

From the Board.

Carpet

After the problems around the delivery of our new carpet, we now have a guaranteed delivery date. The bowls hall will be closed from Sunday September 14th, re-opening on Sunday September 21st. Raffle tickets for the 'first bowl' are still on sale at the bar and further details of the opening weekend will be in next month's newsletter.

Staff

Sadly, Ed Harris is leaving us in mid-July to explore pastures new. Ed has been with us for seven years and we're sorry to see him go but wish him well. That leaves us with a vacancy for part time bar staff. Ed currently works Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, day and evening shifts and we are actively seeking somebody to fill those shifts, although we can be a little flexible to get the right person. Ideally, we would like somebody with bar experience, but training will be given. Applications to Bernard, please. bpbuss@gmail.com.

Membership

Despite rumours to the contrary our membership numbers continue to grow and are currently sitting at 596. During the year May 24 to May 25 we have welcomed just shy of 100 new members, well in excess of any losses. The vast majority of those new members have come via you, the existing members, so thank you.

Club Gift Vouchers.



A gift voucher is not just for Christmas! Available from the bar for values from a minimum £4.50 up to however much you want to gift. The vouchers can be used for rink fees or bar sales only. So, if you're stuck for a birthday gift for a member this may just be what you need.

Health and Safety

A recent incident has raised the question about the location of the accident book and first aid box. Both are on the green steward's desk. The accident book is inside the first aid box.

Bowling News

It's great to see that the internal club competitions are well under way. It's very good that the club is busy but that just reminds us all to please book rinks as early as possible. A reminder that bowlers are very welcome to sign up for the friendly games against other clubs. The team sign-up sheets are on the board and as a general comment, extra names are needed. All the very best to our three teams in their first round round-robin games in the Fantastic 5s.

Rink Etiquette Reminders

- If your game finishes early or you leave the rink area (including for a comfort break), please **close the doors** between the bar and rink areas behind you.

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- **Do not enter** the rink area until the **final bell** has sounded. When entering, please be mindful of ongoing games and avoid causing any distractions.

County & National Games

- If a game is expected to **run past the scheduled rink changeover time**, please use the “**Competition In Progress**” boards to prevent members from walking across the end of the rinks. These boards (2 each end) are on a hook at both ends of the rinks. Please return them after use.

Bowlr – Booking Etiquette

- When booking a rink on Bowlr:
 - List the **names of all players**.
 - If some names are not yet known, enter your **full name** followed by the number of additional players (e.g., *John Smith + 3*).
- If you book a rink and **do not attend**, you are still required to **pay the rink fee**. This applies to **all bookings**, including county and national games.
- Rinks can be **cancelled without charge** if cancelled **at least 24 hours in advance**.
- **One-hour sessions** can only be booked **on the day of play**, and must include the **start and end times** (e.g., *John Smith 09:00–10:00*).

Meet our Sponsors

We continue to be very grateful to the local businesses who support the club through their sponsorship and hope that our members will support them in exchange.

As part of our commitment to them we will be having a regular newsletter item profiling each of them. The order in which they appear is the order in which they have sent us their copy.

Welcome to Bourne Lodge, Tonbridge

A charming new development of thoughtfully designed one and two-bedroom apartments, Bourne Lodge offers independent living exclusively for the over 60s. Ideally situated just a short stroll from Tonbridge High Street, this beautifully appointed collection of 32 apartments is perfectly placed for easy access to shops, Angel Centre, and the historic Tonbridge Castle.

Enjoy the convenience of having everything you need close by — from independent boutiques and well-known retailers to cosy cafés and inviting restaurants.

Life at Bourne Lodge is about more than just a beautiful home. Our welcoming Owners' Lounge hosts a variety of social events and offers a relaxing space to enjoy the company of neighbours and new friends.

Why not see it for yourself? Bourne Lodge is open Tuesday to Saturday. Drop in for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake with Lisa. A warm welcome awaits.

Knit and Natter Group

The knit and natter group which meets on a Wednesday morning, are making garments for the women's refuge. Sadly, women who experience domestic abuse sometime have to flee with only the clothes on their back and often with their children. The group will be making children's and baby clothes for the local centres but are badly in need of wool. Can you help? Maybe you have wool left over from a project of your own or maybe you are generous enough to buy the odd ball of new wool. Please leave any donations with the bar staff.

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Winners

June Winners are:

Quarterly Draw
£125 John Excell
£50 Anthea Durkin
£25 Rosemary Knox

Monthly Draw
£12 Isobel Manktelow
£12 Barbara Taylorson
£12 Jackie Clarke

Save the Date



Once again, this year we will be holding a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday September 19th raising funds for a very worthy charity.

Coffee, cakes, raffle and a bring & buy sale.

From the editor.

Who noticed last

month's deliberate (not) mistake? Many thanks to the 27 people who pointed out that the header said May and not June. The joy of cut and paste!! Even my resident proofreader missed that one.