

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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**Welcome to our new
members**

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News Update

The Management Committee News

Things are beginning to gather pace towards the new season!

AGM Raffle: aided by the glorious 'Raffle Ladies (and Gent)', the combined efforts on the night raised **£138**. The Management Committee would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the array of raffle prizes provided, to the members on the night for their eagerness to participate in the fundraising event and to Chris and his team for hosting

Reward & Recognition: The Club has been fortunate to receive a donation of £100 thanks to the efforts of Shona Baugh (Membership Secretary). The application was submitted to the Shifnal Carnival Committee. The donation will help towards renovation/general upkeep of the Clubhouse and green for the benefit all members and we sincerely thank Shifnal Carnival Committee for their kind consideration during the selection process.

National Lottery Bonus Ball Game. Relevant details are attached, but as discussed at the AMG, Phil Furness is the designated contact for purchases Bonus Ball Numbers at a cost of £1 per week. Anyone interested is asked to contact Phil either via text message (07779 079249) or email (phil@pfurness.f2s.com). Payment is preferred via Standing Order /Bank Transfer or Cheque (cash by exception). See Annex A

First Aid: theManagement Committee would be grateful if members with an 'in date' First Aid qualification (*E.g. First Person on Scene or First Aid at Work*) would make themselves known via email to the General Secretary. Limited to ten, anyone willing to be added to the current list of First Aiders will be eligible for a £5 discount on their annual membership subscription fee but must provide evidence of qualification by the 31st March 2025.

Fire Safety Training: Aside from maintaining a Fire Risk Assessment, there is a requirement under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 to provide training to key personnel in support of the Fire Evacuation and Roll Calling process. Whilst basic training will continue to take the form of club officials watching a short on-line video (*linked via Social Media and the new Website*), the opportunity to complete a Fire Warden course certificated by the Fire Protection Association is being made available for Team & Vice Captains, Coaches, and members of the Management Committee. Otherwise costing £830, the course will be free to attend and cover:

- Fire Safety Legislation, Facts and Figures
- Combustion Principles and How Fire Spreads

- How to spot common hazards
- Actions in the event of fire and evacuation principles
- Use of fire extinguishers

Subject to your response & availability, the course will take place in March at the Holiday Inn, Telford, where light refreshments, tea & coffee will be provided throughout the session. Anyone interested is therefore asked to contact the Risk Manager via email to the General Secretary by **Friday 14th March 2025**

Correction to Dave Marriott's Resignation: In the November 2024 edition of The Buzzard, the Management Committee reported the untimely resignation of Dave Marriott as Director and Chairperson of the Club, referring to it as being 'with immediate effect'. The Management Committee would like to clarify that Dave's resignation was in accordance with Article 29.5.4 of the Articles of Association, with one month's written notice having been provided to the committee. The Management Committee would also like to take this opportunity to once again express its gratitude to Dave for his positive contributions during his tenure.

Website: Members who have provided an email address, will over the next few weeks, receive an invitation to access the Members' Area at [Shifnal Bowling Club](#). From the homepage, you will be able to access Fixtures and Competitions, Useful Links, The Buzzard, Club News, Policies, Procedures & Risk Assessment and information on Fundraising and Volunteering opportunities. Although subject to regular updating by the Management Committee, access to the website is available now via the link provided. In the meantime, if there is something specific you like to be included, please contact the Management Committee.

Vacant Positions: The following positions remain gapped. Please consider the possibility of taking one of these on. Your club needs you! All are vital in the effective running of the club and serve the best interests of the members and sustainability of the club. Terms of Reference will be provided upon request, with the option to discuss the role(s) available further with a member of the Management Committee.

Clubhouse / Licensed Bar Manager

Licensing Subcommittee Member

Bowling Secretary

Grounds Manager

Green opening: The green is open for members to practise but please check out our facebook page before heading over there <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500284780079013/> where there will be an update on whether the green is closed for play on a particular day(s). There will also be a notice on the gate.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 March Bandit Bowls 8.30-4.00

29 March Saturday Pre-season Competition 11am

Fund Raising

As discussed at the AGM, the Management Committee are keen to support fundraising initiatives suggested by members. Please forward suggestions together with the level of volunteer help needed, by email, to the General Secretary generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk This also includes suggestions for improvements to the clubhouse and around the green.

Bandit Bowls Our Club is again hosting Bandit Bowls on **Sunday 2nd March**. The competition is similar to those which proved so successful in November and February, with the Club's finances benefitting by sums in excess of £500 on both occasions. The forthcoming tournament will again boost Club funds as we prepare for the new bowling season. If you can spare a few hours at any time throughout the day, your support will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to come along, it would be very helpful if you would let Bob know in advance to assist his planning for the day. He can be contacted at bob1haddon@gmail.com or 07871 033734.

Boosting Shifnal Bowling Club's Funds Effortlessly Through Easyfundraising

As members, family, and friends of Shifnal Bowling Club, there is a seamless and impactful way to support our beloved club financially without any extra cost to you. By simply signing up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, each purchase you make can contribute directly to the club's funding. This platform offers a straightforward and secure method to help raise funds while you shop online for your everyday products and services.

