

## General Club News

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### Update on Car Park Flooding

There has been an ongoing problem with water from the Botany Stream backing up through the car park drains at times of high river levels following heavy rain and it is expected this will occur with increasing frequency due to climate change. One-way valves designed to prevent this have proven ineffective.

Meetings have been held with the Environment Agency, the leader of TMBC and the Borough Engineer. It is proposed that a complete redesign of the valves takes place on 9th and work is scheduled for mid-March when the EA will be lowering the river level for annual maintenance.

Luckily, we haven't been plagued recently by ground water flooding into the Bowls Hall ditches. This is a much less frequent occurrence, and it is less understood about the conditions when this occurs. A sight gauge has been installed to the rear of the building to monitor ground water levels.

### Bowls Hall carpet

The Bowls Hall carpet was stretched on 9th January to ensure that it complies with the EIBA specification for the speed of the carpet as we play County and National competitions at the Club.

Before re-tension the speed of the bowling surface was 17.2 seconds (over 27 metres) and after re-tension it was 17.7 seconds. Now us mere mortals might think the speed of the carpet was *slower* after re-tension than before. However, this is not the case and it is in fact *faster* (as is expected) after re-tension. I think

We asked Peter Harris if he could explain this conundrum for the benefit of those (like the editor) for whom it's a complete mystery. This is what he said – here comes the science bit!

“The maintenance of the green involves re-stretching the carpet over the carpet grips in the ditches. The work is akin to tightening the skin on a drum.

Time for bowl to travel 27m: Before, 17.2 seconds and after, 17.7 seconds.

As a side note, this is the approximate speed of the green at Potter's for the 2024 World Championships.

Anyway, I was asked to try to explain how the work had made the bowls slower.

Let's consider a thought experiment in the home environment where the challenge is to roll a marble exactly 2 metres. Firstly, on the living room carpet. Secondly, on the lino' covered floor in the kitchen. It is assumed that both are level.

More energy will be required to propel the marble the distance on the carpet because of the lagging property of the surface. On the other hand, the marble on the lino' will only need a gentle push for it to trundle on and on to its destination.

So, on the slower surface (carpet), the marble runs faster: on the faster surface (lino'), the marble runs more slowly. As a consequence of the work, we have an extra half a second to wait for the bowl to

travel 27m. For an end of triples this means waiting an extra 9 seconds for the 18 bowls to make their journey. In a match of 14 ends, it would add up to 2 minutes of extra travel time. Of course, this would only be true if all bowls in the match travelled exactly 27 metres (hmm, unlikely). Thank you Peter.

A further subject ... how does temperature affect the speed of the green? For another time!

## Sponsors

Welcome to our new sponsor, My IT Wizard Ltd, owned by member Scott Harris.

<https://www.myitwizard.co.uk>

We are grateful to the following companies for renewing their sponsorship this year:

Abbey Funerals: Absolute Creative: Ananda Clinic: Ellis & Co: JP Glass: The Resourceful Coach:  
Tonbridge Angels FC: Welham Jones

Each of these companies support our club financially or by providing their services in exchange for the exposure to our membership base. This support is important both to us, and to them, so please make sure you use their services whenever possible. We are in discussions with more sponsors and hope to announce these soon.

## Memory café

Many of you are aware that Chris Parker, as chair of the Tonbridge Dementia Friendly Community, runs a twice monthly memory café at the club. You don't need to have a dementia diagnosis to attend and anyone who is struggling with memory loss or cognitive impairment is welcome to come along. The group is volunteer led, and free of charge, although donations are welcome. Activities include music, craft, quizzes, and bingo.

## Bowling News

### News from the Leagues

In the EIBA National Competitions there's been disappointment at the area semi-final stage for: Gail Barnes, Mary London and Donna Hall in the Women's Triples; Paul Gent, David Young and Peter Florey in the Men's Triples; Gail Barnes and Babs Tester in the Women's O60 Pairs.

However, hope remains for Gail Barnes who has two more area semi-finals in the 2 Wood Singles and the Women's O50 Triples.

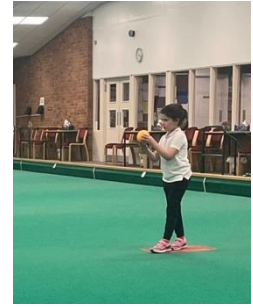
County competitions for the men has reached the last 16 redraw stage. Paul Gent and Peter Harris have difficult away draws as does Neil Ramage in the Unbadged Singles. In the Fours, Angel is sure to be represented in the last eight as Tony Morez's rink plays Peter Harris's rink for the right to progress.

In the Ladies County competitions, Gail Barnes is still alive in the Singles and Triples.  
Good luck Angels!

Mixed pairs club competition:



So, you think bowls is an old person's sport? Well think again. 8-year-old Penny Cheetham entered the mixed pairs club competition with her father, Luke, and put up a very good fight against Carol Hain and Robert Logan. The youngest person ever to enter a club competition. The future for this little demon bowler looks set fair. Well done, Penny.



