



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

MONDAY 12th November 2018 at 7pm

in the CLUBHOUSE, CORAMS LANE, WELLINGTON

Chairman's Comments for the October 2018 Annual General Meeting

The year 2017/2018 has certainly been a very good one for WBC

Over the year we've seen our numbers grow to 138 playing members on the outdoor green and this figure now includes 45 lady members, not too long ago there wasn't enough ladies to fulfil all their fixtures.

I think at this stage we should thank **Richard Manning** and all who helped him recruit.....

Over the year we have seen many social events and because of money raised the club was able to fit new blinds in the indoor ally, to purchase an outdoor shelter for the smokers and various kitchen utensils. **The old social committee has now decided to retire, I think we should give them a round of applause as a way of saying thank you.**

I'm pleased to say that we now have a new Social Committee, so look out for more events.

Recently we have seen the club house, kitchen, and some of the changing rooms have a coat of paint and generally smartened up for this we thank... **Phil Brigden** and **Ed Norris**.

The outdoor green has also been the envy of visiting bowling clubs, I'm sure everyone will agree that while all us amateur gardeners have struggled with our lawns the bowling green has been magnificent and a real pleasure to bowl on. For this we thank.

Our Green keeper **Paul Kelly** and his able helpers **Nick Channon** and **David Beudet**

Results this year have outstanding, in the Over 60s league, the A team won their league and have gained promotion

The B team came 2nd in their league and also gained promotion

The C team which featured many new players finished in a respectable mid table position

In the Thursday night triples all 3 teams had excellent results

Good results were also achieved on the Saturday league with the B team gaining promotion to the SW I league

Ladies

In the lady's league results were to show a vast improvement with many new players playing their very first league games a finish of mid table was very respectable and looks very hopeful for the future.

Mixed Friendlies is another story with over 70 games played and well over 60% games where a successful result was achieved thanks go to the Mixed friendly captain **Ian Thomson** who not only captained the majority of games but also told a different joke on every game.

My congratulations go to all bowlers who entered competitions and especially to those bowlers who won, individual competition indoors and outdoors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring President **Roland Bath** for all the work that Roland has contributed in. The last Two years have been a pleasure to work with him.

Welcome to our new President **Gill Groves**

Club Secretary's Report for October 2018 Annual General Meeting

As many of you will know, this is my first report as the Club Secretary and I think I can safely say that it's been an interesting year, to say the least!

You will appreciate that a large amount of "day to day" work is done behind the scenes in order for the Club to function properly, but obviously there are some issues that are significant and it is these that I shall bring to your attention.

A review of the Club's insurances has been completed and various amendments made to the Sums Insured and cover.

It was also apparent that the intruder alarm and fire alarm systems needed updating including a new alarm control box, central station monitoring and revisions to the existing fire alarm system.

We also now employ the services of Walford Security, so that key holders do not have to respond in the event of the intruder alarm being activated during the night.

Whilst all of the above incurred costs, I hope you will agree with me that it would be foolish to ignore them.

I am also a great believer that we should do everything possible to make life easier for those Members who donate their time and work so tirelessly for the Club, as without them the Club would struggle to survive. So, we have also introduced a key safe outside the front door which significantly reduced the number of front door keys in circulation and made the management and control of them so much easier.

Recently, we have also invested in a new "easy access" system for the front door and I am pleased to say that the distribution of the 150 key fobs is almost complete and the system seems to have been well received by Members.

Other expenditure during the year included replacement of some of the Clubroom double glazing units, replacement fence panels and a new chiller unit for the bar.

Not long after my arrival, it became apparent that lockers were being allocated on an "ad hoc" basis and there was no clear process of how they should be distributed, which was clearly not correct or indeed fair. David Dagg volunteered to take on the difficult task of investigating who had lockers and identifying those lockers that were empty. As a result, two additional locker cabinets were purchased to satisfy the demand and a waiting list created. I would like to thank David Dagg for all the hard work that he did in resolving this matter.

Mid-February our thoughts moved onto the 2018 Full Membership renewal process with all the problems that are associated with it. Again, the objective was to make the process as easy and straightforward as possible for those volunteers giving up their spare time to complete it. A team comprising of myself, Brian Wombwell, Chris Williams, Tony Gibson,

David Dagg and Roger Murphy were assembled to manage it and feedback from all of them seemed to suggest that it worked well. However, lessons have been learnt, so hopefully next year it will be even easier and more efficient! This exercise took considerable time to complete and I would like to thank those mentioned for their help and support in making it a success.

