



# Pier Head News

Harrogate MPC Newsletter  
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| <p><b>Membership</b></p>                   | <p>We already have over 20 registered members and several others playing on a regular basis. We would like to double that this year. Please spread the word to encourage others to become members or just come along.</p>  |
| <p><b>Club Committee</b></p>               | <p>We have a small group acting as a temporary committee, until we can confirm this formally at an AGM towards the end of the playing season. If you would like to help in the running of the Club in any capacity, please get in touch.</p>   |
| <p><b>Publicity</b></p>                    | <p>Despite the extensive press coverage and slot on Stray FM, we believe that the majority of people in and around Harrogate are still unaware of the Club and the purpose of the 'structures' at the Pier Head. Could I encourage everyone to help to publicise the Club, the facilities and the arrangements to play and access equipment during the day.<br/><b>We still have posters and flyers for distribution.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>St Michael's Cup Competition</b></p> | <p>After raising funds for St Michael's, the other main purpose of the Cup competition is to raise awareness, and get more people involved in playing Petanque. This has been a major part of our initial promotion and advertising, including direct marketing through the business sector across Harrogate and district. The response in entries to date is a little disappointing. Could I please encourage all team members to both register a team from amongst friends, family and colleagues, as well as promoting the competition whenever and wherever they can. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website and the <b>closing date</b> has been extended to <b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>.</p> |
| <p><b>Torch Relay Day</b></p>              | <p>The Olympic Torch is coming past the Pier Head at lunchtime on <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>. We have already notified the Council of our intent to hold an event between noon and 3 pm. We would like about 6-8 members/players to come along and help to demonstrate the game, and encourage those waiting around to 'have a go'. Please get in touch if you can come down and help.</p>  |
| <p><b>Playing more often</b></p>           | <p>It's very obvious that having the terrains in use does create interest from the general public. Currently the Club has only three planned sessions per week. But that doesn't stop members arranging to play at other times and especially during the day, if they have the free time to do this. One of our initial ideas was to encourage the sociability of the game with groups of friends setting up regular days and times to meet up to play. Would you be able to set up a weekly session with friends or colleagues?</p>   |
| <p><b>First Match</b></p>                  | <p>We are planning to invite a team from Leeds Petanque Club to come over for a 'Friendly' some time during July. This will give members, who want to play competitively, the opportunity to assess how close we are to being ready to set up a regular team for league play next season. Please get in touch if you would like to play in the match. We will need a minimum of 6 for the Team. I'll get some suitable dates.</p>  |
| <p><b>Terrain Working Parties</b></p>      | <p>We recognise that the terrains do need a bit of work to improve the consistency of each piste. We have 'a plan' to dig up the softer areas and re-lay them with more compacted substrate. This could be on evenings other than Club Nights or at the weekend. We would appreciate some volunteers to lend a hand and will issue a program of dates and times we plan to be down over the next few weeks. We will need about 4 people for each session.</p>  |
| <p><b>Improvements</b></p>                 | <p>The Council has confirmed the repainting of the railings and replacement of the seating is imminent!</p>  |
| <p><b>Hiring Boule</b></p>                 | <p>Oxfam are now set up with a stock of Boule and Coche for the general public to hire during Shop opening hours. Hopefully we can formalise a similar arrangement with the Blues Bar to be able to hire out equipment in the evenings and on Sundays.</p>   |
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