

SOUTH EAST CROQUET FEDERATION

Development Report February 2018

Canterbury A grant of £1000 from the Kent Capital Grants for Sport has been approved to assist the funding of the £10000 permanent disabled toilet. Construction of the toilet should be completed before the start of the 2018 season.

Littlehampton The new club house have been constructed and the club is now busy installing the interior fittings including second hand kitchen furniture.

Kew The Priory Park Tennis and Bowling Club made a tentative enquiry about the feasibility of introducing croquet to their club, the bowling element having run down to extinction. My contact warned me that there was a strong demand from their tennis members to transform the bowling green into a paddle tennis facility for their children.

The club is a small private club formed in 1905. It has three hard tennis courts with a main pavilion and an irrigated bowling green with a smaller clubhouse adjacent to it. The main clubhouse is well equipped with toilets, kitchen and licensed bar. As with Finchley and Cheam, the facilities would be excellent for a croquet section and the surrounding middleclass residential areas are ideal for recruiting newcomers to the game. The existing tennis membership comes from Kew, Richmond, Barnes, Brentford, Chiswick and Hounslow.

Four members of their committee are visiting Cheam on 22 Feb after which they will decide on whether or not to adopt croquet.

Ealing The local council is withdrawing paying for the maintenance of the club's three courts. With 60 members, the club considers it cannot maintain all three courts on its own and will have to give up one of them on a permanent basis. This will deny them the facility to run open tournaments

Their wooden clubhouse is very large and is in need of urgent maintenance. Again the club feels such a task is way beyond their financial capabilities. One idea they are looking at is to get some other organisation to take over the pavilion and use it for other activities but on a shared basis.

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