



West Berks Scrabble Club

Our History

1995 - 2015

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A Birthday Celebration

To mark the occasion of the West Berks Scrabble Club's 20th Anniversary on March 23rd 2015, this pamphlet has been produced and distributed to all members. It records the people who have played Scrabble with the Club over those 20 years and recorded our membership levels and where we met.

Throughout the Club's history we have held various functions to raise money for charity. In the main, these were local charities or given to the local branch of national organisations. From our first charity event in 2001, to the present time, we have raised £8,363.33. As an organisation with modest membership numbers we are enormously proud of this achievement.

Produced by Ian Burn, founder of West Berks Scrabble Club and chairman throughout the 20 year period.

West Berks Scrabble Club - Historical Venues

In March 1995, the Club started with a single weekly meeting on a Thursday evening.

In April 1996, an afternoon meeting was added. This was initially on a Wednesday but changed to a Tuesday in February 1997.

Both the afternoon and evening meetings were held at Casa Mia, Tilehurst.

In May 1999, the meetings were switched around so that the evening meetings could be held in the Prince Of Wales public house in Tilehurst. After 6 weeks we returned to Casa Mia.

The final meetings were held at Casa Mia in September 1999.

In December 1999, the meetings moved to Valley View, Purley on Thames.

In September 2004, evening meetings moved to The Barn, Purley on Thames.

In October 2005, afternoon meetings also moved to The Barn, Purley on Thames.

Throughout the whole period, other members have, from time to time, hosted meetings. For these occasions we are grateful to those members.

The table below shows the dates when each of the venues was in use, together with the duration (in weeks) of that period.

Venue	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Casa Mia Evening (Thursday)	23/03/1995	29/04/1999	214
Casa Mia Afternoon (Wednesday)	03/04/1996	29/01/1997	43
Casa Mia Afternoon (Tuesday)	04/02/1997	04/05/1999	117
Casa Mia Evening (Tuesday)	11/05/1999	25/05/1999	2
Casa Mia Afternoon (Thursday)	27/05/1999	02/09/1999	14
Prince Of Wales Evening (Tuesday)	01/06/1999	13/07/1999	6
Casa Mia Evening (Tuesday)	20/07/1999	07/09/1999	7
Various Evening (Tuesday)	14/09/1999	14/12/1999	13
Various Afternoon (Thursday)	09/09/1999	02/12/1999	12
Valley View Afternoon (Thursday)	16/12/1999	29/09/2005	302
Valley View Evening (Tuesday)	04/01/2000	31/08/2004	243
The Barn Evening (Tuesday)	07/09/2004	31/03/2015	551
The Barn Afternoon (Thursday)	06/10/2005	26/03/2015	494

West Berks Scrabble Club - Historical Membership

Name	1st Visit	Single Visit	last Visit	current member	notes	Duration (weeks)
Elizabeth Burn	23/03/1995			✓		1043
Ian Burn	23/03/1995			✓		1043
Jean Manning	23/03/1995		01/10/1998			185
Barbara Rich	23/03/1995		22/06/1999			223
Vikki Tate	11/05/1995		25/09/1997			125
Mary O'Shea	18/05/1995		08/06/1995			4
Angela ?	18/05/1995	✓				1
Iris Cornish	25/05/1995			✓		1034
Janet Stubbs	13/07/1995		22/06/1999			207
Ivor Manning	20/07/1995		03/04/1997			90
John Lyon	20/07/1995		07/11/1996			69
May Lyon	20/07/1995		07/11/1996			69
Sally Wright	28/09/1995	✓				1
Freda Wilcox	12/10/1995	✓				1
Sylvia Stevenson	12/10/1995	✓				1
Patrick Gleeson	25/01/1996		01/02/1996			2
Ben Scott	01/02/1996		27/03/1996		visit 17/4/2003	9
Olive Duthy	01/02/1996		30/11/1997			96
Jill Russell	07/03/1996		14/01/2014			933
Sue Coomer	13/03/1996	✓				1
Pete Hardy	13/03/1996	✓				1
Irene Brown	15/08/1996		25/05/1999			146
June Meek	12/09/1996	✓				1
Sheena Tutton	18/09/1996		17/10/1996			5
Audrey Medhurst	23/01/1997			✓		947
Rita Lloyd	30/01/1997			✓		946
Brenda Carey	18/02/1997		07/05/2009			638
Margaret Burrridge	27/02/1997		08/05/1997			11
Elizabeth Hull	15/04/1997			✓		935
Bryony Hull	15/04/1997		26/05/1998			59
Medina Hull	15/04/1997		03/02/2002			252
Jacqueline ?	24/06/1997	✓				1
Evelyn Stewart	24/07/1997		11/04/2002			247
Derek Neath	31/07/1997		02/04/1998			36
Mary Watts	28/08/1997		13/12/2001			225
Pat Honor	18/02/1998		31/03/1998		visit 12/5/2005	7
Ray Honor	18/02/1998		31/03/1998			7
Len Choules	05/03/1998			✓		889
Win Topliss	17/03/1998		07/07/1998			17
Marjorie Turner	26/05/1998		09/06/1998			3
John Mann	06/08/1998	✓				1
Paul Mann	06/08/1998	✓				1
Harry Crawford	06/08/1998	✓				1

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Sue Lloyd	15/10/1998		18/10/2012			732
Sheila Calloway	17/11/1998		07/01/1999			8
Ann Woodhead	24/11/1998		11/05/1999			25
Christine ?	03/12/1998		17/12/1998			3
Pam Maude	09/02/1999	✓				1
Deborah West	04/05/1999		13/07/1999			11
Joan Burbidge	06/05/1999		05/12/2000			84
Nora Crust	08/02/2000		15/06/2000			19
Joy Walters	17/02/2000			✓		787
Hazel Doherty	17/02/2000			✓		787
Tricia Wilson	02/03/2000		09/04/2009			476
Clive?	02/05/2000		22/08/2000			17
Audrey Pinchen	09/11/2000		17/03/2003			124
Pat Johnson	14/11/2000		14/09/2010			514
June ?	16/11/2000	✓				1
Marjorie Holman	18/01/2001		25/01/2001			2
Carol Martin	18/01/2001		05/04/2001			12
Kate Choules	23/01/2001			✓		738
Alan Waters	23/01/2001		01/03/2011			528
Marie Bennett	23/01/2001		16/03/2004			165
Susan Laishley	25/01/2001	✓			re-visit in 2014	1
Stella ?	01/02/2001		01/03/2001			5
Edna Clark	08/02/2001		22/02/2001			3
Sitara Ali	15/02/2001		19/04/2001			10
Eileen Tollervey	22/02/2001		19/04/2001			9
Annie ?	22/02/2001	✓				1
Jean Hall	01/03/2001	✓				1
Glynis Lawson	13/03/2001		07/08/2001			22
Pat Bennett	08/05/2001			✓		723
Jill ?	22/05/2001	✓				1
Mollie ?	20/09/2001		28/02/2002			24
Sarah ?	18/10/2001		13/12/2001			9
Jennie Supper	17/01/2002		22/09/2011			506
Ronnie Reed	05/02/2002		12/03/2002			6
Dougie Reed	05/02/2002		12/03/2002			6
Robert Smith	12/02/2002		27/09/2007			294
Kathy Smith	12/02/2002		26/02/2002			3
Kath Hodge	09/01/2003	✓				1
Lee Hall	09/01/2003	✓				1
Carol Bartlett	23/01/2003			✓		634
Alan Harmer	06/02/2003		26/04/2006			169
Kathy Druce	25/02/2003		29/07/2003			23
Fran Burling	25/02/2003			✓		629

