

## Maintenance Officer's Report 2017

Firstly please accept my apologies for not being at the AGM, but I have a long standing appointment in the Carribean.! I will be returning!!!!

Before the start of the season we had a large team of volunteers who took up arms (sorry paint brushes) and painted the whole of the fence. Did a good Job too! So many thanks to all concerned.

The green has kept all the volunteer workers busy all season and it has stood up to the wear and tear very well considering the unusual weather in May , June and July. Mid- August through until October there has again been large quantities of worm casts which we got to grips with by switching and brushing on a daily basis.

This season we have used the newly installed irrigation system to good advantage. After much practice and consultation with the contractor Gary and I developed a system to use in the manual mode and I will write separate notes on the why's and wherefore's and how we achieved success.

The green has now been Scarified, Fertilised and worm control applied and we are now in the winter mode, cutting the grass as necessary and keeping an eye on the club area. Also this year I decided that some of the wear and tear along the length of the green and brown patches particularly on Rink4 required attention. I have applied a sports grass mixture and restorative top soil to the areas concerned. Again this season we have kept the club grounds up together on a rolling programme which whist in post I intend to carry on with.