And so loomed the 25th of May 2018 – GDPR day!! The government's new legislation regarding Privacy. As a result of much work, I am pleased to confirm that we now have a GDPR policy and that the initial Privacy Notices required under the GDPR Regulations are in place. However, we are anticipating that further work will be necessary before the 31st March 2019 and indeed have just received further guidance from the Sports & Recreational Council on the matter.

In August, the decision was taken by the Executive and endorsed by The General Committee to "cap" Outdoor Membership to 140 "playing members". To our surprise this figure has almost been reached and by the end of the outdoor season stood at 138.

Indoor Membership registration is now complete for 2018 and has gone moderately well, although not everyone completed a registration form, so there are still some members for whom we have no contact details. This is being investigated and rectified by Brian so that next year the process should be substantially easier. Significant work was carried out by Bill Warnett & Chris Williams to ensure that we had the details of all those that played indoors and as a result indoor membership now stands at 153.

During the year, the condition of the outside retaining wall has been of concern to the Executive and (after finding correspondence from 1972!) doubts were also raised about whether it was our responsibility. Following input from Derek Vile and Bill Warnett, we are of the opinion that the wall is the responsibility of TDBC and we are currently attempting to make contact with them to express our concern about its dangerous condition.

Over the last 15 months Bill Warnett has totally revamped and computerised our accounting system so that it minimises the work of the Auditor and this has saved us approximately £1,000 in fees this year. Tony Gibson handles all the cash and pays the bills. Although they share the position, as Treasurer, they both devote a considerable amount of time to their job.

During last winter the Social Committee arranged many social events, which were well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by those attending them. After many years of hard work, the existing Social Committee decided to call it a day and I would like to thank them all on behalf of all of us for their hard work and considerable effort in raising additional funds that either have or will be reinvested back into the Club.

It is important to remember that in addition to raising funds, social events bring Members together and so the formation of a new Social Committee is excellent news. A comprehensive agenda of social events has already been arranged and I hope that you will join me and give them and their events every support.

Now we are after all a "Bowling Club" and so perhaps it's time to report on what has happened on the green this year and my thanks go to Yvonne, Ian, Mike & Jay for supplying me with the necessary details and I do apologise for any plagiarism!

Ladies

The Ladies had a satisfactory summer with four games played and unfortunately two cancelled by the opposition. Yvonne reports that whilst playing against some stiff opposition our Ladies came up "trumps" and that she was very pleased with all the new ladies as they had tried very hard under difficult circumstances. Yvonne has also asked me to send her apologies for not being able to play alongside them this year, but hopefully will be able to join them all next year.

Mixed Friendlies

I gather from the Mixed Friendlies Captain that 2018 was a very good year with us winning more games than we lost! Selection for these games will always be difficult (even more so with the increased membership), but there does not seem to have been any major problems.

If anyone is disillusioned with how many games they have played, a full record has been kept of those selected, not selected and the reasons why and how many times they played. This is available for anyone to look at.

Mens

The Men's season was mixed, as we were unable to achieve our ambition of winning the Saturday SW1 and finished 3rd. However, our "B" team was promoted in SW2 having come 3rd, so next year we will have the interesting spectacle of the "A" versus "B" fixture.

In the Over 60 League, the "A" Team won the division by a good margin and are promoted to Division 5, whilst the "B" Team lost their initial momentum coming 2nd, but were still promoted to Division 6. Our "C" Team had a mixed season coming mid table, but provided valuable experience for many new bowlers.

Finally, the Thursday South West League results were;

The "A" Team ended the season level 6th in SW1

The "B" Team ended their season 4th in SW2

The "C" Team ended the season 8th in SW2.

There is another crop of new bowlers coming forward and let us hope that they are available for league selection. Mike Groves has asked me to pass on his thanks to our coaches for bringing their talent through.

Now you can only start to appreciate the work involved in arranging all of the above when you consider that in 2018 there were 69 mixed friendlies scheduled, 35 at home, 34 away and these included 3 touring teams. Our men played 107 matches, 101 league and 6 friendlies. Our ladies played 15 matches, 9 league and 6 friendlies.

Due to an administrative error at the end of the 2017 season, no teams were entered in the 2018 Turnbull cup, Wedmore Plate, Fear cup or Southey trophy. However, we can confirm that we have now registered ourselves for the above in the 2019 competitions.

