchen has been designed and will be fitted in August. Very well done HGS!

It is planned to hold the Annual Dinner Dance in the Concert Hall, making use of this new facility.

Broughton is also trialling another first this year, a Beer Festival, again in the Concert Hall in October. Plans are well underway.

The Tennis Section is pursuing an extension of their facilities and Gen Com has agreed that a planning application be submitted to the City Council for a 6th all weather, floodlit court.

The Bridge Section had a change of leadership as Gordon McRobbie and Malcolm Whitehead took over the Chair and secretariat respectively from Kath Smyth and Dee Moyle.

All social members are allowed to play snooker but, after the first Snooker AGM for some years, a Snooker Section membership was established (at no charge) so that the regular snooker players and Team members could have the same identifiable Section status as other sections.

2012 – Mr Mervyn Coward

This year saw the retirement, after 20 years of service, of the Honorary General Secretary, Tim Threadgold, and his place was taken by Martin Galloway, a stalwart of the Badminton Section for many years.

The Verandah Lounge was subject to major improvements over the year including removal of the old sink, new carpets and curtains, recovered seating, a new modern radiator, new light fittings and a new blind for use when bridge players spilled over into the old bowls room. Claire Buckley was used as an advisor on interior design and the results were seen to be outstanding.

An Open Day was held in October, after the redecoration was completed, at which 19 new membership applications were made.

Janet Dixon, Bowls Secretary and long standing Tennis and Bowls member, decided to retire from her Secretarial role and was given lifetime honorary membership as a thank you for all her hard work over the many years that she had been involved.

2013 – Mr Nigel Parsons

Some major roof repairs were required to the flat roof over the Bowls Pavilion, the Wilson Room and the Front Lounge roofs.

A defibrillator machine was obtained for the Club with support from the ADAM Appeal and several members were given formal training to use it in case of emergency.

The Entertainments Secretary, Ann Rogerson, decided to retire after many years in the position and Liz Cross has taken on the role. The Membership Secretary, Pat Dickinson, also decided to retire after 7 years in post and her position was taken by Cathy Lunn.

The Millennium Party, in the Concert Hall, on New Years Eve was sold out 3 months prior to the date and saw 120 members enjoy a fantastic evening which was much praised.

2000 – Mr John Whittall

After over-coming objections to floodlighting on the Tennis Courts, planning permission was finally obtained in July for:

- Clubhouse extension and Bowls Pavilion
- Bowls Shelter
- Three all weather Tennis Courts with floodlighting
- A replacement Tennis Pavilion
- Replacement Petanque Pistes in a new position

Work started in November on the Bowls Pavilion and Shelter which are hoped to be completed in time for the start of the 2001 season.

John Watson had obtained permission to put six planters along the side of the Verandah Bar wall, adjacent to the Bowling Green, in 1999 and had single-handedly planted them up (and other areas around the green) and, with the Steward's help, maintained them for the Millennium season. His efforts were rewarded in 2000 when the Bowling Green was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

Pat Dickinson put a tremendous effort into organising Short Tennis for the 4 to 8 year-old group.

The demise of the facility for Pool play at the Golden Ball pub meant that we inherited a number of Pool players who all became members and started a Pool Team in the Preston Leagues.

2001 – Mr John Cookson

The new Bowls Pavilion and shelter were opened in time for the Bowls season and provided a very much improved environment for Bowls matches as well as extra space for meetings, lets, etc. A new Table-Tennis table was also purchased which could be used in the Bowls Pavilion on Friday and Saturday evenings. All the paths around the green had also been re-surfaced with flags and the old (slippery) sleepers had been removed.

Smoking was banned from around the vicinity of the bar serving areas in order to protect the staff from passive smoking.

There were no fewer than 5 flat-roof leaks which had to be dealt with through the year. The area at the front of the Concert Hall had to be replaced whilst the other leaks were patched.

One morning in September four "Travellers" had arrived on the Club car-park. Some members were present and their attempts to move them on proved to be an unpleasant and intimidating experience. Luckily they did move on but the experience meant that we had to introduce a limited height barrier on the car-park which can be inconvenient for deliveries but overall was considered worthwhile from a security point of view.

The Bowls Section had a good year and both the Longridge League teams achieved promotion and Richard Bentley and Sandra Watson both won their respective League merit prize.

The Tennis Section fielded 8 senior and 2 junior teams each week. Our juniors won the under 16 league with a 100% record.

The Bridge Section introduced the Honours Boards for Club competitions which were sited in the Wilson Room.

The Drama Section installed 8 new spotlights which were shown to enhance the stage, an effect that was apparent even before "curtain up".

2002 – Mrs Sandra Watson

Membership dropped to 515 following an increase in subscription rates.