How Does It Work? Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your chosen cause, which we hope will be Shifnal Bowling Club. Here's the simple part: once you've created your free account, every time you buy something online – be it your weekly groceries, renewing car insurance, or even a new outfit – you could be raising a free donation. There are over 4,300 partners including some of the UK's biggest retailers and brands such as John Lewis & Partners, Argos, and Booking.com, ensuring that your most frequented shops are likely part of this amazing initiative.

Safe and Secure: Shopping through Easyfundraising is completely secure. They partner with well-known businesses and manage transactions with the utmost security, so you can shop with peace of mind. Whether using their website or their user-friendly app, your personal information is kept safe, and your shopping experience remains as smooth as ever.

Unconscious Contribution The beauty of using Easyfundraising lies in its subtlety. Once signed up, and having selected Shifnal Bowling Club as your cause, your shopping contributes to the club without any additional steps or costs. It's a way of contributing that doesn't require ongoing attention or a change in shopping habits. Just shop as you normally would and know that with each purchase, you are making a difference.

Why It Matters Funds raised through your purchases go directly into supporting the maintenance and upgrading of facilities at Shifnal Bowling Club. This ensures that we continue to provide a great environment for bowling enthusiasts. It also helps fund community events and activities that the club organizes, enhancing the social fabric of our local community.

Join Us Joining is easy. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, search for Shifnal Bowling Club, and click 'Support this cause.' Install the reminder tool to help you remember to use Easyfundraising when you shop, so you never miss an opportunity to raise money. It's a win-win situation where your normal shopping habits can contribute significant support to our club, all at no extra cost to you.



We encourage every member, as well as their friends and family, to sign up. It's a simple, secure and effective way to make a meaningful impact. Let's make a difference together – one purchase at a time.

League News

MSBL AGM 28th January: The only resolution to pass this year was the proposed rule change to Monday Divisions to adopt the Thursday night league scoring system. 1pt-5chalks, 2pts-10chalks, 3pts-15chalks, 4pts-20chalks & 5pts-21chalks. There will be no complication to entering results as they will be entered in the same way as before and the points allocation will be automatic

MSBL 2025 Season: There will be a meeting on 4 March to finalise teams and divisions in the various leagues. Look out for the fixtures and competition dates on <https://www.bowlsresultstwo.co.uk/midshrop/> Coming soon!

Message from Mick Furness:

- no MSBL fixtures dates as yet.
- MSBL Executive meeting, March 4th to discuss league formats & fixture list.
- MSBL Monday Night scoring rule change.
- Highley league, no fixture dates as yet.
- Highley AGM February 25th.
- Any members interested in playing for League teams to make themselves known to the relevant captains or myself.
- Volunteer required for the Highley Tuesday Night Team Captain vacancy. I will organise the team on a temporary basis.

Monday division 6 team has places available. Interested? Please call or text Dan Boot on **07961 140263**

Competitions

Paul Mills will be running Pre-season Competition open to all members and also Mid Shropshire players 29 March.

Ladies There is a new competition just for you on Sunday 14 September at 10.00 (staggered start times given out the week before). The venue is Trench Bowling Club. It's limited to 32 bowlers (no home bowlers) and the entry fee will be £10. Prize money for quarter finalists onwards. See Mick's entry on

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500284780079013/> for further details.

This Agreement delineates the terms and conditions governing participation in the Saturday Lotto Bonus Ball Game (*the "Game"*) organised by Shifnal Bowling Club Limited (*"the Club"*).

Effective Date: 16th February 2025

GAME DESCRIPTION

The Game constitutes a regular fundraising activity for the Club, predicated upon the National Lottery Saturday Lotto Draw. The winning ball will correspond to the bonus ball drawn each Saturday.

The Game will operate continuously for a duration of 52 weeks.

PARTICIPATION

- A total of 59 bonus ball numbers are available for purchase.
- Each number is priced at £1 per week, payable in advance. **Payments in arrears will not be accepted.**
- A game cycle commences upon the purchase of 40 numbers.

ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT

- Participants may acquire multiple numbers. Numbers are allocated to participants via a draw and remain assigned unless payment discontinues.
- The designated contact for purchases is P. Furness, who may be reached via text message at **07779 079249** or email at phil@pfurness.f2s.com.

PRIZE ALLOCATION

- The weekly prize is £30 for up to 49 numbers sold, increasing to £35 if 50 or more numbers are sold.
- If the winning number is not sold, the prize reverts to the nearest lower number, with no rollovers. *The nearest lower number shall be 59 if number 1 is drawn but not sold.*

MANAGEMENT

- The Game is coordinated by an appointed member who shall not receive compensation but may participate in the Game.
- Information regarding number allocation, payments, draw dates, and winners will be displayed in the clubhouse.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the participants and the Club concerning the Game. The Club reserves the right to amend the terms of this Agreement with prior notice to all participants. By participating in the Game, participants agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement as stipulated above.

Phil Furness - *on behalf of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited*