



## St Patricks Day Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018



The weather was warm, a little windy, but a pleasant day which matched the occasion when our members attending the annual **St Patricks Day** celebrations. It was once again tremendous to see all those members enthusiastically in fancy dress, the Irish way. Thanks to Cath and Graham Patrick with Brian Hughes who did a great job in decorating the bowling area.

This year as usual it commenced with a Spider won by Pat Deacon, followed by a game of bowls. In order that all those attending were able to play our Vice - Captain, John Fitzgerald arranged games of Triples. The Men's winners were Chris Ewer, Bill Lovett and Ray Bolton and Ladies winners were Cath Patrick, Mandy Harris and Jenny Birmingham. The prizes were presented on completion of the competition. We were required to finish in a relaxed time to ensure we were ready for the buffet and music by our very talented camp entertainment, 'Happy Pluckers'.

This year Eileen and John Phoenix with the help of others organised everything in a magnificent way which included Chris Fitzgerald, Rona Hendry, Marjory Scoble, Caro Roberts, Maureen Ohara, Linda Burgess and a special mention to Elaine Lovett for her help.

The Tombola was this year run excellently by Joyce Sheard, Joe Sibley and Carole Hollett.

Our little Leprechaun Siobhan Herrity who has in the past ran the St Patricks Day in the early days with her late husband Ray and continued herself was surprisingly quiet!!!!!! She did however auction off the bottle of whisky raising 50 euros for it. Well done Siobhan.

The Fancy dress was won by the best Lady, Carol Williams dressed as an Irish Colleen with an Orange Wig. The best Man won by Ian Williams dressed with a Leprechaun on his front,

Monies raised was a great 1,005 euros. This will be given to two charities, M,A,C.S. and Stepping Stones charity which deals with Dementia and Alzheimer's. Representatives of the charities, namely, Elaine Brown founder of M.A.C.S. and Fanny Davies, founder of Stepping Stones gave speeches to explain their work and purpose of the charities.

Finally Eileen and John would like to thank everyone who supported, donated prizes and contributed to making this day so successful. This report and photographs will be viewed on our website [www.bowlingalmeria.com](http://www.bowlingalmeria.com)

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