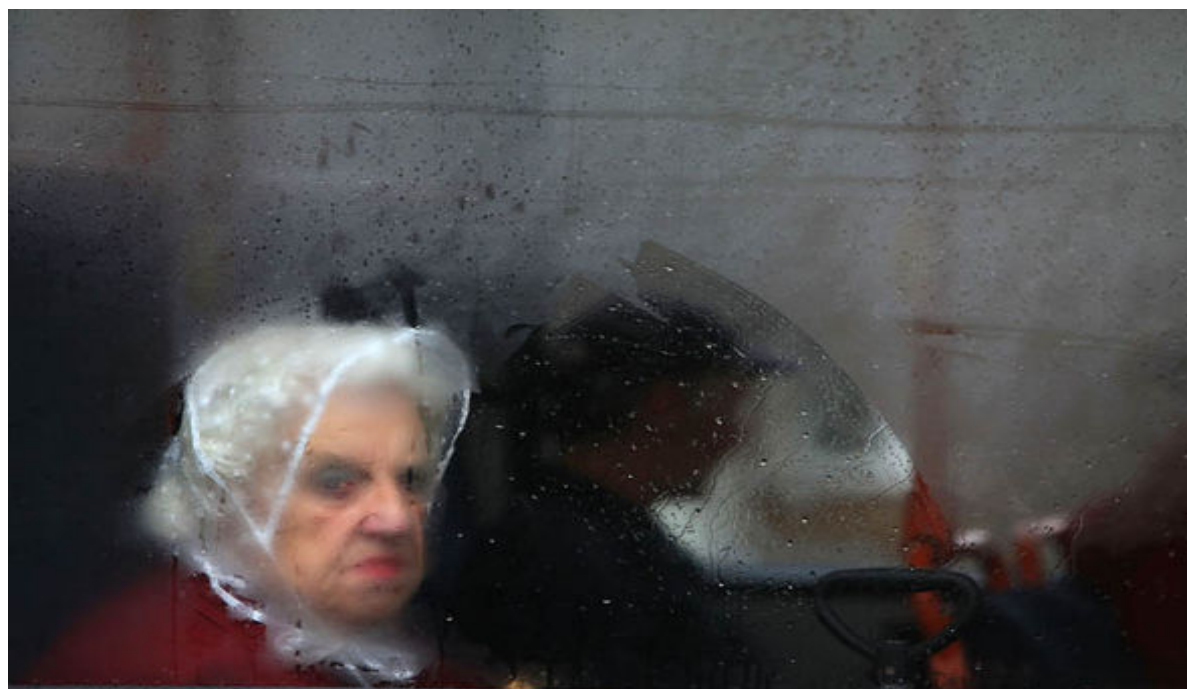


# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

November 2019

YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER



*"I'd rather be indoor bowling"*

## 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mrs B Tester  
Mrs D Knott  
Mr T Smith

## A GREAT NIGHT

Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween Quiz on 1<sup>st</sup> of November, and commiserations to all the gallant losers.

Win or lose, this was a great night and very well attended. The buffet was magnificent, with plenty for all. Well done to Carl and

Sam.

These evenings do not just happen, so we should thank all the organisers: every member of the social committee( Jim Hawkes for the quiz itself) Paul Buss and others for the ticket sales and all those who moved furniture and helped with the scoring, including Bev Bradshaw and Dave Fenner. Especial thanks go to Stephanie and Mike Gates, who decorated the room and were here there and everywhere

before, during and after the event. Remember all those named are volunteers, but they cannot do it all or forever.

All present are looking forward to the Countdown to Christmas Quiz. Again, thank you to all, with apologies to anyone whose name I have missed.

## BOWLING NEWS

The Men's National Competitions are really kicking in now so a quick roundup is required...

### **Singles**

Through to the third round are Paul Gent, Tony Morez and Brian Simmons (with Jonathan Gage to play his second round match).

### **Pairs**

Through to the third round are Gary McIlravey and Tony Morez, Graham Standley and Duncan Hanmore, Peter Harris and Paul Gent. Brian Simmons pair (Terry Prince?) were also through to the third round but have played early and lost.

### **Triples**

Into the second round are Paul Gent's and Tom Young's teams. Peter Harris is through to round three.

### **Fours**

We have two teams in this competition, captained by Tony Morez and Graham Standley. They are due to play each other by the 15th December.

We have five players left in the **National Two Wood Singles** - Jonathan Gage, Brian Chalklin, Paul Gent, Duncan Hanmore and Tony Morez. Good luck one and all.

In the **Mixed Pairs** we have three teams through to round 3 - Mary London and Duncan Hanmore, Maggie and Graham Standley, and Gwen Smithies and Gary McIlravey.

