

Proposed Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

Agenda for Inaugural Meeting

7.30pm 16th March 2000

Held at Council Chamber Leighton Buzzard

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| 7.30 | 1) Welcome and introduction | - | Irene Davis (Acting Chair) |
| | 2) The Story so far | - | Margaret Brown (Acting Sec) |
| 7.40 | 3) The Town Council's Contribution | - | Linda Hindson - Leisure
and Community Manager |
| 7.55 | 4) The Role of the Croquet Association | - | John Bevington - Secretary
Wrest Park Croquet Club |
| | 5) Election of Acting Committee | - | Officers (Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
Committee members) |
| | 6) Business in Hand (for the committee) | - | Grant application to Town Council
Finance e.g. Bank Account
Subscription rates
Constitution
Affiliation to Croquet Assoc.
Membership applications etc. |
| | 7) Dates for Your Diaries | - | Next meeting(s)
Tournaments
Preferred days for practices |
| | 8) Any other business | | |
| 9.00pm | 9) Closing Remarks | - | Chair |

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LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

The inaugural meeting was held at the 'White House' Council Chamber at 7.30pm on 16th March 2000. There were 30 people present and a number had sent apologies.

Several members of the Croquet Association, Eastern Region Federation were present in support.

Mrs. I. Davis acting chair, welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers.

Mrs. M. J. Brown explained how the idea of a club for Leighton - Linslade had originated and outlined progress so far.

Mrs. L. Hindson - Council Leisure and Community Manager, spoke of the role of the Town Council in providing the lawns, storage etc. Mrs Hindson hoped to attend the opening session of the season.

Mr. J. Bevington member of the Eastern Federation of the Croquet Association, explained it's role in supporting the game and offered help to the Leighton - Linslade club. This included coaching and equipment loan. He also suggested that the club could apply for a lottery grant in due course.

Various practical matters were discussed, such as finance, insurance, times of playing- sessions and affiliation to the Croquet Association etc. Mrs Newman offered to help with production of a newsletter.

Officers and committee were agreed as follows:-

Chair - I. Davis	J. Walmsley)
Treasurer - R. Walmsley	E. Newman) committee members
Secretary - M. J. Brown	M. Dilley)

Opening Session It was agreed that this should be at the Pages Park Pavilion on 6th May 2000 at 2.00pm. Demonstrations and a 'come and try' session to be held. Light refreshment to be provided.

Close of Meeting Mrs. Davis thanked everyone for their interest and the speakers for their contributions. A leaving collection was taken as a donation to administration costs. This amounted to just over £12 .

Committee Meeting

It was agreed to hold the first meeting on March 27th at 7.30 pm

Signed J. Brown chairperson

M. J. Brown - sec-elect.

Date 21.9.00

REPORT TO THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF LEIGHTON LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

THE STORY SO FAR.

My thoughts about trying to get a croquet club established in Leighton Buzzard began about two years ago when Irene Davis invited members of U3A to join with WI members already playing on lawns at her home - Waterways. Some of us also joined, with Irene, a group which played once a week at Wrest Park. All, even those with limited physical capabilities, much enjoyed our sessions.

At this point it became obvious that there were difficulties in that:-

- 1) There was not room for everyone to play- even though 80 did.
- 2) Some found it impossible to reach Waterways.
- 3) Irene and Peter had at times considered moving ... so what would we all do then?

In view of the above I discussed things with I and P. (in ¹⁹⁹October) and decided to discover who, if anyone, connected with the Council could help us to find a place within the town, to play. Luckily I had worked with Linda Hindson in a previous and different context so I rang to ask her who we should approach. It turned out to be her so I explained the sort of thing we needed, assuming it would be a year or two at least before we should find a place, let alone form a club.

Linda's response was amazing! "Oh yes" she said airily, "I think we might have just the spot. Write to me officially with the suggestion that a croquet lawn is needed in the town and I'll take it from there".

DECEMBER 'phoned the Croquet Assoc. and eventually purchased a booklet on how to form a club.

JANUARY 1) Linda called to say the appropriate Town Council Committee had agreed to find us a place to play. Great excitement and almost disbelief - but thanked them warmly.

2) Wrote to Croquet Ass. for a model constitution as guidance.

3) Irene, who had agreed to chair the inaugural meeting, and I met with Linda to discuss various points and were offered the use of the Council Chamber for that event. Linda also made an offer to help with the purchase of some balls and hoops to start us off.

4) Wrote to the Council to ask formally for the use of the room.

JANUARY Publicity month- collecting names of those interested and inviting everyone, including some from the croquet world who could help us, to this meeting. Planned the meeting with Irene, let the Press know and the upper schools and there we were.

Irene Davis was appointed temporary Chair, Margaret Brown temporary secretary and Bob Walmsley temporary treasurer until a Special General meeting could be held to adopt a constitution and elect a full committee.

M.J. Brown Hon. Sec. (Acting)

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