

Craig Y Don Croquet Club News 20th June 2026

Hi there Croquet Club Croqueters,

As the dark nights begin lengthening towards Christmas **from Monday this coming week following the Summer Equinox, we will start seeing contractors starting to work on our Community Pavilion project.**

The steel green shed will be moved this coming Monday or Tuesday to be placed alongside the small concrete hut that holds our mower and other lawn equipment.

The steel shed will be used to hold useful stuff for the summer including hot drink making equipment, one or two sturdy tables and chairs and hopefully a modest notice board system inside the door and the walls close to the door. It will also contain our signing-in book, Accident Book and First Aid Kit. The defibrillator stays as is and will be available for emergency use as normal.

The single key we have for the steel shed will be hanging inside the adjoining small concrete shed. The key works, in the opposite direction to normal keys in locks!

The small concrete shed will be accessed by opening the key safe fixed to the outside of the door containing the key to that shed (see below), and to the cold-water supply padlock directly behind that shed.

Please lock all padlocks and doors after use replacing keys to where they were found.



The four figure code for the key safe will be given in the accompanying email and available on just the members section of our website.



A new steel shed has been erected on the path near the old clubhouse. This shed will contain all our mallets, plus pegs, hoop and primary ball trolleys and secondary balls during this coming week. It is accessed by a combination lock using the same code as the key safe fixed to the small concrete shed door.

The Committee have agreed that members should have the option and facility for making hot drinks throughout the summer. This is enabled by the provision of a new electric double socket now fixed to the outside of our old clubhouse.



Provided the weather is fair to good, members may take equipment from the Green steel shed viz:- kettle/boiler/T-pot/sturdy tables and brew up in the open air. Obviously, that still needs some organising by groups especially on Wednesday and Sunday afternoon drop-in golf doubles, which should continue as normal in fair to good weather. Members would have to bring their own drinking vessels, and supplies of coffee, tea biscuits etc but have free use of the electricity required. This electric socket also has a combination lock opened with the first three figures of the same code used on the two sheds as already outlined. The code is stated on my covering email and on the members' section of our website.

Once the contractors start, their workplace will be cordoned off for H&S reasons. It will contain the yellow hatched area behind our old clubhouse, the clubhouse itself plus the paths behind and around our current clubhouse, past the tennis courts down to the Community Centre's Hall's rear exit. We also lose availability of approximately half of the fenced in garden area and approximately a three-metre strip of lawn alongside the slabbed path adjacent to the wooden fence (which will be totally removed in the contract).

We will do all we can to make summer croquet as much fun as usual and we may well switch things around to minimise disruption if another configuration offers a better experience ...time will tell!!

Please attend the Wednesday and Sunday drop-in mixed up golf doubles as usual, especially today as the weather should be lovely.

Regards and best wishes

John H..... Club Secretary