I am pleased to confirm that our application to join the East of Exe mixed league in 2019 has been agreed and would like to thank Richard Manning & Brenda Manning for representing the

Club at the East of Exe AGM. The fixtures aren't available yet but this is likely to involve around 12 matches, which are played on a Monday night so, on occasions, next season club night will be moved to Tuesday night. This will be indicated in the fixture list published before the start of the season.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that we are also entering the 2019 men's Bowls England Top Club competition. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest from our ladies to enter the lady's version.

Ann Cowling in her new role as Ladies Administrator, has highlighted the lack of opportunity for the Ladies to play in competitive matches and so next season, three rinks will be reserved on a Wednesday evening between the beginning of May to the end of August for our ladies to play an internal triples competition.

The Fixture Secretary is also attempting to secure more Ladies matches next season, but most local clubs are struggling for membership and this is proving difficult.

Now none of the aforementioned would ever have happened had it not been for those dedicated Members, who during the last 12 months have given their time and effort.

Due to the almost doubling of our membership and various income streams our turnover is now equal to that of a small business. This has resulted in a greatly increased workload for all your Officers who have responsibilities for running the Club. Most of this work is in the background and unseen by Members.

So I would like to take the opportunity now to thank them all, both personally and on your behalf.

Now, I'm hoping that you will agree with me, when I say that our greatest asset is obviously our outdoor green and I would ask you to join me in thanking the Green keeping Team, Paul, Nick and David, who during one of the hottest summers on record have given us what is possibly one of the best greens in Somerset. So much so that I heard that some visiting Teams actually took photos of it!

A big thank you must go to Jay, who yet again has found time to arrange so many fixtures for us and who I know is already organising even more games for us all next year.

John Cherry who handles all the administration of the Indoor Rink, is Chair of the Think Tank and for all the excellent work he does as the Club's Welfare Officer.

Vic Horne and Ernie Windsor, who I hope will forgive me for continually asking them to do jobs around the premises and never seem to complain?

Liz Bowrah and the numerous Ladies (and gentlemen), that have served so many afternoon teas this year and assisted Liz with the excellent catering at all the social events.

There are too many to mention individually, but a big thank you to our various Team Captains, Roll Up Group Secretaries and Selection Committees. All of whom give up their free time, so that the rest of us can play in Friendlies and Competitions.

Mike Connor who every year raises a substantial amount of money through his very successful Grand Xmas Draw and also organises the annual Presentation night.

A big thank you to Steve and Janet Lovell and all the bar staff

Martin Speakman, who after many years as our Child Protection Officer has decided to stand down this year

I must thank Chris Williams for his support throughout the year on various issues and especially his assistance with the GDPR regulations!

A special "Thank You" must go to Roland, our outgoing President and the Members of the Executive Committee & General Committee, who for the last 12 months have put up with me and provided support and assistance.

And finally, a big thank you to Brian who stepped in at the last minute as Assistant Secretary and with whose assistance has made the job just that little bit easier.

There are so many of you that have helped the Club during the year, that if I have forgotten to thank you, then I do apologise and can only say – "Thank You!" from us all

Club Treasurer's Report for the October 2018 Annual General Meeting

Income

Total income for the year was £72,717 some £5,476 or 8.1% up on the previous year. The main reasons for this are extra income from both outdoor and indoor membership and the internal management of the tour fund. Bar income was £1,779 or 7.6% up on last year at £25,279. However, due to increases in the costs of supplies the gross margin on bar sales was down from 46% to 41%. This mean that the bar contribution was reduced by over £1,000. Prices have been slightly adjusted to take account of the increases in supply costs.

Expenses

Expenses for the year totalled £56,917 up £14,307 on the previous year the main reasons for this are the internal management of the tour fund £6,036, maintenance expenditure on fence repairs £1,446, replacement windows £1,014, improvements and maintenance of the alarm system £1,754, extra insurance costs (following a policy review) £462, bar supplies £2,895. Green expenses were up some £2,130 but this is mainly due to £1,614 of expenses (top dressing etc.) that are just in this year's accounts rather than next year.

Surplus

This leaves a surplus for the year, after depreciation, tax etc. of £15,300 (2017/18 £19,752).

Balance Sheet Items

The loans provided for the purchase of the mower some years ago have now been fully repaid. The money held in the Post Office account to cover these was used for the payment and the account closed.

