

## **CRAIG Y DON CROQUET CLUB NEWS June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

### **Sad news:-**

I regret having to tell you all, that our club member and friend Diane Evans sadly passed away last Tuesday. Her daughter has asked that we pass on that news and any arrangements in due course for her funeral.

### **Good news:-**

The Round Robin held on Wednesday was a great success thanks to our new organisers, Linda and Alan Taylor in scorching weather, with a little help from their friends! Glyn carried his mallet victorious!

The Raffle raised £55.00 and Entry fee £85.00, a total of £140 for club funds.

See: - [www.craig-y-doncroquetclub.com/round-robin-may-2026](http://www.craig-y-doncroquetclub.com/round-robin-may-2026)

A lovely comment was received from Rachel, our only 'Country Member' from Sheffield, who asked to join in the Round Robin just the day before.

*"Thank you for allowing me to play yesterday. It was a surprising and perfect end to the day I so enjoy the company of the members and feel very lucky to be involved."*

On the contrary Rachel, we were delighted that you joined us along with your magic red mallet!

On the day, we sold some second-hand club branded clothing which we do source new for club members. The last year's price list plus availability/sizes are as follows. (A small increase is likely this year)

White Polo shirts with embroidered logo	£17.50
in ladies sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 etc and gents S, M, L, XL,XXL etc	
White gilets with embroidered logo	£20
White fleeces with embroidered logo	£22

If anyone is interested please contact Linda Pike by email ASAP

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### **Excellent news:-**

A number of the tenders received for the Community Pavilion Project build were within our budget. The Club Management Committee on Friday chose their preferred contractor who has indicated a possible start date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Final permission to engage the contractor and start the project is being sought this coming week from the major funder, The National Lottery.

## **Competitions:-**

Next Thursday, we are entertaining a team from Tattenhall Croquet Club near Chester at our lawns playing Golf Doubles (level play) for the Border Trophy. This is an all-day affair with lawns closed to members who are not in our 12-person team. The contest should be over by 4.00pm when the lawns will be open for all. Spectators are welcome so if the weather is fair, pop down and support the club and give us a cheer, especially for young Warwick, who is playing his first match for the club!

Because of the planned building work, we have not actively sought visiting groups which give both croquet tasters to local novices in addition to some £income for club funds. However, one group, The Phoenix Club which has been coming for several years has asked for an evening session which we are providing on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5.00pm till dusk.

The Management Committee on Friday, agreed with members who have suggested Captain's Day was too early in the season on the planned date, the 17<sup>th</sup> June, and have agreed to switch it to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September when the Pavilion project may just be finished, but in any event, we should be more comfortable with the routine of playing croquet alongside the contractor's remaining workload.

That's all for now folks....cheers John Sec