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## PETANQUE Wallingford • newsletter

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**W**elcome everyone to our fresh-out-the-box club - we are officially registered with the English Pétanque Association (EPA); we have a President (Loren), a Secretary (Thérèse) and a Treasurer (Gerry) (but not much money, yet!) and 19 signed up members.

Our 3 officers are required by the EPA to have licenses, but this also means they can play in the Thames Valley Leagues, or inter-club competitions, so we're are underway.

The season began on the evening of Wednesday 7th April in the Wallingford Sports Park car park - our temporary court. And was it cold?! The wind howled, the clouds got lower and lower, but the five newcomers displayed tenacity and paid careful attention to Loren's every word. Well done to them for showing such fortitude against the odds. After 45 minutes an icy rain began to fall, so we called it a night, but more tuition and some tentative games will follow in the forthcoming weeks.

More people have indicated they would like to play, so we look

forward to seeing you all.

We have started a website. It is currently being developed, and more pictures and information will be posted as time goes along. The address is

[www.petwal.co.uk](http://www.petwal.co.uk)

and our email address is

[petanquewallingford@gmail.com](mailto:petanquewallingford@gmail.com)

We have made a link to the EPA in case you want to read the 'official' rules of the game. Obviously there is not much to report yet, but keep looking. There is lots of stuff about pétanque (boules) on the www for you to explore.

We hope to hold an EVENT sometime later in the year featuring some games, followed by a picnic and prizes! So watch the website for announcements.

Our next 'awareness' days will be

- 21st April - at the St. Georges Day event in Wallingford Market Place,
- 22nd April - at the Mini-Rugby Tournament in the Sports Park

And tell your friends to come and join us on Wednesdays!

..... In the meantime, have fun.