

# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

June 2019

YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER



The Editor would like to apologise to all members for the lack of a newsletter last month, due to a family bereavement. There is lots to catch up on in this month's issue, as you can see from the "teasers" below, so read on!



## 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

### May's prize winners are:

Mr P Byne  
Mr P Colyer  
Mr A Wheeler

**Each receives £12**

### This month's prize winners are:

#### Quarterly Prizes

£125 Mrs S Gates  
£50 Mrs P Ridley  
£25 Mrs D Morgans

#### Monthly Prizes

Mrs J Hammond  
Mr A G Wheeler  
Mr W Matthews  
**Each receives £12**

## FANCY AN EVENING ROLL UP?

Every Wednesday 7.15pm - 9.30pm. All welcome. Why not join in for a friendly evening roll up?

If you haven't been to one of these 'drop in' roll-ups before but would like to join in just come along to the Club between 7pm and 7.15pm and make yourself known to the bar. They will introduce you to the organisers on the night.

It's a great way to meet new members and enjoy a friendly evening game of bowls.

## BOWLING HALL LIGHTING UPDATE

You may have noticed that some of our LED ceiling lights in the bowling hall have developed a blue tint. So we called in an expert to check them out.

The expert assured us that, whilst less than perfect on the eye, the tinting has no impact on the amount or quality of light being given out. It is caused by natural ageing of the units.

These units are now discontinued and direct replacements no longer available.

The good news is that newer units now available are materially more energy efficient than the ones we have and were the Club to invest in these more modern units we would reduce our current energy bills to the extent that we would expect to recoup that outlay within 5 to 6 years.

From both a 'climate' and 'financial' perspective the Club is thus mindful to make this investment. However, in accordance with the strategy endorsed by members at the last AGM this capital investment will only be made once the position on the renewal of our Lease is clearer. Hopefully this will be fairly soon.

In the meantime, we will continue to carefully monitor the units we have.

## EXTENDED SUMMER BOWLING ACCESS

The Club is no longer being 'locked up' between 3pm and 7pm Tuesday to Saturday. Members who wish to bowl can now access the Club during these times in the normal manner.

Note, however, that both the bar and the office will remain closed during these times and the Club will thus continue to be advertised externally as 'closed'.

For health & safety purposes any members accessing the Club during these hours must also be aware and accept that they may be in the Club alone. It is thus a condition of access at these times that members are conversant with both the Club's emergency processes and "Lone Member Access Policy". Both of these are available on the Front Desk and from the Club's website ([www.angelibc.co.uk/about/club-notices/health-safety](http://www.angelibc.co.uk/about/club-notices/health-safety))

### IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that the club has heard that **Barbara Fermor** died on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June at Hadlow church and afterwards at Hadlow Manor Hotel, TN11 0JH, to celebrate Barbara's life. Everyone is welcome.

Also, the club was sadly informed of the death of **Joan Gow**. Joan had been a member of the club but had been unable to attend in recent times through ill health.

Her funeral was held at 1pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, as was announced on the club noticeboard.

## GOOD NEWS ON OUR CLUB FLOOD DOORS

After a recent inspection of the Club by our insurers it is now agreed that we can safely maintain our flood doors without having to pay for costly third-party services.

This will save the Club £1,500 per annum! A great result and testament to the rigor of the Club's property maintenance processes.

# OPEN DAY

The Club will be holding it's 2019 Open Days on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of September.

The aim is to recruit as many new members as we can.

A small team has been established to organise the Days - but we need lots of willing volunteers both in the run-up to the event and on the Open Days themselves.

Immediately we are looking for volunteers to distribute advertising flyers to neighbouring houses, local shops, doctors, dentists, hairdressers, etc.

These flyers will be supported by a local media and social media advertising campaign.

If you feel you can make some time available to help make these days a success, but specifically if you feel you could distribute advertising flyers for us, please give your name to the office, behind the bar or to any of the organisers (Mark Hutcheon, Paul Gent, Jackie Clarke, Steph Gates, Matt Sellen, Neil Ramage, Lorna Goldup).

A successful 2019 Open Day would be a great step towards the Club's drive to increase membership to more financially sustainable levels.

## GOOD NEWS ON OUR CATERERS



We are delighted to report that terms have been agreed with our caterers for their continuation with the Club for a further year. These terms are renewable annually.

As ever, the ability of the Club to attract and retain quality caterers depends on all of us making use of their services. We would thus encourage all members to make use the Club restaurant whenever they can.

## BAR STAFF VACANCY

The Club is currently looking for part time bar staff. If you feel this could be something for you, please speak to Paul behind the bar or Mark in the Office.



## COMING SOON ... OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS 'ROUND TABLES'

The Club will be trialling a series of regular open forum “round tables” starting in September 2019.

Members will be invited to join the Club’s Directors and Officers for an open discussion on any topic members wish to raise.

The “round tables” will be held in the daytime and evenings on a rotating basis, giving all members an opportunity to attend.

The date of the first “round table” will be communicated within the next Newsletter.

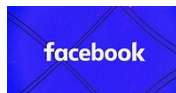
## CLUB WEBSITE & BOWLR

Thankfully the early problems we had with some members being unable to access our new website are now resolved and many of our members are already making good use of the new online rink booking facility, which is working well.



If you haven’t yet had a go at online rink booking and would like a quick demonstration please speak with the Office, bar staff, Neil, Matt or Malcolm.

## CLUB’S SOCIAL MEDIA REVIVED



We are delighted that Paul Gent is now leading on the Club’s social media activity.

