



Jubilee Weekend

The Editor wishes all members, friends, and family well for the Jubilee Weekend.

The Club will be closed on both bank holiday days; Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June
Open as normal on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Your Bowling Committee

The Club's Bowling Committee is ultimately responsible for all bowling activities that take place within the Club (including roll ups, leagues, competitions, matches, coaching and player development). As well as for all bowling related club rules (including dress, etiquette, rink booking priorities, etc).

The shiny new 2022 / 23 Committee, formed after the recent AGM, is up and running! In case you don't know these fantastic volunteers, here they are ...



Malcom Yates (Treasurer)



Mary London (Ladies Captain)



Trevor London (Mens Captain)



Christine Spencer (Match Secretary)




Sarah Partridge (Secretary)

The Committee is ably assisted by many other volunteers including Barry Tomlin (League Secretary & mens Vice Captain), Gary McIlravey (mens Competition Secretary), Ray Ecclestone (summer League Secretary), Jane Cogle (ladies Vice Captain) ...and many others who contribute to organise all the bowling we enjoy at the Angel. Thanks to all.

If you would like to get involved do speak with any Committee member.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



COULD THIS BE YOU?

<i>Description:</i>	<i>Known characteristics: inspirational, encouraging, uplifting, empathetic, motivational and kind.</i>
<i>Wanted for:</i>	<i>The encouragement of new members and those new to bowling. Offering time to meet up with people keen to put down roots in The Angel and learn from experienced members? Willing to play games / roll ups?</i>
<i>Reward:</i>	<i>New friends, enjoyment and the knowledge that you have made a difference.</i>

To volunteer, please sign up on list on league notice board, contact Sarah on 07368268690 or leave your details with Paul or Ed, behind the bar.

Tonbridge Community Fete

The Club has enjoyed 29 new members so far in 2022. We need more. So to raise the awareness of our great club within the community we will again have a 'stall' at this year's Community Fete.

The Fete takes place on Sunday June 12th, between 12pm and 4pm on the Castle Lawn and Riverside. As well as the usual stalls, the Fete will offer a variety of entertainment, including dancing displays and live music, and this year will feature a 'dog show'!

Why not come along, enjoy the Fete, and help promote the Club? If you feel you could spare just 30 minutes on the day to hand out promotional club leaflets please come along wearing a club shirt, give your name to a club steward beforehand, or add your name to the list on the club Noticeboard.

It's amazing how many of our new members feed-back that they were 'nudged' to come and have a go at bowls after speaking to one of our members at these local events. And how grateful they are after finding such a great new hobby and the opportunity to make new friends. In 30 minutes you could make a real difference!

Your New Social Committee

After the recent covid-enforced interlude the Club's new Social Committee is up and running again!

The committee is... Dave Fenner, Jim Hawkes, Les Herbert, Lyn London and Sue Miles. Ably assisted by Stephanie and Mike Gates

Thank you to all the above for volunteering.

Upcoming social events include a Bingo Night to be held in June and a Quiz Night to be held in August. Dates for these will be set very soon... watch out for posters in the Club and on your website.

Then in October we have ...

40 + 1 Years of Bowling at the Angel

This momentous celebration will take place on October 21st.

The Committee is promising entertainment on the night and is looking for all your old photos, scorecards, memories and memorabilia ... to help paint the picture as to how the club has evolved over the years into the club it is today ... and to evoke all those old memories ...



The men's Kent Singles Champion is an Angel!

Congratulations to Paul Gent who recently became reigning men's Kent Singles Champion. The competition was last won by an Angel, Duncan Hanmore, in the 2018/19 season.

Where do the league score cards go – when the bowling ends?

A quick reminder on what to do for your team's Summer League results to appear on Bowlr. Please read this as there are some changes to what's required.

