

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER. July 2026.

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From the Board.

Laura

A service of remembrance will be held at St Andrew's Church Paddock Wood on Friday July 17th at 11am followed by a wake at AIBC. Laura's family request 'please wear something red'

Membership Renewal 2026/27

A reminder that subscriptions are due for renewal on September 1st and that, as agreed by members at the club AGM, we will this year levy an additional £5 charge for locker maintenance to those members who have one. The lockers are all getting old and the well-used locks are starting to require attention. The cost of replacing a lock is £30 whilst other repairs such as hinges and doors are significantly more.

Membership fees will increase by 5% for the new year, but, in line with our normal practice, there will be no increase in rink fees.

May we please remind members that your renewal payment is due on September first, not October, or Christmas. Our finances and budgets are finely tuned to the anticipated renewal numbers allowing for those who have moved away, sadly died, or indicated that they will be moving to another club. The percentages are roughly similar each year, but late payments effect our ability to accurately predict the club's income and skews our budget predictions. Please help us by making timely payments.

Sponsors

A huge thank you to the local businesses that support our club through sponsorship. We truly appreciate their support and encourage everyone to consider them first when looking for the services they offer. You can find their details each month in the newsletter footer, as well as displayed throughout the club.

World Cup

Whilst the board have been pleased to extend club and bar opening to accommodate those who have wanted to watch England matches in company, we will not be opening for any very late matches which includes the July 5/6th match in the wee small hours.

Premises Hire

We have always charged for the use of our premises, but for a variety of reasons, we discovered recently that there have been some hirings that have gone under the radar and have had a free use. The board has a responsibility to manage the finances of the club in a prudent way. This ensure that we are able to keep your membership and rink fees as low as we are able and still balance the books.

Members who wish to use the premises for personal functions will be charged, but at a discounted rate. Any event hiring that requires additional bar staff will be charged for the extra staff costs. Every person hiring our premises will also be asked to complete a booking form so that we know who is using our premises and who to go back to if there are problems arising from their booking. In some cases hirers will be asked to sign a disclaimer. The hire charges are on the website and shown below.

The exception is for the funeral wake for a club member when there is no charge from the club, only from the caterer.

Standard facilities Hire Rates. Effective June 2026

All hiring must be booked via a booking form: No verbal booking arrangements will be accepted.

Local Community Groups and Clubs	£50 up to half day
Corporate Functions (Non sponsor)	£100 up to half day £200 full day
Corporate Functions (Club Sponsor)	£50 up to half day £100 full day After any free sessions as per their sponsorship level
Member's Private Function	£45 up to half day
Catered events	£50
Member's wake	FREE

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Non Member Wake	£50
Additional Bar staff	£15 per hour

For any event that requires additional bar staff the hirer will be asked to cover the extra staff cost.

Bowling News

For the less able who want to continue to bowl, there are several opportunities.

🕒 Assisted Indoor Bowling – Everyone Welcome!

Would you like to enjoy a game of bowls but feel you might need a little extra support? Our assisted bowling session is the perfect opportunity to play in a relaxed, friendly environment—with help on hand whenever you need it.

📅 Every Friday. 🕒 9:30am – 12:00pm

Whether you're new to bowls, returning after a break, or simply prefer a more supported session, you'll be warmly welcomed. Our team is there to offer guidance, encouragement, and practical assistance so you can enjoy the game at your own pace.

☕ Stay for a chat, meet new people, and enjoy a sociable morning as well as a few ends on the green. No pressure, no experience needed—just come along and give it a try!

📌 For more information or to register your interest, please get in touch with Jim Hawkes on any Friday morning.

There is also the Thursday lunchtime group run by Les, if you can't make a Friday.



In other news

Lion's Club Community Fete, Sunday July 26th.

We will, again this year, have a presence at the above event to showcase our club and encourage potential new members. Scott Harris will be organising a rota of volunteers, so if you would like to help please contact Scott.

Wordsearch

Twice a month I produce a wordsearch for our Memory Café attendees. There are frequently one or two left over. Recently one of our older social members said they would like them as they love wordsearches. In future rather than disposing of them I will leave them on the green stewards desk for anyone to take if they would like them.

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Save the date



Our annual MacMillan big Coffee morning will be on Friday September 25th from 10.30 to 12. If you have items for the bring and buy please hold onto them until the beginning of September when they will be welcomed. Small items only please.

There will be cake!!

Chris Parker

Thank You

A while ago Alison Lucas asked people to sign up to help clean the mats on a regular basis. The vast majority of the volunteers have come from the Monday morning roll-up group. It's not a simple task, not a quick wipe with a wet rag. The mats need some serious scrubbing to get them clean. So thank you Monday morning group. Will you now be known as the Monday scrubbers? (No offence intended)

100 Club

This month's winners are:

Quarterly Prizes

£125 Sue Sellen

£50 Dave Herbert

£25 Alex Hamilton

Monthly Prizes. Each win £12

Sue Davies

Kathy Swayne

Jean Holland

From the Editor

Deadline for the next Newsletter is strictly 5pm on July 29th

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