

From the Board.

Club Security

There is a reason that we have an entry code system! It's not quite so much that we don't want non-members entering the club, but more about keeping you all safe. Sadly, in this day and age when people with lethal weapons gain access to theatres (Manchester Arena), church halls (Southport) and places of worship (Golders Green) with the intent to cause damage and death, we need to be vigilant. The habit of leaving the front door tied open needs to stop for all your sakes. Don't say it could never happen in Tonbridge, because it really could.

Catering

Several members have asked for an update on our progress in appointing replacement caterers. We initially received three applications, although one applicant has since withdrawn because of the daily commute. We are also awaiting contact from a further applicant who was recommended by a member. Two applicants have now been interviewed, and we are awaiting their formal written proposals and sample menus before making a final decision. Both of the applicants interviewed so far have been exceptional, so we are confident that we will continue to provide excellent catering here at the Angel.

Carpets

The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that the bar area carpet has recently been cleaned and is now looking as good as new.

To help us keep it that way, we kindly ask that cooked meals are eaten in the restaurant area whenever possible, as the flooring there is much easier to clean.

We do understand that there may be times when all the restaurant tables are full and you have no alternative but to eat in the bar area. On those occasions, please take extra care to avoid spilling food on the carpet, as professional cleaning is costly and requires the club to close while the work is carried out.

The rink carpet has also now been stretched.

AGM- Save the date

7.30pm on Friday November 27th November. For newer members, please be aware that this is the **club AGM and not the bowling committee AGM** which is held in April. The two events are very different. The club AGM is hosted by the board of directors and deals with the management of the club as a business and includes the presentation of audited accounts. The bowling committee AGM is hosted by the bowling committee and deals with all things related to bowling, such as competitions and leagues. Members of the Bowling Committee are proposed by the membership and voted to office at the AGM. As a limited company, and under the memorandum & articles of association, the existing board of Directors, may invite a member to join the board and on their first AGM stand for election. Existing directors decide whether or not to stand again after a 3 year term, retiring by rotation. If they decide to stay, then they have to be proposed and seconded at the AGM. Directors are usually invited for their skill set, knowledge, or business experience.

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Finals Weekend

Thank you to Luke Cheetham for organising a great weekend of great bowling and also Elise and her team of helpers for providing an excellent buffet on Sunday. It was a great weekend enjoyed by all. A few pictures from the weekend are below. Great to see some of our younger members doing so well.



Angel's Angels

Now that Angel's Angels is up and running and we have a team of volunteers please do get in touch via angelsangels@angelibc.co.uk. Whether it's for yourself or someone else, every email will be treated confidentially. Thank you to everyone who helped set this up.

Fun(d) day is **on October 11th from 12pm**. If you haven't already signed up to play in this fun event, please contact Kath or Elise, and if you're not a bowler come along and support this event. None of us know when we might need an angel.

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To Our Wonderful Club Sponsors

Angel's Angels Benevolent Fund is deeply grateful for your generous support. Your sponsorship helps us to launch our work, supporting our community of members, and make a meaningful difference to those who need it most.

**With sincere thanks from everyone at Angel's Angels
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Bowling News



Well done to Angel New Wave for their win versus White Oak in the Fantastic Fives recently.

A good win in the 4s plus a win in the triples were enough for an overall win on shots after defeats in the singles and pairs.

Sadly they didn't get through the national quarter final versus Egham but we are all so proud of their achievement. Next year!

Social Angels

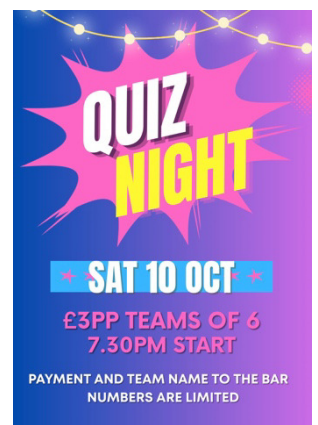
Hello! We're back and our ever popular Bingo was a great success on 19th September with nearly 70 of you attending. Congratulations to all the winners, a good time was had by all.

The ever popular quiz night is next on the horizon, Saturday 10th October. Bookings went live and within hours we already had 8 teams who had signed up. The number of teams is limited to 20 because we literally run out of chairs otherwise! Come along and test your brain cells, it's only £3 per person with a maximum of 6 in a team. Big cash prizes for winning teams.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Jude Knowles

Chair of the Social Angels



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In other news

Richard & Maureen Wood were at Potters Five Lakes last week and representing Angel won the Pairs completion. The competition runs all week with a round Robin for 1st two days then knockout rounds on Thursday. We faced a pair from Bromley IBC who just happened to be our friends enjoying the same break with us. It was a tough final but we came out Victor's winning 14-2. An article for this event is published in Bowls International magazine.

Mat Cleaning

While Patrick Lucas is still very unwell in hospital, Barry and Gwen Bone have temporarily taken on the cleaning of the mats rota from him and Alison. You must all have noticed how very grubby they get and how nice it is to see sparkling clean ones, especially when we have a visiting club with us.

They don't clean themselves, so we are calling all bowlers to put their name on the rota which is up on the board. It's a very small ask, 14 people out of over 400 bowlers – I take my turn and I don't even bowl!! (ChrisP)

With enough volunteers you may only be cleaning 6 mats once a year and you all benefit by having a great looking green. We send our best wishes to Patrick for a good recovery.

100 Club September winners

Quarterly Prizes:

£125 Ray Ecclestone
£50 Peter Blake
£25 Avril Williams

Monthly Prizes:

Chris Parker
Peter Couchman
Roger Kenney
Each win £12

Deadline for the next Newsletter is strictly 5pm on October 28th

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