



BRIDGWATER PETANQUE CLUB

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GRANT FUNDING: UPDATE

Our application for funding from the Somerset Community Foundation has been sent off. All we can do now is wait and hope we are successful. We should have a reply by mid June and, hopefully, before the Town Twinning Competition on the 6th of June.

There is no guarantee that our application will be successful so we need to think about what else we can do to raise funds. There are other funders to consider:

- The National Lottery
- Postcode Lottery
- Taylor Woodrow Fund

and I will be looking into these. If anyone has previous experience of making a successful application to any of these organisations please let Michael know

Another interesting idea put forward by Ian might be to approach the Bower Inn to see if they might consider extending and improving the current terrain.

So, for the time being we will continue playing at the Bower Inn making the most of the limited facilities available to us.

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

On the 7th of May a small group of members will be off

to the seaside to take on our near neighbours the Weston super Mare PC. For some players this will be their first opportunity to play on a “proper” full size terrain. The WsM terrain is a fairly new facility that the local council built on an area of land just off the seafront.

Hopefully this will be the first of many regular “away” matches against other pétanque clubs in the area. No two pétanque terrains are the same so every time you play at a different club you face new challenges.



DIARY DATE FOR 2026



This year we held our first internal club competition when Ian organised a knock-out competition with an Easter egg as the prize. Alison was the winner. Next year Easter Sunday will be on

the 5th of April, the first Sunday of the month. So, make a note in your diary now.

Fund Raising

Providing the weather stays fine we will be having a second boot sale on bank holiday Monday at Prockters Farm.



We will be selling the items we did not have room for at the last boot sale, the unsold items from the first boot sale and some newly donated items.



Tickets are now on sale for the raffle we will be holding at the Town Twinning Petanque Competition on 6th June. The first prize is a hamper of food items from the different countries

taking part in the event. Hopefully some of the participating teams will be donating some extra prizes.

SUMMER PLAY

Playing on Sunday mornings is not always convenient for some people whilst others prefer not to play during the cold winter months. So, GOOD



NEWS. As from Wednesday the 7th of May we will be playing regularly on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 pm until it gets too dark to see.

The Country's Biggest Pétanque Event Comes to Somerset

Every year Pétanque England organise a competition for all the 18 regions in England plus teams from Wales and



Scotland to take part in. This year the event is being held at Sandy Bay Holiday Camp, Weston-super-Mare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th of September. Over 700 pétanque players from across the country will descend on Weston for a weekend of fiercely contested competition. As yet Bridgwater Pétanque Club is not affiliated to any region but this may change in future years. However, there is no reason not to go along and enjoy an afternoon watching some of

the top players in the country. It will also be an opportunity to visit one of the leading pétanque equipment suppliers and perhaps treat yourself to a new set of boule or perhaps a new jack.



FEELING SHIRTY

A suggestion has been made that it might be nice to have a club team strip that we could wear on special occasions or when taking part in events and competitions. The biggest problem is choosing a colour that everyone is happy with. A local company, Jual, ([Shop | Jual Branded Clothing, Workwear & Uniforms](#)) supply a few local clubs and groups and their catalogue has plenty of examples to choose from. The “Coolplus polo shirt” Henbury range has a good range of colors to choose from.



To go with the strip, we will also need a club badge/crest. So far we have not been able to come up with an original idea so the simplest solution

might be to adopt the Bridgwater Crest and just alter the wording accordingly. Something to think about.

Taking pétanque to the Community

This years Bridgwater Cultural Festival will be held in Cranleigh Gardens on the 21st of June.

We have been invited to take part in festivities and some members have already said



that they will be willing to help out on the day. It will be an opportunity to make more people aware of our existence and we might even recruit some new members.

If you would like to find out more about the festival visit their facebook page: [Facebook](#).

PETANQUE IN THE USA

I recently came across this website recently: [About | Sactown Petanque](#), and I was very impressed with their newsletters

Have a look and see what you think.

Going by this website it looks as if pétanque is a thriving sport in the USA.



No idea where Sactown is. Maybe Jane can tell us.