The Business Call account (effectively a holding account) has been renamed the Building Fund account and now holds monies that have been collected/donated specifically for building works.

In line with what we discussed at the last AGM we will continue to keep to a cash accounting principle where possible. In this regard we shall only take items onto the fixed asset register that were of significant cost and we believe actually retain a residual value. We have now fully written off the kitchen equipment and are depreciating the indoor carpet and other club assets over five years.

Bank Accounts

The bank accounts stand as follows:

Current Account £46,359.51 (July £44,924.85) discrepancy of £1,690.28 against the bank statement due to several cheques that have been issued but not yet cashed.

Building Fund Account £5,701.57 (July £5,700.00).

Social Fund Account £2,821.85 (July £2,971.85).

Cash in hand (Bar, Social & Treasurer) £300.00 (July £501.55) following the repayment of the Social Fund Float of £200.

Wellington Bowling Club
Balance Sheet at 1/10/2018

	2016/17	2017/18
Fixed Assets		
Clubhouse & Indoor Gree	£ 198,644.10	£ 198,644.10
Outdoor Green	£ 13,696.34	£ 13,696.34
Indoor Carpet	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,080.00
Green Keepers Equipmen	£ -	£ -
Central Heating Systems	£ -	£ -
Kitchen Equipment	£ 294.08	£ -
Other Clubhouse Assets	£ 893.33	£ 714.66
Total Fixed Assets @ NBV	£ 214,877.85	£ 214,135.10
Current Assets		
Cash	£ 1,163.00	£ 0.00
Current Account	£ 31,655.90	£ 46,359.51
Post Office Account	£ 5,659.02	£ -
Building Fund Account	£ 975.10	£ 5,701.57
Social Fund Bank Account	£ 3,862.29	£ 2,821.85
Social Fund Cash	£ 200.00	£ -
Stock	£ 1,383.87	£ 2,058.84
Bar Account	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Total Current Assets	£ 45,199.18	£ 57,241.77
Total Assets	£ 260,076.93	£ 271,376.87

Liabilities		
Long Term Loans	£ 4,000.00	£ -
Total Liabilities	£ 4,000.00	£ -

Building Fund	£ 750.00	£ 5,701.57
Accrued Expenses	£ 2,043.99	£ 2,043.99
Reserves		
Accumulated Fund	£ 253,282.94	£ 263,631.31

Reserves & Liabilities	£ 260,076.93	£ 271,376.87
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Balance	£ -	£ -
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Bar Account		
Income		£ 25,279.55
Expenditure		
Supplies	£ 15,468.38	
Equipment	£ 377.98	
Maintenance	£ 393.60	
Bar License	£ 180.00	
		£ 16,419.96
Surplus		£ 8,859.59

Wellington Bowling Club
Accounts to 30/09/2018

Income	2016/17	2017/18	Variance
Subscriptions & Green Fees			
Outdoor Membership	£ 9,267.00	£ 10,352.50	£ 1,085.50
Indoor Membership	£ 3,918.50	£ 3,520.00	£ -398.50
Social Subscriptions	£ 331.00	£ 420.00	£ 89.00
Indoor Green Fees	£ 9,173.21	£ 10,738.80	£ 1,565.59
Comp & Tournament	£ 641.00	£ 565.00	£ -76.00
Total Subs & Fees	£ 23,330.71	£ 25,596.30	£ 2,265.59
Other Income			
Bar	£ 23,500.43	£ 25,279.55	£ 1,779.12
Social Fund	£ 7,246.53	£ 4,681.00	£ -2,565.53
Locker Rentals	£ 408.00	£ 522.00	£ 114.00
Draw & Raffle	£ 1,515.63	£ 3,217.90	£ 1,702.27
Donations	£ 288.13	£ 582.10	£ 293.97
Building Fund Donati	£ -	£ 2,190.00	£ 2,190.00
Sponsorship	£ 5,004.00	£ -	£ -5,004.00
Catering	£ 4,264.30	£ 2,678.34	£ -1,585.96
Other	£ 547.81	£ 977.58	£ 429.77
Tour	£ 1,135.00	£ 6,992.00	£ 5,857.00
Total Other	£ 43,909.83	£ 47,120.47	£ 3,210.64
Total Income	£ 67,240.54	£ 72,716.77	£ 5,476.23