Please make sure all the information requested is filled in on the score cards:

- The Team names (Triples -- ie Spitfire vs Another; Aussie Pairs – ie Captain's name vs Another).
- Stating whether it's Triples or Aussie Pairs.
- Date.
- Time of session.
- Rink.
- Names of players, including surnames (in the positions they are playing for both 'Home' and 'Away' teams).

Once the results are entered on Bowlr (by the 'Home' team skip) on the day, please write in capitals '**BOWLr ENTERED**' on the card, then place it in the relevant slot on the 'League Scores Board' (found diagonally opposite reception).

If Bowlr is not working, please place it in the relevant slot on the 'League Scores Board' and a Club Steward will enter it on Bowlr for you. Please be aware that missing information on the score cards can cause delay in results being displayed or inputted.

Thanks Ray Ecclestone

Note All results of Singles Leagues games must be advised directly to Tony Morez and the cards can then be binned.

Quiz Night for Ukraine.

Very nearly standing room only for the quiz night organised by Bernadette and Colin Bullen.

A staggering £850 was raised for the Ukraine appeal.



Club 2022 Open Weekend

This will take place in September and has to date proven to be 'the' event in our calendar that has attracted the largest number of new members to our Club.

We now need volunteers to help organise this year's Weekend. If you feel you are able to assist, please message the Club, speak with Paul Gent or Neil Ramage or give your name to a Club Steward

Lease News

We are now in the final stages of securing the renewal of our Club's Lease. This follows more than 12 months of negotiations. And, critically, we are on course to agree a lease that will give us the security of a further 15 years of bowling at our current site. The Club can now then, at last, start to plan forward again with some confidence.

As is normal with commercial leases, all buildings, fixtures & fittings erected on the ground at the time of any lease renewal becomes the property of the Landlord (in this case Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council). As a result the Council now own both our ground and our buildings, and we now lease both from them. We don't expect this change to have any impact on our plans for the club or our activities within the club, but we do need to respect that the building is now leased from the council rather than being owned by the club.

Unfortunately, but as fully expected, the lease renewal will result in a significant increase to our rent, which will now be in line with other commercial rents in the Borough. Whilst this ensures that we all, as local rate payers, get value for money from our Council's assets, it does result in our club's rent increasing substantially, and it will now increase further every year in line with inflation.

A double whammy when set alongside soaring electricity costs!

As a consequence, now more than ever, we need to vigorously grow our membership to the level that will cover this increase in costs, and generally sustain our financials. And whilst we have done well in this respect over the recent 2 or 3 years, it is critical to the Club's survival that we maintain this momentum over the coming years. We ask all members to help in this effort wherever they can.

Vacuuming in the Bowling Hall

If anyone can spare an hour or two to vacuum the bowling hall carpet it would be much appreciated! This would save the expense to the club of having to pay the cleaners to do it for us.

If you feel you could help here please message the club, give your name to a club steward or have a word with Paul Gent.

Club Grounds

As the days warm up and the 'growing season' really takes hold, it's more noticeable than ever how smart our Club's grounds are always looking! ... all the weeds and shrubs around the back and side of the building are kept well in check, the lawns well cut, the car park is clean and tidy, the nettles around the entrance river bank are tamed

...and all thanks for this go to our fantastic volunteers ... Tony Borland and Bob Bowlby

Well done guys ... great job!

Lighting in the Bowling Hall

With negotiations to secure the renewal of the Club's Lease entering the final lap, we can now attend to one or two much needed capital investments around the club. With the first proposed priority being to renew the lighting in the bowling hall (which appears to grow dimmer by the day!).

This would be a substantial investment for the Club. And a major project; it would require the Bowling Hall to be closed for 2 or 3 days at least.

We have already secured a number of competing quotes to complete the works and ensured that all the required equipment is readily available such that we could complete the project well before the start of the 2022 Winter Season (and in time for our planned 2022 Open Weekend).

A decision on how and when to proceed will be made at the Club's next Board Meeting.

Thanks to Keith Elliment for volunteering to lead this Project for us.