



April 2026 Newsletter

Short Mat – The short mat final ended with a narrow victory for Kay & Andy Merrick who beat Geri Slater and Ian Humphray 21-17. At one point the Merricks were 17-6 up, but Geri and Ian fought back valiantly and with the score at 17 all after 17 ends, it was anybody's game. We wish Kay and Andy all the best for the future and hopefully look forward to a game of bowls in a foreign land!!!!

Committee & Appointed Replacements & Club Coach – It is hoped that the Club will have found a Treasurer replacement for Kay in the next few weeks so a full handover can be completed before the Merricks disappear to deepest Wales. Andy, apart from being the Bar Manager (a replacement still needs to be found for this position, if any body would like to give it a go, please let me know), was also a qualified level one Bowls Coach, and so will be sorely missed. If anybody is interested in taking up this position (training costs will be covered by the Club), then please contact me ASAP. Finally, John Bird is relinquishing his role as Fixtures Secretary, so if any member would like to take up this task, again please let me or any member of the committee know.

100 Club – Winners for March were Geri Slater and Deb Cotton. If you would like a “number” in the 100 club monthly draw, then now is the time to purchase one, or as many as you would like – the more you have the greater chance you have of winning the monthly prize of £40 and the second prize of £30. In November, at the annual lunch and presentation of the outdoor winners trophies, there is a special draw with £100 first prize, £60 second and £40 third. So get your numbers NOW!!!!

VOLUNTEERS – Each year we ask members to support the club in many ways including the monthly cleaning of the pavilion. Dependent on the number who do volunteer, you would not be asked to do this unenviable task more than twice in the year, so please can you add your name to the list which is displayed on the club announcements board. We have many visitors during the year (local clubs, county teams as well as this year hosting the County finals) and the cleanliness of the club is a reflection on the commitment we have to the game of bowls. The second list of volunteers required is for the Green Maintenance team who meet every Monday and Friday during the outdoor season. Please can you add your name to the list also displayed on the Club noticeboard alongside the dates that you are available. Finally we provide afternoon refreshments for our home friendly matches, so if you are able to occasionally commit to doing a few sandwiches, please can you let me know.

Roll-Ups – As a member of Inkberrow Bowls Club, you are entitled to play bowls at the club whenever it suits you on the presumption that you are fully aware of the rules and etiquette of the game of bowls. You will be provided with the combination lock code to enable you to enter the ground and access the equipment from the “shed”. All we ask is that you return all of the kit you may use from where you got it and lock up when you have finished. Roll-ups will continue to take place on Monday afternoons (2pm-4pm) and Friday evenings (5pm-7pm). Organised roll-ups (£2 entry per player - £1 in the winners pot and £1 to the club) will take place on Wednesday mornings (10.30-12.00) organised by Adam & Sheila Wier. There are normally spare rinks on a Wednesday if you don't want to join in with the organised roll-up.



County Competitions – The Club have this year entered the County Mixed Fours tournament (we require 2 ladies and 2 men) which are played on Thursday evenings starting on 9th July against Hewell away. If successful, the next match is the following Thursday and every Thursday after that as long as you keep winning. Finals are played on weekend September 5th/6th. We have also entered the Reg Russell Triples (3 men) with games played on Fridays, starting on 17th July with a game against Chester Road at home. Finally the men have entered the Vernon Turner Cup (16 men – 4 rinks of 4 men) with our first match away to Littleton on Sunday May 31st with a start time of 10am. If you are interested in playing in any of these games please add your name to the lists displayed on the Club Competition noticeboard. There will be a selection process if we have more people who wish to play in these games.

Champion of Champions – As the reigning Men's singles champion, Ian Humphray has entered the Worcestershire Champion of Champions with his first round match due to be played on the evening of Monday 20th July against John Martin (Littleton) at Inkberrow. So, please put the date in your diary and come and support our Champion in becoming the best in the County.

Open Day – This year's Open Day will be held on Saturday 23rd May between 2pm – 4pm. If you are able to help out during the day, please can you add your name to the list displayed on the Club noticeboard. We normally provide a variety of home-made cakes during the afternoon, so if you are able to provide a cake, it would be much appreciated!!!! There are several tasks that we need covered on the day, from meeter/greeters, to taking details of any visitors, those that can explain the game of bowls and those that can demonstrate the game by playing a few ends and members who will talk to our guests about the Club and what we partake in when not playing outdoor bowls!!!!. Last year was one of our most successful recruitment days, let's see if, this year, we can at least match the number that join.

Annual Subscriptions – Subs are due on 1st April – fully paid membership is £100 per person – the preferred payment method is by Bacs transfer, acc name: IBC, sort code 08-92-99, acc no. 67410840. The Club is trying to reduce the amount of cash that it handles, hence this preferred mode of payment. The committee are aware that there may be an element of cash, especially at matches during the summer, but books of tickets can still be purchased (£40 for 10 tickets) therefore removing that source of cash.

When paying by Bacs transfer, please use your "surname & subs" as reference to your payment. If you have any issues about paying your annual subscription, please contact me or Kay on inkbowlstreas@gmail.com

If any member is not re-joining this year, please can you let me know with a simple email, I will then not bother you again reminding you that your subscription is due to be paid.

WE WILL BE OPENING THE GREEN THIS SUNDAY, 12th APRIL, STARTING AT 2.30PM.