

**CLUB'S 40+1 ANNIVERSARY
EVENT
FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:-

MORNING CHAT WITH FRIENDS WHILST LISTENING TO SOME 80'S TUNES

CARL & SAM WILL BE PROVIDING THEIR NORMAL LUNCH TIME MENU IF YOU WANT TO BUY FOOD

AFTERNOON PLAY SOME GAMES – THE CLUB HAS CHESS, CRIB BOARDS & DOMINOES – *BRING YOUR OWN DIFFERENT GAMES*

GAMES OF DARTS WILL BE TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

□ **4.00PM – 4.45PM** ENJOY THE FIRST SING-A-LONG SESSION WITH MR MEREDITH

5.30PM – 7.00 PM TIME TO ENJOY CARL & SAM'S FINGER BUFFET (JUST £5.00 PER PERSON** - PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS AT THE BAR BY WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER AT THE LATEST)

7.30PM – 8.15PM LISTEN TO (AND JOIN IN WITH) THE 'TONBRIDGE TUNELESS CHOIR' AS THEY ENTERTAIN US

8.30PM – 9.15PM NOW THE CHOIR HAS GOT US ALL SINGING WELCOME BACK LUKE MEREDITH TO END THE DAY IN STYLE

Bowling Hall Lighting

Many thanks to Keith Elliment for organising the installation of our new bowling hall lighting and to the volunteers who assisted. Not only is the lighting significantly improved but it is also materially more efficient.

We also now benefit from improved emergency lighting. Should the building suffer a power cut we now have emergency lighting coming on in the bowling hall ceiling as well as on the side walls. This will provide a much safer environment should the bowling hall be busy when the lights go out.... and meets best practice health & safety requirements.

Club Electricity Usage

For members' interest, the Club was savvy enough to secure fixed rate electricity and gas prices back in 2021. These will give us stability of costs through to the end of 2025 / early 2026. These fixed rates represent an increase of 25% and 42% on what we are currently paying (the new contracts have yet to take effect) but are significantly lower than current business electricity and gas rates.

On the above basis, we expect to be able to continue to afford to heat & air-condition the Club to a comfortable level whenever open. It is, nevertheless, clear that now more than ever we all need to save on

electricity wherever we can. And one way we can all do this is to actively manage the bowling hall lighting. Whilst the new lighting is much more efficient, it would still make a material difference if we all habitually switched off the lights on rinks that aren't needed.

For those unaware, the bowling hall light switches are to the left of the bar on a panel behind the desks. Please familiarise yourself with the lighting panel and please help us better manage the lights.

In a similar vein, we have also adjusted the air conditioning and hot water systems to save money where we can. In particular, the air conditioning / heating systems are now switched off over-night, coming on (hopefully) early enough each morning to ensure the building is comfortable for our first bowlers. Please let the Club Stewards know if at any time you find the building environment uncomfortable.

Club 2022 Open Weekend

We had a great Open Weekend; welcoming 115 visitors over the 2 days. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. The feedback from our visitors was again very positive, especially regarding the friendliness of our volunteers and the warm welcome they received.

As a result, we now have 55 adults enjoying their 4 free Taster Sessions, plus another 15 or so attending our Saturday afternoon family sessions. Thank-you also to everyone helping with those Tasters.

Fingers crossed, we will then have a good number of new members joining us over the coming weeks and will be holding dedicated new bowler roll ups, leagues, and ladders to support their integration into our Club over the coming months. Do please give all our new members a warm welcome.

Rink Booking & Rink Fees

The following clarifications around our booking of rinks and rink fees has been agreed by your Directors and Bowling Committee, and are effective immediately....

1 Advance Booking of short sessions

The Club encourages members to use rinks for private practice, especially where the rinks would otherwise be empty. An hours private practice (rink fee just £1.75!) can be really beneficial to consistency. However, to ensure rinks are not 'blocked' at busy times, we need to ask that advance booking of individual rinks for less than the full session is only made within 24 hours of that session. Also, if you do advance-book a partial session, please clearly state your start time and end time in your rink diary booking.

The Club Stewards will ask for the full £4 session charge for any rinks booked ahead of the 24-hour window.

2. Rink Fee for "double rinks" (needed for County & National competitions).

This has been increased from £5 to £6. It is felt by both Directors and Bowling Committee that this remains a fair and competitive rate. All other rink fees remain unchanged.

3. Bowlr booking

Please ensure all rink usage is recorded in Bowlr. This includes advance bookings and 'drop-ins'. This will help both the club monitor usage and the Stewards manage proper collection of rink fees.

4. Rink Usage Priorities

We have a good number of our members entering National and County competitions this year. We have also entered all of the various National & County team competitions. Very occasionally, the need to complete these games by the stipulated deadlines will place pressure on rink availability. The Bowling Committee may then need to make a call on priorities for rink space. If rinks booked for roll-ups or internal leagues or competitions ever need to be moved in such situations all affected members will, of course, be consulted before-hand.

Bowling Update

The Bowling Committee recently issued a special Newsletter to bring us all up to date with the 22/23 winter bowling arrangements. Including information on winter leagues, club competitions, roll ups, winter fixtures and club national / county competitions. In case you missed it you can still access a copy of that Newsletter here. <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/bowling/winter-newsletter>

The Bowling Committee would now like to share the following updates to that Newsletter

1.Roll Ups

The Sunday 11.30am 'turn up and play' rollup continues. So if you fancy a Sunday roll-up just turn up at the club by 11.15am and let the club steward know that you would like to join in. You will then be organised into a team and rink. No need to pre-book ... just turn up and play!

2.Fantastic-Fives

Congratulations to the Alligators who made it through to the National Quarter Finals. Unfortunately losing out to Swale. This is the furthest any Angel team has progressed in the tournament to date, and sets a new target to beat next year.

3. Summer Competitions

The finals of the Summer Competitions were played during the week beginning Monday September 19th. For the full line up of results and photos see here...

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/bowling/club-competitions/summer-22-comps>

Congratulations to this year's winners



- Mens Singles: David Young
- Ladies Singles: Jo Young
- Open Singles: Neil Ramage
- Pairs: Rhys Briley and Ivan Edmead
- Triples: Mick Bates, Trish Ellis, Norma Wilkin

4. Summer Singles League

After two great 'seasons' of singles league, the final tables for the second season of all 5 divisions can be found here ...

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/bowling/club-competitions/2022-singles-leagues>

These final positions will be taken into account when setting up next summer's leagues.

NB ... A Notice has been put up for members to sign up to a slimmed-down Winter Singles League. Thank you to James Wharton for volunteering to run this one.

5. EIBA Mens over 60s Double Rink, Mixed Egham Trophy and Mixed Top Club

If you would like to be considered for selection for these competitions please let the selectors know by signing up on the Noticeboard. The Club is entering two Mens Over-60s Double Rink teams.

6. Angels Liberty Trials

Congratulations to the 6 Angels who have been selected for Liberty Trials; Paul Gent, Duncan Hanmore, Jack King, Gary McIlravey, Darren Willis and Taylor Monk.

The Liberty Trophy is the national inter-county competition. The Trials are to represent Kent. This year the trials will be held at our Club on Saturday 15 October at 11am. So if you fancy watching 32 of the best bowlers in Kent vying for selection ...

7. Men's and Ladies Kent League Matches

Sign-up sheets for the first matches are now on your Noticeboard.

8. September Triples

Congratulations to Paul Gent, Keith Elliment and David Hill (subs used Neil Ramage and Matt James) for winning this years September Triples Tournament.

Six teams entered. With each team playing 6 shortened 'qualifiers', with a point scored for every end won and an additional 5 points for winning each game. The 2 highest scoring teams then battled it out over 15 ends for final victory.

Thanks to Gary for organising. If you missed this year's competition, then make a diary note to get a team together for next year!

Club Family Session

The Club now has a weekly dedicated 'family session'. It runs weekly on Saturdays from 5.30pm and is a natural development from what used to be our "junior sessions".

For an annual subscription of just £50, mum, dad and juniors are now able to bowl together in that family session*. And the hope is that having the mums and dads joining in will encourage more juniors too.

If you know of any families that might be interested in joining in please contact Lorna Goldup, or bring them along on a Saturday at 5.30pm.

The bar is open throughout and there is plenty of support to help get the family bowling.

* if any of the family go on to want to use the club socially or bowl outside of that dedicated family session then higher subscriptions apply.

Membership Renewals

For those who haven't yet renewed please do so asap to avoid your fellow member volunteers having to chase you once more.

As per last year, to streamline the process and avoid unnecessary costs, there will be no automatic confirmation of payment receipt, no car park stickers, no membership cards and no club handbooks issued. These have all become unnecessary costs given our new systems.

Need some new Gear?

John Forsey Bowls shop will be visiting the club at 10am on Tuesday 18th October. They will bring a selection of bowls, clothing and equipment for sale.

If you would like them to bring a particular item or size please call them ahead on 02083035221.

Angel Cribbage Team

The Club has entered the local cribbage league for the last couple of seasons, it needs a new volunteer organiser. If you feel this is for you, please speak with our Club Steward, Paul.

Film Afternoons



Tuesday November 1st at 2.30 pm
(and every first Tuesday)

FILMAFTERNOON

Angel Indoor Bowls Club

Why not have lunch first in our excellent restaurant.

The graphic features a movie poster for 'Calamity Jane' with Doris Day and Howard Keel. The poster shows a man in a brown outfit standing on a barrel. The text on the poster includes 'DORIS DAY • HOWARD KEEL' and 'Calamity Jane'. The entire graphic is framed with a black wavy border on the left and a yellow vertical bar on the right. There are also film strip icons at the bottom corners.

From the Knit and Natter Group

The group, who meets at the club on Wednesday mornings, are currently knitting children's hats and gloves which will be distributed via the food banks this winter. If you have any spare dk wool lying about at home (that jumper you were going to knit but never started....) Please give it to the bar staff who will pass it on.

Volunteer Opportunities

We badly need volunteers to help with the assisted bowling sessions on Friday mornings. Enabling people to continue to enjoy bowling when age or infirmity might prevent them doing so is an amazing thing to do. If you think this could be you please contact Jim Hawkes or tell the bar staff who will pass on your details.

Dementia Friendly Organisation

The Club continues to be part of the local Dementia Friendly community.

As well as ensuring our premises and staff are as supportive as they can be to this hidden disability, we also directly support the Tonbridge & Malling DFC by providing the use of our premises for their bi-monthly dementia cafés, a monthly carers group and a biennial virtual dementia tour bus.