We also had only one entry in the **Mixed Fours**, captained by Maggie Standley. Good luck in your game against Eddie Hughes from White Oak, and hopefully a place in the quarter final awaits.

In the **Champion of Champions** Duncan Hanmore has had two good wins and now faces Ron Sydney of Bromley at home. If he wins that he will be one win away from the finals.

No news from the Ladies' Nationals and Counties yet as they start a little later.

**English Bowls Youth Development Scheme** The national finals took place in Melton Mowbray on 20th October 2019. One of our juniors, Lewis Goldup had

qualified to attend after being successful in both the County and Regional competitions. The day consisted of a morning of singles matches and an afternoon of skills.

Lewis was undefeated throughout the singles matches and was awarded The Jeff Applegate Trophy as the National Singles Champion.

Well done Lewis

### **Great start for the men in the Kent League**

After winning 4 of their first 5 matches the men are currently lying 4th in the Kent League. A great start! You can find a report on every men's match on your website and Club Noticeboards.

We should carry a report on the ladies' progress in the Kent League in our next issue.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

To keep our social media posts current, please send details of your National and County competitions to Paul Gent by email at [paul@silkinteriors.co.uk](mailto:paul@silkinteriors.co.uk). You can also text or WhatsApp details to 07776 252483.

Also, if you have any news or maybe interesting photos then please forward those too.

## **JOHN FORSEY SPORTS MOBILE BOWLING SHOP**

Many of you are aware of this company. They are visiting the Club on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November and will bring a wide selection of bowls equipment and clothing. If there is anything specific you wish them to bring please contact them in advance on 0208 303 5221. They will be at the Club all morning and into the early afternoon.

## **RINK FEES COLLECTION**

As you will be aware the trial to use envelopes to collect rink fees that proved successful during the summer has continued into the winter season. The club now wishes to make this a permanent arrangement albeit on a more sustainable and cost effective basis. In the next week or so you will notice that the envelopes will be replaced with clear zip up pouches. These will be located at the end of the rinks and at the Green Stewards desk. The pouches will be accompanied by a label

(the same as the current envelope label) for completion and inclusion in the pouch. The pouch is then posted through the office door as per the current arrangements. This is a minor adjustment of the current process that will reduce waste and the overall cost to the Club.

## CLUB AGM



The Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 27th November at 7.15pm. Preceded by a bowling committee EGM at 7pm.

Last year's AGM minutes and this year's agenda and accounts are available now from both your Club website and in the Club. The AGM papers will be available shortly. These will not be read out on the day.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the AGM. It's your Club ... have your say.

As per last year, if you have a question or a point you wish to raise on the day priority will be given to submissions made in advance.

## 2019 TONBRIDGE XMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL, SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER



We are looking forward to again hosting a promotional stall at this year's Rotary Club Tonbridge Xmas lights festival, to be held on Sunday November 24th. Please put a date in your diary and let the Office or bar know if you feel you may be available to help out. If you can't help on the day why not pop along to say hello!

## BOWLS FOR SALE?



With a surge of new members following our successful Open Days this would be a great time to sell any spare sets of bowls you may have!

A number of sets have been sold in the last weeks.

See the Office to place an advert or just let us know the make and size of bowls you have available and we will try to match you to a new bowler looking for woods.

## MISSING SOMEBODY?

A list of all 2018/19 members who have not renewed for the 2019/20 season will be placed on the Noticeboard as soon as finalised.

## NOVICE ROLL UPS



Congratulations to Alan, Dave, Richard and Steve who currently jointly lead the Tuesday morning Novice Roll Up Ladder and to Alan, Dave, Richard, Maurice and Tony who currently jointly lead the Saturday morning ladder.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with these roll-ups and especial mention to John Clark. Thanks also to any bowlers on adjacent rinks who may have to gather the very odd 'stray bowl'!

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES



To see the 'public record' of the Club's latest Board meeting (held on November 8th), simply login to the members section of the website and look under the "members" tab.

A hard copy can also be accessed from the Club's Noticeboard.

## WINTER 2019 CLUB COMPETITIONS

Good luck to all who have entered this year's Club Competitions! The draws and 'play by dates' are on your website and Noticeboards.

If you need to arrange a game you should find it already set up within your Account ready for you to select a date and book directly through Bowlr.

Find your matches under "/Account/My Club Competition Matches".

By booking through this Bowlr facility you can also then enter your score directly through the bowling hall iPads immediately after your match and the Competition Trees will be automatically updated in real time.

**Remember... finals week Tue April 14 to Fri April 17  
With a sponsored buffet and presentations on the Friday  
evening  
See you there!**

## **NEW NATIONAL SUMMER COMPETITIONS**



Alongside the current Fantastic 5s competition the EIBA will be running new Men's singles, Women's singles, Open pairs and Open triples summer competitions from 2020.

All entries for these competitions must be with the EIBA by 31 January 2020.

The Fantastic 5s entries will be made centrally by the Club. As per last year we will be entering more than one team and all summer bowlers will be invited to make themselves available for selection nearer the time.

All members are also then encouraged to enter the new singles, pairs and triples competitions. These entries are made by individual members, via the Club.

For those who haven't entered County or National competitions before you just need to organise yourself into a pair or triple and then just one player from each pair or triple needs to make an entry.

Why not have a go?

Further details on the process for members to enter these competitions will be on your website and Noticeboards shortly.



That the Club is currently losing circa £30,000 of cash every year and without remedial action will run out of money in 5 or 6 years?

1. In July 2018 the Board thus formulated a 5 year Plan for the Club. This targeted increasing our membership by a net 35 people per year (net of leavers) for the next 4 or 5 years whilst staying 'fully open'. On this basis the Club will reach circa 650 members and move back to a modest profit by 2023.
2. The result of effecting this Plan was to generate a small increase in membership in 2018/19. Reversing many years of gradually declining membership. This is great news for our Club.
3. But even better news is that after a successful Open Day we have already generated more than 30 members in the first 3 months of 2019/20! We are thus hopeful of achieving the targeted 35 net increase over the whole year.
4. And with your help the Board believes the Club can continue to increase its membership through to 2023. But it is recognised that this will take effort from members and we must act now to achieve this.
5. The alternative to the Club successfully growing its membership is to significantly cut costs and restrict opening hours. This is the direction having to be taken by some of our neighbouring clubs but not a direction that your Board wishes to take or currently believes it needs to take.

If any of this is news to you why not come along to the AGM to learn more and to ask any questions you wish of the Board?

To learn more about the Club's 5 year Plan see the relevant (June 2018) Board Update here...

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/news/updates-from-your-board>

If you would like to volunteer to help at the various events and activities being organised to increase membership just give your name behind the bar, to the Office or to any Club Director.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Some events coming up in your Club over the next month ...*

Wed Nov 13th Women Kent League v Prince Arthur, home

Sat Nov 16th Friendly v Riverside, home

Sat Nov 16th Women Yetton Round 3

Sun Nov 17th Men Kent League Oyster, home

Wed Nov 20th Friendly v Orpington, home

**Fri Nov 22nd It's Steak Night!**

Sat Nov 23rd Angel 'B' Dudley Hoile Rd 1

**Sun Nov 24th Stall at Tonbridge Xmas Lights Festival**

Wed Nov 27th Women Kent League v Thanet, H

**Wed Nov 27th Club AGM at 7.15pm**

**Wed Nov 27th Bowling Committee EGM at 7pm**

Thu Nov 28th Women Vivienne Trophy

Sat Nov 30th Men Kent League v Ashford, H

Sat Nov 30th Women Kent League v Sevenoaks, A

**Fri Dec 6th Countdown to Xmas Quiz**

**Fri Dec 6th Fish & Chip Supper in your Club**

**Sat Dec 14th Xmas Meal in your Club**

## FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



The current members of your Social Committee have been working together for the last year. We now feel it's time to introduce some new blood onto the committee to bring some fresh ideas to the table - there must be all sorts of



events members and their guests would enjoy taking part in that we haven't thought about so far. So, we are looking for other Club members to join us on the Committee.

If you might be interested let one of us know and we can have a chat - you can approach us in the Club if you see us or you can leave us a note, addressed to the Social Committee, in the pigeon hole in the Club. We want to continue organising social events that as many people as possible will enjoy. If we can recruit more committee members the organisation of future events can be shared amongst us. As they say "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK".

**Wendy   Jim   June   Stephanie   Dave   Mike**



**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

## **OUR CAR PARK IS ONE WAY!**

It is easy to forget, especially if the weather is horrible or the ground is covered in wet leaves, that the lower part of our car park is one way, so drivers need to follow the directional signs painted on the ground and turn left as they clear the corner of our building. You also need to follow this clockwise direction of flow when leaving the car park.

There have been a few near misses lately when drivers neglect to do this. If any member notices a non-member going the wrong way, please (politely!) explain the correct procedure, so they know next time. Safety first!

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

# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ



FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

AT 8.00 PM

£2.00 PER PERSON

MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM

(BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT 6

COME ALONG AND TEAM UP WITH OTHERS)

RAFFLE - TICKETS ON SALE ON THE NIGHT

CARL & SAM HAVE A FISH & CHIPS NIGHT ON THE  
SAME EVENING SO YOU CAN EAT WITH THEM FIRST  
THEN JOIN IN THE QUIZ