## New Bowlers

A reminder to new bowlers that we have a New Bowler "Turn Up and Play" session starting at 5pm on Tuesday afternoons (with Matthew). As with all these sessions there is no need to book, just turn up to play on the day if you can make it.

Other great 'Turn up and play' sessions for our newer bowlers are Thursday afternoon 2.30pm (with Lyn & Les, including the New Bowler Ladder), Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (with James and Mark) and Friday evenings at 7.15pm with Liz and Neil.

You are also welcome to join in with any of our regular roll ups, which are detailed on the club website here <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/bowling/club-roll-ups>

## Social Committee News

Hi all,

After a busy start taking over the Social Club we thought we'd give you all a month off in January BUT we are coming back this year with lots of exciting events in the pipeline.

Following on from the magic show, quiz night and Christmas disco, which all proved to be popular, we are going to host another quiz in February.



Saturday 24th February 7.30pm £2 per person, max 6 in a team. Tickets on sale soon. Be quick, we sold out in two weeks last time with 4 teams on the reserve list.

We have listened to you and I promise the questions will be a tad easier, but definitely not easy, your grey matter will still be tested. Cash prizes again. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaire, we listened, and will therefore be running a race night in the near future. I am also going to try to arrange a wine tasting evening, spitting out of the wine will be optional!

We are also going to try and reinvent darts at the club and will spend some of our hard-earned funds on new equipment. If you are an experienced player, I know there are some out there, beginner or have never thrown a dart before, please consider joining in once we are up and running. Another challenge aside from bowls.

Looking forward to your support this year, we can't do this without you!

Jude Knowles, Social Club Chair



## Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to all members who contributed in any way to the Christmas Raffle.

It was a great success with many exceptional prizes and raised a grand total of £774. The money has been handed over to the bowling club treasurer where it will be used for bowling related expenses. From the Raffle Ladies.

## Landline telephone switch.

The old copper network in place right now has been in use for over a century. From 2024/2025, though, all phones will go through broadband lines. This means that "landlines" as we know them will now be serviced by VoIP, or "voice over internet protocol"- in other words, your phone calls will go through the internet.

The following information may be helpful to some of our older members, or younger ones with elderly relatives.

Your home phone service will be delivered over a digital broadband connection. BT and some other providers call it 'Digital Voice'

Customers should be contacted at least four weeks in advance before making the switch, to ensure they are ready to move to Digital Voice. You will not need to pay extra for any of this.

**YOUR PROVIDER WILL SUPPORT CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE AGE OR HEALTH RELATED NEEDS**

To get this support, you need to inform your provider in advance.

For example:

- Customers with a healthcare pendant also called a lifeline
- Customers who only use landlines and have no mobile phone.
- Customers in an area with no mobile signal.
- Customers who have disclosed any additional needs.

## **DIGITAL VOICE WILL NOT WORK DURING A POWER CUT**

If there's a power cut or your broadband fails, Digital Voice won't work, including 999 calls, but you'll still be able to use a mobile phone if you have one.

You need to alert your provider to your situation if any of the following apply to you:

- You have a healthcare pendant or wristband connected to your landline.
- You only use a landline, and don't have a broadband router for wi-fi
- You have a poor mobile signal in your home, or don't use a mobile

- You have a disability such as poor hearing, limited vision, or poor mobility.

BT is asking that those without a mobile phone or a reliable mobile signal should call them on **0330 1234 150**. If you're one of these people, they may be able to fit a backup battery in your home to enable a digital landline to stay connected at all times.

## Angel 100 Club

For 10 years or more Tony Wheeler has been the Treasurer of the 100 Club. Tony has decided to step down from this role and I am sure everyone who has been or is a member of the 100 Club will want to thank him for all he has done, especially those who have won prizes!

I have now taken over from Tony and I will be working with Bob Bowlby and Nigel Matthews to continue the work involved.

We would very much like more members to join (or existing members can apply for more shares). So a bit of information:-

**What is the 100 Club?** – Formed in 1984 (so 40 years old this year!) it is a monthly fun draw to raise funds to be used for the benefit of Bowling Club members.

**What can I win?** - The cost is £12.00 per year per share and this entitles you to 12 monthly draws for cash prizes which are as follows:-

- Monthly 3 x £12.00  
**PLUS**
- Quarterly drawn in March, June, September and December  
1 x £125.00      1 x £50.00      1 x £25.00

**How do I join?** - Members can join at any time during the year – just get your application in by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the draw the following month. Application forms can be found alongside the 100 Club box on the left as you walk into the Club or you can email me and I will reply sending you a copy you can print and complete (email:- [stephanie.gates@sky.com](mailto:stephanie.gates@sky.com)).

Best wishes  
Stephanie Gates

### January Winners

Mr A Sellen : Mrs J Aldridge: Mr N Platt

### February Winners

Mrs J Holland: Mrs S Sturmer: Mr D Bottle

Each win £12



If you use social media please follow us on Facebook as Angel Indoor Bowls Centre, 'like and share' our posts. A simple thing to do but every time you share we reach a whole new audience which may include somebody who may be interested in joining the club.

We are also on Instagram as [angelindoorbowlsclub](https://www.instagram.com/angelindoorbowlsclub)

