

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER. September 2026.

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From the Board.

Catering

We would like to clarify the circumstances surrounding the caterer's decision to leave the club and give us notice. One of the factors was that they were unable to commit to increasing their hours to provide catering to accommodate members who bowl in the afternoons. This was an important consideration for us, driven by members. We want to ensure that the catering service meets the needs of our members. Many members had complained to us that the 2pm closure did not work for them and we asked for that to be extended to 2.30pm

There were also financial considerations involved in their decision. However, these are private matters between the caterer and the club and, out of respect for their confidentiality, we are not in a position to disclose any details.

I hope members will understand that we want to be open about the reasons for the change while also respecting the Carl and Sam's privacy. Their last day will be February 3rd and we are currently seeking a replacement.

We wish Carl and Sam well for the future and thank them for their service and good food during their time with us.

Bar Staff

Following the very sad loss of Laura Edwards we now need to address the vacancy with the bar staff team. We have advertised this but not yet appointed anyone. Please contact Bernard Buss for details via the club email address, (angeloffice@angelibc.co.uk) if you or someone you know may be interested.

Membership Renewal 2026/27

A reminder that subscriptions are due for renewal now, September 1st

	Existing	New Rate
Full Bowling Membership	£100.00	£105.00
Assisted Bowlers (incl social)	£ 36.00	£ 38.00
Social Membership	£ 36.00	£ 38.00
Social + Summer Bowling	£ 40.00	£ 42.00
Junior Membership	£ 21.00	£ 22.00
Full Family Membership **	£ 210.00	£220.00
Locker (Annual) Maintenance	£ 5.00	£ 5.00

Tree Removal

The Weeping Willow tree opposite the restaurant adjacent to the Botany Stream is being felled on Wednesday 2nd September. The roots of the tree have already compromised the car park surface which will only get worse with time. There is also a danger that the roots will also compromise the surface water outfall drain into the Stream. Pollarding the tree in the past has proven to be unsuccessful so in consultation with tree surgeons the decision has been taken to take it down.

There will be considerable disruption in the car park. Wherever possible please park in the front car park nearest the road. Access to the Disabled and Priority parking bays will be maintained. Any user using the rear car park are asked to drive dead slow as there will be heavy plant and machinery restricting sight lines and look out for contractor's directions.

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CPR & Defibrillator Course

Bob Bowlby will be running a CPR & Defibrillator Course on Sunday 20th September at 10am. No previous experience is necessary and this is not a Certificated course.

Most Cardiac Arrests happen in the home so it's as well to be familiar with this life saving procedure.

Please put your names down on the notice board if interested. As we only have one manikin places are limited to 8. We will run additional courses if the demand is there.

Carpets

The bowling surface carpet is being stretched on Wednesday September 23rd. We are taking advantage of that window to have the bar carpet professionally cleaned at the same time and thus the club will be closed from 2pm for the remainder of the day.

Bowling News Competitions

Competition secretary update

Reminder Summer Finals are on the 12th and 13th of September. There will be a buffet on the Sunday lunch time. The awards ceremony will be held after the final games have been played on Sunday.

Games will commence at 10.00am and 2.30pm with who plays and when available to see on the board from the 6th of September.

The sign-up forms for the winter competition with all the relevant information as well, will be up on the board by August bank holiday.

September triples competition will be running again this year. September 21st to the 24th at 7.30pm. More information will be available on the board by August bank holiday.

League secretary update

The sign-up sheets for the winter leagues will be up on the board by August bank holiday.

Coffee and Play

Coffee and Play has been running for a couple of months now. It's always on rink 6 for easy access. 12pm till 2.30 pay for one hour and play as much as you feel able, dip in and out, have a sit down and a coffee and go again. Details can be found on the news page on the clubs web site, and its advertised on the tv screen in the club.

I started this as a coach at the club, coaching people new to bowling, older ages returning to the sport, those with conditions that make it impossible for them to join the leagues or organised roll ups but would like to join our club to play with others. Also, existing members after hip or knee replacement etc I have it booked till the end of the summer diary ending early September. There is no need for myself to be in attendance as rinks are booked.

It started out well attended, seemed to be helpful to those not able for various reasons to play a full session but were still eager to bowl and meet up and continue to enjoy the bowling side of our club The last few weeks unfortunately there has been zero attendance. It may well be due to hot weather holidays etc.

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For anyone thinking of going all you need to do is turn up any time that suits you during the 12pm session, pay for one hour at the bar go to rink 6 introduce yourself to others that are already there (hopefully).... join in and ENJOY.

I will monitor the attendance for the weeks booked, hopefully see an uptake to see if its worthwhile to continue into the winter diary.

We can only try things. Les

National Competitions

Coming towards the end of the Summer Season Angel still has 3 opportunities to win a National Competition.

In the Fantastic 5's, team New Wave have to play White Oak (Swanley) in the last 16.

In the National Pairs, Warren Foy and Nick London are into the Inter Area Final against a team from Horsham, this is being played on Sunday 30th at Grattons (Crawley).

In the National Singles, David Young has qualified for the last 8, after beating Jono Dalton from Grattons 21-18 at Royals (Tunbridge Wells), he has qualified for Melton Mowbray.

Hopefully the Pairs and Fantastic 5 team can join him.

David Young

Social Angels



Hello! We're back, all good things to look forward to over the coming months, Strictly, club finals weekend, cold weather, Christmas and your Social Angels events!

We kick our new program off with one of your favourites. Bingo is back with big prizes for the lucky winners. A whopping £100 for the final full house.

Even if you haven't tried bingo before, or think you wouldn't like it, now's your chance to have a dabble. All welcome, bring your family and friends for a whole evening of entertainment. Book at the bar.



Our diary of events takes us right up to New Year's Eve, music and a good time in coming.

Please show your support, let's carry on being the wonderfully social club that we are, as well as being great at bowling!

Jude Knowles Chair of Social Angels

In other news

Save the date

CAN YOU HELP TO SELL ITEMS AND RAFFLE TICKETS. ARE YOU ABLE TO GIFT A RAFFLE PRIZE?



Our annual MacMillan big Coffee morning will be on Friday September 25th from 10.30 to 12. If you have items for the bring and buy please hold onto them until the beginning of September when they will be welcomed. Small items only please. Please note that if you kindly donate homemade cakes, please list the ingredients

Thank you, Chris Parker

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100 Club

August winners

Heather Young.

Alex Hamilton.

John Barnes

Each win £12

Deadline for the next Newsletter is strictly 5pm on September 23rd

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