Paul is already active on twitter (@angelibc) and is now looking to revive our Facebook presence and introduce an Instagram presence.

Paul’s aim for all these platforms is to both offer a further communication channel to members and to ‘sell’ the Club to our wider local communities.

If you already use any of these social media platforms do follow the Club and join in with Paul.

## NOT YET A SOCIAL MEDIA USER?

If you are not yet a user of social media but would like to learn more about it, just give your name into the Office and we'll organise some relaxed 'introductory sessions' for interested members.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: SUN 24 NOV 2019

The Club will once again host a 'promotional' stall at this year's Tonbridge Xmas Lights Festival.

The stall offers us a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Club.

Of course, the day's success is wholly dependent upon our willing volunteers who host the stall and positively engage with 'passers-by'. The friendliness and engagement of last year's volunteers for sure left a positive impression on the Town and we'll try for the same again this year.

So, date in diaries please!

Last Year's promo ...



## EIBA NATIONAL FANTASTIC 5S COMPETITION

At the time of writing two of our three Fantastic 5s teams top their respective 'pools' and the third team is second in their pool.



A great start as we strive for all three teams to progress to the knock-out stages. You can follow all the results as they happen and access the latest National Divisional Tables through the Club's website and twitter accounts.

## LONGMEAD GARDEN SHOW PROMOTIONAL STALL

Back in May we hosted a promotional stall at the Tonbridge Garden and Craft Show.

This was the first time for the Club and was arranged as part of the mutual sponsorship arrangement we now have with Tonbridge Angels Football Club.

Thanks to our merry band of volunteers who hosted the stall so well over the two days of the show we got to speak with many of our local community about the great facilities we have ... and have already generated potential new members!



Thank you very much to each and every one of the volunteers on the day(s)... Bev Bradshaw, Dave Fenner, June Hammond, Jim Hawkes, Christine Spencer, Lorna Goldup, Mick Bates, Jane Withers, Debbie Randall, Chris Elliment, Karen Ottaway, Steph and Mike Gates, Jim and Christine Parker, Jim Hawkes and Sheila Whittingham.

If **you** feel able to offer some time and energy and help host our future promotional stalls, do please give your name into the Office. The more we can spread the volunteering load around all our members the better for all.

## CAR PARK SIDE GATE

As an experiment the car park side gate (opposite you as you leave the club) will be opened during the day whenever the bar is open. The aim is to make the Club more accessible to passers-by who want to pop in and have a look at the Club.

Hopefully this may generate a new member or two but, in any case, will make the Club appear more welcoming and open for business.

To add anything to our next newsletter, to be published 14<sup>th</sup> July, please email [gwenat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwenat@hotmail.co.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> July latest.

If you have any replies to or comments on this newsletter, please send them to [office@angelibc.co.uk](mailto:office@angelibc.co.uk)

# Introducing ...

## Social Committee Member

### Stephanie Gates



**Steph, how did you get involved with the Social Committee ?**

I have always been a volunteer. I find it's a great way to meet people and when Bev invited me to join the social committee I felt that this was something I could help with and support the Club.

**What does your role on the committee entail?**

My day to day role is largely secretarial; organising meetings and writing the minutes. But Michael and I help out in various ways at the social events and, for instance, supporting the Club's stalls at the Town's Xmas lights and recent Garden Show.

**What's the current priorities for the Social Committee**

Well we've got various events already lined up including Bingo, Quiz Night and the Cockney Night. Our aim is to organise events that are good value for members and that they really enjoy ... and raise a bit of money for the Club at the same time! It would thus be great if members could let us know what events they would like us to consider holding in the future.

**Have you tried bowling?**

Unfortunately my knees wouldn't allow me to bowl. So Michael does the bowling (and crib!) and I get to enjoy the social side of the Club!

**How have you enjoyed being a social member?**

We have such a great facility. It's a real asset for the town and I only wish we could get more people through the door to see what's inside. I really believe that so many more people would love to be bowlers or just social members if only they knew we were here and what we offer. That's what drives us to help at the promotional stalls.

**Do you do other volunteering?**

When I lived in Swanley I helped out at the volunteer centre and Michael also as a volunteer driver for people needing help and support to get around. I currently volunteer for the Unilever Pensioners Club; I help organise events and after working for Unilever for 35 years it's great way to stay in touch with ex colleagues.

**35 years with one company! Your whole working life?**

Almost. Prior to that just a summer job at Brands Hatch which at that time used to host the British Grand Prix. But whilst with Unilever, it was such a big diverse company that as you moved around departments it was often like moving jobs!

**What else keeps you busy?**

Well I've got grandchildren in both Tonbridge and Eindhoven. They keep us busy, especially as it means trips to Holland to see our grandchildren over there. I also enjoy gardening ... knees permitting!

**Steph, thank you very much for the chat, it's been a pleasure to get to know you a little better and thank you for all the support you give the Club.**



**“W O N D E R F U L W E D N E S D A Y”**  
**Q U I Z**

**W E D N E S D A Y 2 6<sup>TH</sup> J U N E**

**A T 7.30 P M**

**£2.00 PER PERSON**

**MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM**

***MORE ROUNDS TO PLAY AND***

***A CHANCE TO PLAY YOUR***

***JOKER***

***FOR MORE POINTS***

**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE ON THE NIGHT**

***THE RESTAURANT WILL NOT BE OPEN SO IF YOU NEED  
NIBBLES YOU CANNOT GET FROM BEHIND THE BAR PLEASE  
BRING YOUR OWN***