At last the sign that was first requested in 1999 was finally delivered. After many problems with planning permission there was now an illuminated double-sided sign at the road-side at the front of the Club.

Use of the new Bowls Pavilion for meetings during the winter months has led to an increase in lettings for the Wilson room.

The problematic central heating system in the Concert Hall was finally replaced after a long period of unreliability. It is uncertain whether the minute from the meeting in March 2002 was persuasive to the work being done when it reads: "*Mrs X complained strongly about the heating in the Hall, pointing out that the play next week involved a scantily dressed Thespian!*"

One of the Bowls floodlights had to be replaced and it proved impossible to reach it from the Club's land and so permission had to be sought from our neighbours for the Cherry Picker to operate from their

The path at the front of the Concert Hall was refurbished to remove the awkward step into the Hall and generally improved the approach to the Club.

The Quiz machine in the Front Lounge was replaced by Table Football on a trial basis but this did not attract any players either and was quickly removed.

A "Real Ale", Black Sheep, was introduced in October which, despite its higher price tag, proved to be hugely popular.

2010 – Mr Peter Buckley

A major project this year was the complete resurfacing and improvement of the Car Park over the full area with the addition of two silt traps to protect our drainage system. The newly marked out layout comprised 6 disabled bays, 2 reserved bays and 93 ordinary bays.

The area between the Concert Hall and the bowling green was smartened up by stoning up the trench between the Hall and the lawn on the west side. Additionally the old Leylandii hedge was to be replaced with a privet hedge as it was dying.

Some tensions had to be addressed between the Bowls Section and the Bridge Section over use of toilets and brewing facilities in the new Bowls Pavilion when both Sections had member's events running during the day-time. Such tensions are not uncommon in Clubs with multiple sections and all was smoothed over by the expert intervention and persuasive skills of the President and the General Secretary.

2011 – Mr Stewart Ashton

Membership fell again for the second year in a row to 623.

The year saw the complete refurbishment of the Bar area. The old central area was totally gutted and reconfigured into a new cellar, servery and bar. This corrected the problems of too large a serving area and too small and cramped a cellar and bringing the two closer together would save £15 per week when cleaning the beer lines. Barry Lunn, who had seen the whole project through from start to finish, was warmly thanked by all concerned.

After much prevarication United Utilities finally agreed that the proposed £5,000 charge for surface rainwater removal was excessive and agreed to an annual fee of £100.

The sinking fund, which had accumulated for 13 years now, was used to provide a carpet surface to the deteriorating back tennis courts.

The following minute from the General Committee meeting held on 17th August 2007 is presented below without comment:-

“A member has complained to the Honorary General Secretary about members “breaking wind” in the Front Lounge. The Secretary was asked to check whether the Stewards were switching the fan on.”

2008 – Mrs Kath Smyth

Membership stood at 671 for the year.

The Bowls Section benefited from new floodlights which, thanks to Les Barnes, had been sponsored by Philips Lighting. There was however a significant cost for providing a 3 phase power supply to them (£1,300 to connect 3 phase and £500 to disconnect single phase)

A second break-in had occurred in the Concert Hall and some spirits and beer were stolen. Stronger doors and windows were used to replace the damaged ones and the code locked entry to the changing rooms is to have a stronger, aluminium frame fitted.

As well as the usual three plays put on by the Drama Section, this year saw the Broughton High School pupils put on a performance of “Grease” in the Concert Hall in July.

Signage on the Bowls Shelter was arranged by Mel Johnson so that the Club name is now prominently displayed along-side the green.

The Snooker Room received a face-lift this year with new vertical blinds, re-painted walls, new light meters and scoreboards and new carpeting.

After yet another break-in to the Concert Hall it was decided that an alarm system should be installed consisting of a sensor in the kitchen, one in the Hall, a very loud bell and an external flashing light box.

2009 – Mr Martin Galloway

Membership stood at 697 thanks to increases in Junior Tennis and Bridge for beginner’s classes.

The Tennis Court surface was showing signs of degradation after only three years use. Following investigations it was agreed by the supplier that the surface was not to the required standard due to the use of an incorrect finishing mixture. It was agreed to remove and replace the surface under Warranty at no cost to the Club.

driveway. As a thank you to the neighbours a bouquet of flowers was given to the lady of the house as a gesture of gratitude.

The star performer on the Bowls Green this year was Graham Banks who won the Open Singles, The Wilkins Cup and, partnered by Jeff Dyson, the Open Pairs competitions.

2003 – Mrs Jean Day

An Open Day held in May was a great success and produced 71 extra members taking the total membership to a near record 627.

The Drama Section had a most successful year staging “*Sylvia’s Wedding*”, “*Ladies in Retirement*” and “*Murdered to Death*”. The last production, over the 4 day run, attracted a record total attendance of 590.