8.1%

Expenditure			
Bank			£ -
Charges	£ -	£ -	£ -
Catering			
Catering	£ 2,704.96	£ 1,576.43	£ -1,128.53
Green			
Materials	£ 2,373.36	£ 3,132.72	£ 759.36
Maintenance	£ 237.55	£ 1,572.28	£ 1,334.73
Equipment	£ 120.00	£ 384.87	£ 264.87
Fuel	£ 56.06	£ 79.10	£ 23.04
Consultancy	£ 251.94	£ -	£ -251.94
Total Green	£ 3,038.91	£ 5,168.97	£ 2,130.06
Clubhouse			
Cleaning Wage	£ 2,140.00	£ 2,288.00	£ 148.00
Cleaning Materials	£ 619.49	£ 173.44	£ -446.05
Waste	£ 667.52	£ 434.51	£ -233.01
Equipment	£ 36.90	£ 503.38	£ 466.48
Electric	£ 877.29	£ 1,162.58	£ 285.29
Gas	£ 2,829.02	£ 2,415.41	£ -413.61
Rates	£ 920.00	£ -	£ -920.00
Water Rates	£ 663.87	£ 1,229.34	£ 565.47
TV Licensing	£ 145.50	£ 147.25	£ 1.75
PPL	£ 61.99	£ 64.16	£ 2.17
Insurance	£ 1,029.16	£ 1,491.55	£ 462.39
Maintenance	£ 1,048.49	£ 3,621.15	£ 2,572.66
Total Clubhouse	£ 11,039.23	£ 13,530.77	£ 2,491.54
Bar			
Supplies	£ 12,573.71	£ 15,468.38	£ 2,894.67
Equipment	£ 1,578.57	£ 377.98	£ -1,200.59
Maintenance	£ 78.00	£ 393.60	£ 315.60
Bar License	£ 313.64	£ 180.00	£ -133.64
Total Bar	£ 14,543.92	£ 16,419.96	£ 1,876.04
Other			
Admin/Other	£ 1,061.35	£ 3,261.02	£ 2,199.67
Fencing	£ 89.57	£ 1,446.00	£ 1,356.43
Parties	£ -	£ -	£ -
Social Fund Costs	£ 4,430.41	£ 4,346.76	£ -83.65
Affiliation Fees	£ 1,165.50	£ 1,321.00	£ 155.50
Bowls Equipment	£ 1,319.07	£ 360.90	£ -958.17
Tour	£ 1,200.00	£ 7,236.40	£ 6,036.40
Prizes	£ -	£ 226.00	£ 226.00
Raffle Costs	£ 517.44	£ 1,173.62	£ 656.18
Auditor	£ 1,500.00	£ 850.00	£ -650.00
Total Other	£ 11,283.34	£ 20,221.70	£ 8,938.36
Total Expenditure	£ 42,610.36	£ 56,917.83	£ 14,307.47

33.6%

PBIT	£ 24,630.18	£ 15,798.94	21.7%	£ 8,831.24
Depreciation	£ -3,283.09	£ 742.75		£ 2,540.34
Stock Change	£ -1,357.62	£ 674.97		£ 2,032.59
Interest	£ 0.03	£ 56.73		£ 56.70
Tax	£ -237.80	£ -488.05		£ -250.25
Profit	£ 19,751.98	£ 15,299.84	21.0%	£ 4,452.14

Development Officer Report for the October 2018 Annual General Meeting

Grants

1) During the year many research funding bodies have been explored. Unfortunately, many are not prepared to support sports clubs, unless the organisations have charity status

An application to Bowling Tours Excellent Awards was successful and the club received the sum of £500 as the top award for Somerset

2) BDA funding of £250 in respect of coaching for 2017 was received in this final financial year.

3) A recent application for BDA for coach funding of £250 for 2018 has been approved.

4) In February 2018 an application to WTC for a £1,000 for the front door access equipment was unsuccessful due to our healthy bank balance and previous awards.

5) In May 2018 after attending meetings at TDBC an application for funding for the front door access was approved and we were awarded £600.

6) An application to a Lottery Fund for financial support to upgrade toilets was successful awarding the club £400.

7) a £5,500 grant from TDBC granted previously is still live until September 2019.

SPONSORSHIP

Derived from local businesses are as follows: - Cafe Liscious, Carly Press, B. Davey, Hilary Blinds, The Green Dragon, R.W.Gale, Tonedale Motors, Wellington Motors. Total income £1150

After discussions with Carly Press our large printing bill for Fixture Booklets, Membership Forms etc. was substantially reduced.