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Gina ?	18/03/2003	✓				1
David Sutton	23/09/2003			✓		599
Barbara Thompson	14/10/2003		23/03/2004			24
Dave Thompson	14/10/2003		23/03/2004			24
Beth Sutton	21/10/2003		03/08/2004			42
James Baker	30/03/2004			✓		572
Mary ?	13/07/2004	✓				1
Charles	19/08/2004	✓				1
Denise MacMahan	02/09/2004		02/12/2004			14
Maggie Shutt	21/09/2004		12/10/2004			4
Michael ?	21/10/2004	✓				1
Shirley Jackson	04/11/2004		08/03/2005			19
Norman ?	09/11/2004		08/03/2005			18
Sylvia Harvey	16/11/2004			✓		539
Dennis Harvey	16/11/2004			✓		539
Bernie Morris	07/04/2005		05/05/2005			5
Shelly ?	17/05/2005		31/05/2005			3
Mark Conway	26/07/2005		02/08/2005			2
Tony Conway	02/08/2005	✓				1
Les Jamieson	15/09/2005		22/05/2014			454
John ?	15/09/2005	✓				1
Jo ?	18/10/2005		25/10/2005			2
Mike ?	18/10/2005		25/10/2005			2
Eileen Goddard	03/11/2005	✓				1
J P Oldcorn ?	03/11/2005	✓				1
Stella Humphrys	22/11/2005		30/10/2007			102
Hilary ?	01/12/2005	✓				1
Margaret Hoyes	17/01/2006		26/01/2006			2
Avril ?	26/01/2006		16/02/2006			4
Pat Rowe	26/01/2006		01/01/2008			102
Chris Leathem	16/03/2006		23/03/2006			2
Brett Smitheram	15/08/2006		20/10/2009			167
Janet Cutts	29/08/2006	✓				1
Andy Cook	05/09/2006		24/04/2012			295
Melanie Beck	24/10/2006		21/04/2009			131
Meg ?	23/11/2006		30/11/2006			2
Bob Goodwin	13/02/2007		13/02/2007		return visit 9/12/2014	1
Pat Spence	03/01/2008			✓		376
Sarah Cosham	20/05/2008		02/09/2008			16
Edith Page	09/10/2008		23/04/2009			29
Sandie Landeg	22/01/2009			✓		321
Nova Williams	29/01/2009		24/06/2010			74
Janetta Mills	29/01/2009		04/03/2010			58

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Sonia Cox	19/02/2009	✓				1
Emma ?	12/03/2009	✓				1
Charles Tollit	14/06/2009		18/02/2010			37
Sue Rawlins	23/06/2009			✓		299
Ruth Patterson	17/09/2009		31/03/2011			81
Nicki Woodward	22/09/2009			✓		286
Roger Woodward	22/09/2009			✓		286
Jenny Stewart	22/09/2009		10/02/2011			73
Brian Tomlin	03/08/2010		21/06/2011			47
Julia Tollit	08/10/2009	✓				1
Anne Edgar	04/01/2011	✓				1
Colin Edgar	04/01/2011		17/12/2013			155
Pamela Walford	26/04/2011		15/11/2011			30
Jenny O'Neal	23/08/2011	✓				1
Margaret Heath	23/08/2011	✓				1
Kathy Brewer	13/10/2011			✓		179
Zanj Harris	28/06/2012			✓		142
Tom Hargreaves	28/01/2014	✓				1
Anton Kornblum	11/09/2014			✓		27
Stephen Ferguson	17/02/2015			✓		4
Roger Broadhurst	17/02/2015			✓		4

Note that the duration figure reflects the length of time between the first and last visit of a person. It should not be taken as an indication of their attendance record over that period.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly club and as such do not chase surnames on an initial visit. If it turns out to be a single visit and we do not know a surname it is shown with a ? in the table above.

In total we have had 150 people visit us in the 20 years.
We look forward to increasing that number in the future.

Lest We Forget

During the 20 years, the following passed away whilst members of the Club

Sheila Calloway	1999
Tricia Wilson	2009
Les Jamieson	2014

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The following table and chart shows how the Club's membership has changed throughout the 20 years of the Club's existence.

The highest membership total was 33 in 2008-9.
In this year we had a significant number of new members from the Phyllis Court Club in Henley.

Year	Members
1995 - 1996	13
1996 - 1997	15
1997 - 1998	14
1998 - 1999	15
1999 - 2000	15
2000 - 2001	24
2001 - 2002	21
2002 - 2003	22
2003 - 2004	25
2004 - 2005	24
2005 - 2006	24
2006 - 2007	24
2007 - 2008	31
2008 - 2009	33
2009 - 2010	31
2010 - 2011	27
2011 - 2012	28
2012 - 2013	26
2013 - 2014	24
2014 - 2015	27

