



March 2026 Newsletter

Social Events & Skittles – We are due to play two skittle matches towards the end of the month – Friday 20th March against the Astwood Bank Club and Friday 27th March in the return fixture against Snitterfield Bowls Club. Nomination forms are on the club noticeboard, so please add your name or let me know if you would like to play in either or both of these games. The skittle alley will remain down between the two matches, but those that still want to play in the short mat roll-up, the short mat will be down, laid next to the skittle alley for that week. Hopefully there will still be enough room, at least, around one side of the short mat to allow access to the kitchen and toilets.

Short Mat – We have now reached the semi-finals of this year's short mat tournament, the games to be played are between Kay & Andy Merrick v Glyn Morley & Tony Watson and Geri Slater & Ian Humphray v Chris Angel & Mac Eaton. I will keep everybody informed of when these matches are due to be played so we can come along and watch. The final is due to be played by the end of the month or at the latest, before the open season starts.

100 Club – Winners for February were Chris Roberts and Steve Morris.

Committee Replacements – Further to the recent communications regarding replacement of positions on the committee, it is likely that Kay Merrick, our current Treasurer and Andy Merrick, our current Bar Manager are moving to Wales sooner than expected. It is therefore of high importance that we find members who would consider taking on these two roles. The replacement of the Treasurer would need to be voted on at the next AGM, so Kay is prepared to support that prospective member until the AGM in November. The position of Bar Manager is appointed by the current committee and doesn't need approval at the AGM, so any member interested in taking on this role can speak to Andy about the bar manager's responsibilities. We still have a team of bar helpers, so the Bar Manager would not be expected to open the bar at every function we hold. The committee members that are rotating out at this year's AGM, President, Treasurer and Secretary will be at the Pre-season Opening meeting on Tuesday 7th April to answer any questions about their individual responsibilities. The reason for this is that the committee are trying to pre-empt getting to the AGM in November with nobody willing to carry on in these roles. Failure to find these replacements could lead to the Club folding, something that none of us want.

Annual Subscriptions – Subs are due on 1st April – fully paid membership is £100 per person – the preferred payment method is by Bacs transfer, sort code 08-92-99, acc no. 67410840. The Club is trying to reduce the amount of cash that it handles, hence this preferred mode of payment. The committee are aware that there may be an element of cash, especially at matches during the summer, but books of tickets can still be purchased (£40 for 10 tickets) therefore removing that source of cash.

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.

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