To date the total grant/sponsorship income generated exceeds well over £100,000.00 and many of the projects undertaken have borne no cost to the club. A new building Fund has been activated.

Recruitment

This is the fourth year that club members have attended local events as part of our recruiting drive. (to date x 17 days)

This year the team attended events in the Park, Street Fair and we were invited to the 50th League of Friends celebration at Wellesley School. Many thanks to Phil and Marion Brigden, Mike Connor, Barry and Janet Vile, Richard Whiting, and Chris Williams for their support. To date these activities have culminated in attracting well over a hundred potential members many of whom have become Full Members of the club. Many clubs have expressed how envious they are of our position.

Open Days

We have had two Open Days this summer and over 30 people attended. Thanks to all the members who supported us these days.

Coaching

Many thanks to Richard Whiting, who has become a qualified coach, and has been assisting in the summer months. The new members recruited this year exceed the 20 lost from the 2017 membership list.

RETENTION

An area considered very important by many clubs is to sustain the interest of new members by integrating them into club playing activities.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1) Perennial shrubs and climbers for the new fence were collected from Devon by Bodmin and planted by Paul Kelly. The cost was funded by donations.

2) It was proposed that some form of criteria was needed before electing any more new Honorary Life Members. It has been reported that many clubs no longer adopt these appointments.

3) Since December 2017 a series of drawings have been posted to highlight the possible changes to the clubs infrastructure in order to increase the size of the function room and upgrade the ladies and men's toilet. The latest drawing involves an extension that incorporates a new men's toilet and storage space.

4) It was proposed that a visible diary containing all of the clubs activities during the year which could be viewed, checked and appropriate action taken e.g. entry dates for competitions and leagues, servicing of the boiler etc.

5) Winter morning sessions. Last year new members were finding it increasingly difficult to find playing slots in the mornings. It was proposed that a morning start time of 9am with playing slots of 1hr 40mins would create 5 new slots each week.

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SOCIAL TEAM

The Social Team hosted seven events during the winter period, returning a net profit for the year of £2,883.00 including hosting a charity event for "save the Children" Christmas Jumper Day in December 2018 raising £120.00.

Club Upgrade paid from the Social Fund

- 1) New replacement blinds for the Indoor Rink. Cost £2,000.00
- 2) An Arbour purchased for the smokers Cost £590.00
- 3) A felt roof for the Arbour Cost £150.00
- 4) Contribution to the front door entry system £500.00
- 5) Surplus balance of the Social Fund transferred to the Building Fund.

A fact to be noted, in 2015 it was agreed by the Exec. Committee that the Social Team would have discretion over any surplus money they generated from their events. The team would like to thank all those members and friends who supported these hugely successful events which turned out regular numbers of x70 plus and generated a surplus of £7,000 over the three year period. The social members were a large part of this support and it is sad to see that their numbers have dropped by 60% since the doubling of their fees at the last AGM. Thanks to my colleagues in the Social Team who worked very hard to ensure that all the event were a success and ran smoothly.

It has been reported by BE that clubs who see themselves as a community and not just as a bowling club gives the club long term stability due to the social interaction of the new members.

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Ladies Administrator's Report for October 2018 Annual General Meeting

This will not be a full year's report as I only took office in July, but I feel in such a short space time, I have managed to contact all our new lady members and brought the majority of them together one evening to go over all the "pros and cons" of bowling. I am pleased to say that it was a very successful meeting with the help of Yvonne Abbott, Thelma Helps, Win Courtney, Di Dagg and Eileen Stewart. For those who could not attend due to holidays and other commitments, I will be arranging another meeting at a later date.

We have also had our Autumn Meeting, 31 ladies attended, in which we covered:

South & South West ladies' league, SBA Fear Cup/Plate, Southey Trophy, friendlies, mixed games, tea duties, the role of Ladies' Captain and other items that needed to be discussed.

I am also trying, with the help of Jay Merrell our Fixture Secretary, to get some games that could be a bit later in the day to take into account the ladies who are unable to play afternoons due to work etc.

On Wednesday 24th October 2018 we had a lunch at the Beambridge Inn Hotel in the Arundel Room - 27 ladies attended. Our next one will be in the Spring.

At our 2019 AGM I am sure there will be more good news in my report.