



From the Board.

Car Parking

We have now received several complaints about parking. We have contacted visiting groups who attend lunches to highlight the problem and we will be monitoring the situation. However, members are not completely innocent and we urge you to be a considerate parker and to observe, for safety's sake, both the speed limit of 5mph and the clockwise rotation in the rear car park.

Health and safety

There have been several recent cases of rather nasty infections in club members. We know that these bugs circulate every winter but these are quite nasty and taking fairly fit and active people of their feet for several days. Please remember the importance of hand washing and there is hand sanitizer on the bar for your use. Please also avoid coming into the club if you have symptoms of either flu or norovirus.

Joint message from The Board and Bowling Committee

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

It has come to the attention of the Bowling Committee that certain members may not be aware of the dress code that the club subscribes to. In order to avoid confusion please note the following extract from the bylaws Nov21v2: Within the Bowling Hall:

- **Internal league games and competitions:** Grey or black trousers, skirts or knee-length style shorts; white based collared shirt or bowls specific sports shirt, collared blouse or top or club shirt; white or club waistcoat, sweater or cardigan
- **External matches and competitions (including County and Nationals):** Black / grey trousers, regulation skirts or regulation shorts; club / white based collared shirts, blouse or top [depending on fixture]; Club waistcoat / cardigan.
- For all other (casual) play the dress code should be reasonable per "Within the Club"
- **Regulation bowling shoes shall be worn at all times**
- Visiting teams dress regulations will be respected
- New prospective members undergoing coaching: at the discretion of the coaches

As previously published:

Please be advised that with immediate effect, only AUTHORISED bowling shoes will be allowed to be used in the bowling hall.

It has come to our notice that certain members are still not using appropriate footwear, and the risk of damage to the new carpet is not one that the management are prepared to take.

If you are unsure if your bowls shoes are acceptable, please contact any member of the bowling committee or 'Bowled Over' shop to confirm. Correct shoes are available at 'Bowled Over' or you may choose to play in socks. No exceptions will be allowed.

IBA bowls shoes specifications:

- **Footwear Type: Participants should wear flat, smooth-soled bowls shoes purchased from a bowling retailer.**



POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
CHAIRPERSON	Paul Obey		
SECRETARY			
TREASURER			
MEN'S CAPTAIN	Stuart Ingram		
MEN'S VICE CAPTAIN	Russell Hooper		
LADIES CAPTAIN	Alison Andrews		
LADIES VICE CAPTAIN	Babs Tomlin		
FIXTURES SECRETARY	Lisa Hounslow		
COMPETITION SECRETARY	Luke Cheetham		
LEAGUE SECRETARY			
MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE			
SUMMER CAPTAIN	Babs Tomlin		

From the Bowling Committee

AGM Notice. Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7pm

AGENDA

Chairperson – opening remarks
Treasurers Report
Men's Captains Report
Ladies Captains Report
Summer Captains Report
Competition Secretary Report
Election of Offices 2026/27

Your help is needed. Above are the nominated and vacant seats on the Bowling Committee. Should you feel able to fill one of the vacant seats please enter your name on the sheet which is posted on the notice board. You will need a proposer and seconder as do the current names on the sheet. These roles are vital to the successful running of the Bowling leagues and general decision making for the bowling members

Bowling News

Competition Secretary – Progress so far heading into the Winter Finals

Seven months into my role as competition secretary, and it has been a challenging and eye-opening role. However, I have seen some encouraging and positive steps forward. The return of Junior versus Assisted bowlers cup

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competition. This was such a success that everyone could not wait another year for a rematch, so we will be playing again over the Easter Holidays.... Not just for the cup, maybe this time for some Easter Eggs as well. This has really helped to reconnect different groups within the club and create opportunities for shared competition and camaraderie.

I have also introduced Junior Singles Competition, so that we can see the next generation of young members coming through.

Handicap Singles has also been added to the Winter Comps to make it more accessible for the newer bowlers to compete on a level playing field, as I would love to see newer bowlers take part in our competitions. Of course, we still have many highly competitive singles and team competitions to play, giving our experienced bowlers the perfect stage to showcase their skill and competitive edge.

Another long overdue achievement that will be happening after the 2026 Winter Comps, is to update our cups and shields, some of which have not been refreshed for years. It's a small detail that makes a big difference, ensuring our honours and achievements are properly recognised and proudly displayed.

Of course, not every idea or reintroduction works perfectly without a bit of time and understanding. However, most have been a success while others have been lessons learnt and given me pause for thought. This is all part of building a stronger more vibrant club.

My aim remains to listen to members, welcome suggestions and continue shaping the competitions into what everyone wants it to be.

Lastly a special thank you to all who have supported, encouraged and helped me along the way (you know who you are). Progress is always a team effort. I look forward to the finals and all the members both playing and spectating.

Luke Cheetham

Competition Secretary

Kent League

Last Updated: Monday 23rd February 2026 8:50pm

Club	Played	Matches Won	Matches Drawn	Matches Lost	Matches played	Matches not played	Shots For	Shots Against	Shot Diff	Points
FOLKESTONE	15	11	0	4	15	5	1582	1262	320	139
DEANGATE RIDGE'	14	9	0	5	14	6	1384	1234	150	115
ANGEL	13	7	0	6	13	7	1257	1166	91	104
MOTE PARK	11	5	0	6	11	9	1025	1023	2	82
ROYAL T/W	12	3	0	9	12	8	987	1241	-254	52
ASHFORD	11	3	0	8	11	9	872	1181	-309	40

Update on National and County competitions.

A great win for Angel over Swale in the quarter final of Dudley Hoile, winning 48-23. (Home win 21-15 Away win 27-8)

Semi-finals and Final both on 14th March at Oyster. Opposition either Oyster or Betteshanger. It would be great to get some supporters to cheer them on.

County singles (round of last 16)

Paul Gent v David Young David won 21/17

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Juniors



We have some great news regarding two of our Juniors. Theo London and Penny Cheetham have been invited to play in Kent Senior Mixed County Players versus Mixed U25/U18 combined.

This is a great credit due to Lorna Goldup and John Williams coaching that they are being able to have this wonderful opportunity. Looking forward to some more Juniors coming through the ranks in the not-too-distant future.



Social Angels

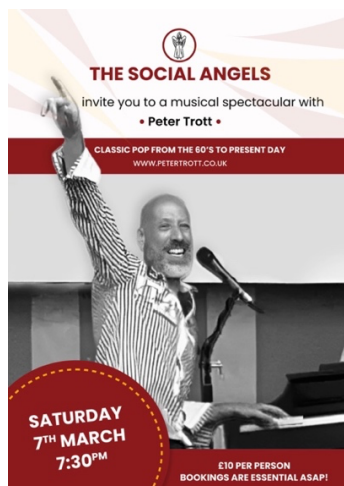
Hello!

We said goodbye to dry January with a brilliant evening of beer tasting hosted by Toby from Westerham brewery. Lots to taste and many things learned, including how to smell beer properly! Tours of the brewery are available, as is a great selection of food served with your tipples.

Next offering from your Social Angels is Peter Trott piano man on Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm. Peter is a singer/songwriter from Kent, often appearing around Tonbridge. He has played in various bands since 1988 and has been a solo artist since 2008. He has built up a huge repertoire of classic popular music from the sixties through to present. Tickets are £10, come along for a musical treat.

Wishing you all more spring sunshine and less wellies weather. Until the next time...

Jude Knowles. Chair Social Angels



100 Club

This months winners are:

John Barnes, Jo Young, Linda London
Each receive £12

From the Editor **Deadline for the March Newsletter is strictly 5pm on March 29th**

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