



# February 2026 Newsletter

**Social Events & Skittles** – Firstly, thank you to all our members who attended the Games Evening, it was a great success raising over £200 for the club and was thoroughly enjoyed by all taking part. Thanks to Liz & John Scott for organising all the games!!! Our friendly skittles match against Snitterfield was a very enjoyable evening and our thanks go to all those that played and supported both clubs. Inkberrow narrowly lost the match, which I put down to playing with “rubber” balls, but revenge will be gained when we have the return fixture at the club on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March as well as playing with wooden balls!!!! If you are interested in playing, please add your name to the nomination list on the club noticeboard, or let me know. As we have another friendly skittles match on 20<sup>th</sup> March against the Astwood Bank Club, we will be having a “skittles week” when there will be no short mat roll-ups that week, it will be skittles roll-ups!!!! See the club noticeboard for further information on both skittles friendlies.

**Short Mat** – We are nearing the end of the round-robin short mat games, as soon as they have been completed I will inform you of who are playing in the semi-final games. Winner of Group A will play runner-up of Group B and vice versa. There is a WhatsApp group for those that play short mat therefore enabling communication between players – if you wish to join this group, please contact John Scott on 07708-927936 who will add you to the group.

**100 Club** – Winners for January were Lesley Roberts and Paul Lavalette.

**Website** – The club has its own website, [www.inkberrowbowls.club](http://www.inkberrowbowls.club) where you can find photos from last year’s annual lunch and presentation as well as copies of past issues of our newsletters. You can also find information about the recently purchased electric mower, copy attached, as well as signing up for email alerts.

**Dates for the Diary** – I will be writing to the membership separately with the proposal that this year’s AGM will take place in November, rather than October, which will give the Treasurer time to produce the annual accounts as well as complying with the requirements of the Charity Commission. Another change will be the Annual Lunch and Trophy presentation which this year will be held at The South Crest Manor Hotel, Redditch, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The ‘Open’ season meeting will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 starting at 7pm, when subs can be made, if not already paid and fixture books can be obtained.

**Committee Replacements** – Following the recent communication from the President with regard to the need to find members who will take on the roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary, as yet we have had no responses or interest from any member. There will be an opportunity to question and speak to the current occupants of these roles to find out what they do on 7<sup>th</sup> April at the ‘Open’ season meeting. We will also be looking for a Bar Manager to take over from Andy Merrick, so if you can support the Club in this role, it would be greatly appreciated. It must be pointed out that the Bar Manager has a team of helpers who run the bar for bowls matches (both league and friendlies) so you would not be expected to man the bar every time!!!!

**Annual Subscriptions** – Subs are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April – fully paid membership is £100 per person – payment can be made by Bacs transfer (preferred – sort code 08-92-99, acc no. 67410840), cash or cheque. 100 Club numbers are £40 per number, which gives you 11 monthly attempts at winning £40 or £30 and £100, £60 or £40 at the Annual Lunch.