The Concert Hall was redecorated internally and the walls were painted in light pink. However, following complaints from the Badminton Section, the end walls had to be over-painted in a darker shade to enable visibility of the shuttlecocks!

A new valuation of the Club buildings (not including the land, bowls green and tennis courts) was made for £800,000, resulting in a 10% increase in the Club’s insurance costs.

2004 – Mr Les Barnes

The Bowls Section benefited from a grant from the City Council Area Forum which paid for new fixed seating benches under the bowls shelter enabling the existing benches to be distributed around the Green.

A digital Free-View TV box was installed in the Front Lounge Bar.

There were plans in place to improve the Tennis facilities with two new full-size (floodlit) courts and two KidsZone courts but some members took to complaining by letter to the General Committee about inadequate planning, limited improvement to the facilities and the need to delay a new pavilion. After much discussion and debate it seems that the complaints were in vain as a vote agreed to proceed as planned by 10 votes to 1. There was a failure to obtain Lottery funding for the project but in November it was confirmed that an interest free loan of £52,250 had been made available from the LTA for the Tennis Court developments and an additional £7,750 outright grant had also been awarded. This meant that the Club could proceed with the first phase of the planned development starting in 2005.

At the AGM in March significant changes were made to the Club Rules which were required to meet the Inland Revenue requirements to register as a "Community Amateur Sports Club", a move which gives an 80% Rates reduction as well as other Tax benefits.

2005 – Mr Mel Johnson

The plans for the Tennis Section developments were revised in light of a healthy financial outlook and so the second phase of work with a third court and a new Pavilion were considered for immediate implementation. It was agreed to include the third court in the current work but to postpone the new Pavilion for a short period. Delays caused by these changes meant that the work did not start until winter had set in and temporary solutions had to be found to car parking and access to the existing Tennis Courts.

Changes to the Licensing Act in 2003 meant that several Rule changes had to be implemented this year to clarify the status of members, guests and visitors so that the Club worked within the law.

The Snooker Section first Team, who were playing in the Second Division this year, had a surprise when the visiting team, Freckleton A, fielded John Higgins, the World number 5, when they visited for their regular league game. The lack of Pool players for a Team meant that Pool reverted to a social game.

The General Committee agreed to the purchase of six wall baskets for the wall alongside the Verandah lounge and Bowls Section members were asked to help with the watering of these through the summer.

A proposal to ban smoking in the Verandah Lounge was defeated by an unstated majority! (but not for too long!)

2006 – Mr Michael Taylor

The new Tennis facilities were finally up and running – three new tarmac courts, floodlights and 2 Kid-zone courts.

The postponed building of the new Tennis Pavilion was given the go-ahead this year. The sum of £6,000 was bequeathed by the late John Whiteley towards the new Tennis facilities and this was specifically earmarked for the Tennis Pavilion when it is built. It was agreed that the new Pavilion would bear his name when erected.

The Drama Section celebrated their Diamond Jubilee with a special event to which many past and present members and friends were invited.

A new category of Tennis membership was introduced. Chaperone Tennis, which is designed for families with young children (under 10) and allows for the parents to be members at a lower rate so as to benefit the child's interest in the sport.

Despite the high cost a twelve month's trial for Sky Sports TV was agreed to by the General Committee. Luckily it was installed just in time for the World Cup!!! What a co-incidence!

The sale of Castlemaine XXXX was replaced by Becks Lager following a successful trial.

2007 – Mrs Pat Dickinson

Following completion of the Tennis Courts the Car Park was extended and re-surfaced to create 30 extra parking spaces. An enclosed grass seating area adjacent to the Tennis Pavilion and a Petanque Piste were also constructed. The piste is one enclosure capable of being split in two with a central rope.

The introduction of the National Smoking ban had to be implemented but, in order to avoid the loss of membership of smokers, outside smoking areas were proposed which included a heater under the Bowls canopy, fixed cigarette bins and a canopy on the east side of the Hall.

A burglary occurred during the year and tennis nets and posts were stolen and the kitchen was accessed through an unlocked door. There was some damage to the kitchen and a water boiler and some disco equipment were taken.

United Utilities changed the way they charged for surface rainwater removal to one which is on the basis of drainage area rather than rateable value. Our charges were to be increased from £1,300 to £5,100. However there were more twists and turns to follow on this saga which was finally resolved in 2011.

A cherry picker had to be brought in on three occasions to remedy problems with the Bowls Green floodlights which were becoming increasingly problematic. Plans were put in place to replace the two 400 Watt lamps on each pole to a modern 2 Kilowatt luminaire.

The Club invested in a new automated watering system for the hanging baskets which grace the southern aspect of the Club and this was installed by John Watson.