



## BRIDGEWATER BOWLING CLUB

### March 2021 Club Update



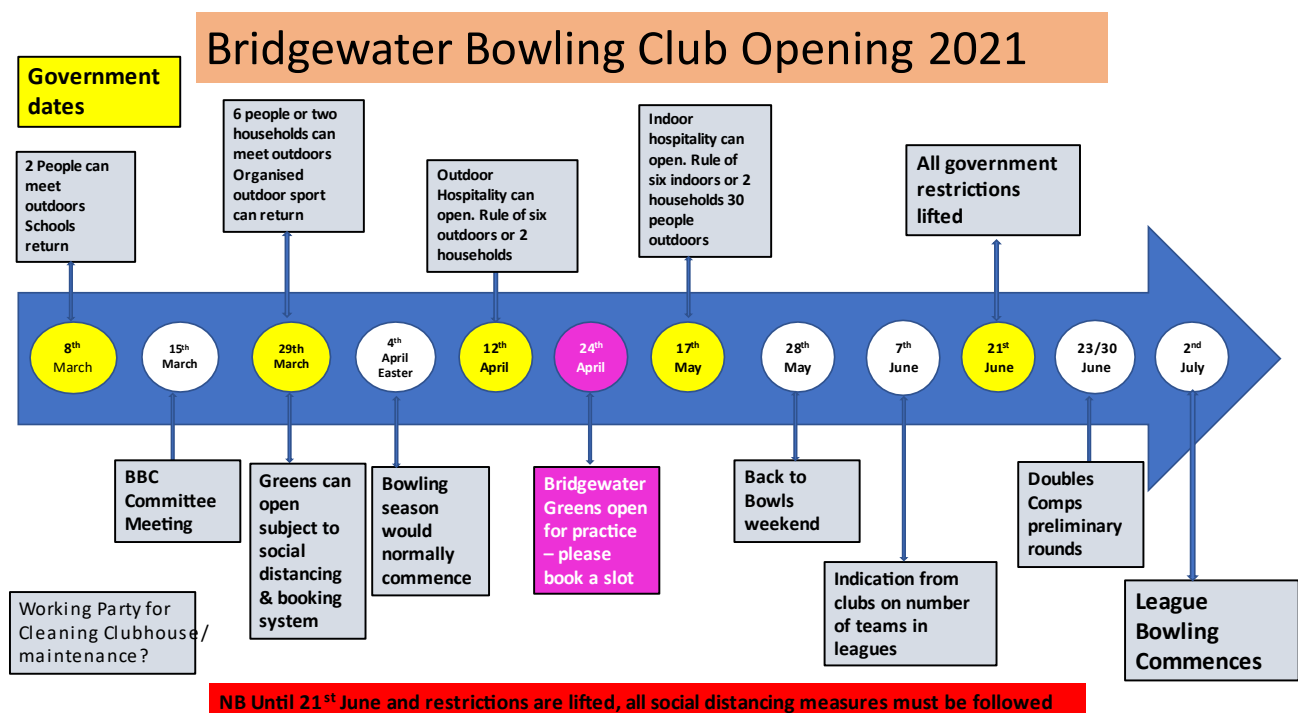
Dear Member

It seems along time since our last newsletter (December 2020), and much has happened since then, not least the development of a vaccine which will hopefully see us on track to a more normal life. Of course all bowling was cancelled last year, but we are hopeful of at least getting some league bowling going this year, and we hope that you will be looking forward to playing again this season, if you feel safe to do so. The exact details of when leagues will start is still being worked out based on the information we have from the roadmap that the Prime Minister outlined and from the information that we have from British Crown Green and Shropshire Crown Green. It is a tricky situation to sort out, as the sport itself is governed by the sports policies – which says we can start on 29<sup>th</sup> March, but the clubhouses/pubs etc that the greens belong to are governed by the 'hospitality' policies, and they are not allowed to open until April 12<sup>th</sup> for outside purchases/takeaways, and May 17<sup>th</sup> for indoor hospitality to start, and even then it is table service only. So a number of clubs have indicated that they will not open until all restrictions are lifted which is June 21<sup>st</sup> (fingers crossed). With all of this in mind the more likely start date for bowling this year will be first week in July, finishing the first week in October. The leagues will also probably take a different shape depending on how many clubs decide to enter, and how many teams. As soon as we have more information we will let you all know.

