



BRIDGEWATER BOWLING CLUB

March 2024 Club Update



Dear Member

Welcome to the 2024 start of season newsletter. We hope all of you have had a good winter and are looking forward to bowling again soon. Another busy year lies ahead of us and this season we will once again be fielding 4 teams in both the Whitchurch and Market Drayton leagues as well as 2 teams in the Barlow's afternoon league and a team in the Market Drayton seniors. The Barlow's league and Whitchurch league start on 2nd April, Market Drayton League on 5th April. Market Drayton Seniors 3rd April (TBC).

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

- 1. Club Membership Subscriptions/Open evening** – Club subscriptions will remain the same for this season and are now due, please see below how to pay. Match fees will also remain the same for this season. The Treasurer will be at the club on **Thursday 28th March from 6.30pm** for you to pay so come along and have a drink and a practice before the season starts.
- 2. Card Payments** – This proved very popular with club members and visiting teams and brought £9159 into the club. Just as a reminder, we are able to accept card payment for any bar/kitchen sales, but **not** for your club subscriptions or match fees. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a cashback facility.
- 3. Clubhouse Hire** – Whether it be a small group of people just wanting to have a get together or a more formal function we can help. We are able to seat 60 comfortably in the clubhouse, and if it was a bigger number you require there is an option to have a marquee attached to the side of the club. Costs of club hire are listed below, and if you are interested in hiring the room at all, then please download a copy of the form from our website and forward to our secretary.
- 4. Sponsorship** – The club is lucky enough to have a number of sponsors, but if you know anyone who would be willing to sponsor us in any small way, please let the Treasurer know.
- 5. Defibrillator**
Bridgewater is lucky to have its own defibrillator which is now in a cabinet attached to the outside of the clubhouse. If there is any need to use this the code is **C159X. The code will be put on the notice board and by the defibrillator.**
- 6. Solar Panels**
The Solar Panels have been installed during the close season and we are now generating our own electricity which will assist with the bills – thanks to Julian Willis for overseeing the project on behalf of the club.

Kind regards

Bridgewater Committee

Greens Update – As usual our groundsmen Andy & Chris Pearce have been working hard over the winter to ensure the greens are in good condition for the start of the season. Our greens were the envy of a number of clubs last year, and we certainly hope that it will be the same again this season. A big thanks to Andy & Chris for all their hard work.

The greens will open on Saturday 23rd March for practice ready for the new season.



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Committee 2024

President – Chris Sayers

Chairman – Ian Price

Secretary – TBA

Treasurer – Graham Sayers

Committee – Richard Proudlove, Julian Willis, Matt Blackhurst, Matt Wilkes, Dave Evanson plus Captains & Grounds Committee (optional)

2024 Club Membership Subscriptions – now due before 1st April

Full Member £30

Over 60's £25

Junior - £5

Social - £5

Payment methods

1. By cash or cheque, to your captain or the Treasurer before the start of the season
2. Via online banking to Bridgewater Bowling Club sort code: 20-77-85 Acct no. 60204056 Please put your name as the reference

2024 Team Captains

Whitchurch League

A Team – Matt Blackhurst

Harriers – Ian Price

C Team – Karen Murphy

D Team – Matt Wilkes

Market Drayton League

A Team – Jake Bailey

B Team – Isobel Jones

C Team – Ruth Penlington

D Team – Matt Wilkes

Barlows Over 60's

A Team - Isobel Jones

B Team – Allan Shaw

Market Drayton Over 60's

Rose Lloyd/Ruth Penlington

Clubhouse Hire

Morning or Afternoon hire (2-3 hours) for groups of up to 20 people £20 April-September £25 October-March

Evening Hire

Number of People	Members	Non-Members
0-50 people (no bar)	£30	£50
0-50 people & bar	£50	£100
50-70 people & bar	£75	£125
70-100 people & bar. Marquee required at extra cost	£75	£125+ marquee costs
Wake without bar	£40	£50
Wake with bar	£50	£60

Bridgewater e-mail address is Bridgewaterbowlingclub@outlook.com

Look out for communications coming from the club using this address, also if you want to contact the club about anything, please use this address.

Club Website www.spanglefish.com/bridgewaterbowlingclub

Please check this for all the latest news & events

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BRIDGEWATER OPEN BOWLS COMPETITIONS

After the huge success of last year's competitions Bridgewater will again be hosting 2 Open Bowls competitions:

SATURDAY 20th JULY – OPEN SINGLES COMPETITION £25 entry fee - already full - reserves being taken

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER – OPEN DOUBLES COMPETITION £30/pair entry

If you are interested in playing entries to Richard Proudlove proudy1976@gmail.com 07725 131713

SOCIAL EVENTS 2024



Our Quiz nights continue to be hugely popular so we will be holding 2 this season:

Saturday 13th April 7.30pm

Saturday 26th October 7.30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS KEEP AN EYE ON OUR NOTICEBOARD

THE BOWLING CLUB
CAN'T FUNCTION
WITHOUT A
SECRETARY SO WE
NEED SOME
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
US

Please see separate poster
attached to e-mail