The groundsmen have been working hard all throughout last year and the winter to ensure that the greens are in the best possible condition for us when the league starts. Thanks must go to both Andy & Chris Pearce for all their hard work and time that they give to the club. We do intend to open the greens for practice from **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, but this will be subject to the booking system that we put in place last year and social distancing until restrictions are lifted. Hopefully you will all have remembered how to book your time slots, if not please contact Chris Sayers & she will help you out. [casayers@yahoo.com](mailto:casayers@yahoo.com) or 07710 158154 .

As a polite reminder, we agreed as a committee that the bowling subs, could be paid either last year or this year, and it would cover both seasons. For those of you who chose not to pay last year, then your subs are now due. These must be paid before you either go for a practice or you play for the club in the leagues, this will ensure you are covered by the clubs insurance, which is a stipulation of the British Crown Green Bowling Association. Methods for payment are listed on Page 2.

Below is a timeline in terms of what we think will be happening – but of course this is subject to change, particularly if the government dates are put back at all.





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There are a few things that we would like to update you on.

1. **Club Project** - The mini project that we started last year to concrete alongside the small green by the hedge has now been completed. In time we hope to put some seating along there, and it will make the maintenance for the groundsmen easier. Thanks to all who helped with this.
2. **Back to bowls open weekend** – This is a national initiative scheduled for bank holiday weekend in May running over 4 days and is primarily aimed at getting new people interested in bowls. Bridgewater will host a day and we also thought we would use this to get as many members as possible back together, have a go on the greens and enjoy a cup of tea. We will send more details to you as soon as we have this confirmed. Please bring your friends along.
3. **Clubhouse Hire** – We do intend to make the Clubhouse available for hire once restrictions are lifted fully.
4. **Fund Raising** - As with all clubs, last year was a difficult year in terms of finances, although we were lucky to benefit from the government grant. We were due to hold a hog roast last year, but like everything else it was postponed. We have rescheduled it for **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August** this year, and we hope that as many of you as possible will come along and bring your friends for a long-awaited night out and support the club. We are also planning a quiz night at the beginning of October Date: TBA



See the attached Flyer for details £10/ticket limited to 100. Tickets are available from your captains, treasurer or secretary. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Bring your friends and family along. We are also looking to run a fun bowls event on the evening for all to join in. Woods will be provided just bring some flat shoes.

### 2021 Committee

**President** – Allan Shaw

**Chairman** – Ian Price

**Secretary** – Isobel Jones

**Treasurer** – Graham Sayers

**Committee** – Doris Stokes, Di Foster, Allan Shaw, Barrie Haycocks, Richard Proudlove, Chris Sayers, Ray Foster..... plus the team captains & grounds committee (optional)

### 2021 Team Captains

#### Whitchurch League

A team – Stuart Bailey

Harriers – Ian Price

C team – Peter Williams

#### Market Drayton League

A team – Julian Willis

B team – Isobel Jones

C team – Ruth Penlington

### 2021 Club Membership subscriptions – now due before 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Full Member**–£25

**Over 60's**–£20

**Junior**–£5

**Social**–£10

#### Payment Methods

1. By cash or cheque, to your Captain, or the Treasurer.

2. Via online banking to Bridgewater Bowling Club sort code: 20-77-85 Acct no. 60204056  
Please put your name as the reference

#### Barlows Over 60's

Isobel Jones

#### Market Drayton Over 60's (New for 2021)

Rose Lloyd/Ruth Penlington

Kind regards & stay safe  
Bridgewater Committee

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## Saturday 21st August

6.30pm  
start



Hog  
served  
7.30pm

served in freshly baked large bread rolls with stuffing, apple sauce and crispy crackling  
accompanied by Coleslaw, Potato salad & Mixed Leaf Salad  
followed by Strawberry desserts hand made by our very own  
'Star Baker' Andy Pearce

Speciality  
Gin & Fizz  
Bar  
available

Heard of Crazy  
Golf? well Crazy  
bowls is here.  
Teams of 4 prize  
for the best team



Tickets **£10** can be purchased  
from team captains, treasurer, or  
secretary.

Limited to 100 guests so book  
early to avoid disappointment