



December 2024 Newsletter

Charitable Status Update – Following the unanimous agreement of all those members that attended the AGM for the Bowls Club to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation), the Treasurer and the Committee duly completed all of the paperwork which was then sent to the Charity Commission. Within a week we were informed that our application had been successful and the Inkberrow Bowls Club is now a Charity, with a Registered Charity Number 1211233. Gaining this status will enable the Club to enter agreements and contracts in its own name, continue with 100% rates relief, open the door for additional funding opportunities and have limited liability for the management committee. Also, subject to agreement, a new license and lease can be established for the green and the pavilion reflecting the residual liabilities of the Parish Council/ICC CIO.

Short Mat – We are looking for one member to make up a pair in the Doug Skinner Cup, which is about to start shortly. If you are able to help out (please let me know ASAP), the competition will be on a round robin basis with six matches to be played per team over the next 3 months. Short Mat roll ups continue to be played on a Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and a Friday evening. Everybody is welcome to these social games as well as any new players or guests that you may like to bring along with you and try their hand at this fun game. The Ladies v Men short mat *FRIENDLY* challenge is due to take place on Saturday 21st December starting at 7pm, spectators are most welcome to come along and join in the banter.

Social Secretary & Social Committee – If any member would like to help and support the Club by joining the social committee, then please can you let me know. Social events are the life line of the Club and help massively towards the costs of the maintenance of the green and the club itself. The social calendar for next year is already being organised, but it would help greatly if we had a few more volunteers that could get involved – events are held roughly one a month and you would not be expected to make everyone!!!! The Club will be looking for a new Social Secretary at next year's AGM, so if you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

Social Events – This Saturday, we are holding our first ever "Quizzy Bingo". There are still spaces available if you fancy coming along and joining in the fun – just let me know in order that I can arrange the catering requirements. In January we will be holding a skittles evening (provisionally booked for Friday 24th), in February we will be having a Bingo night and in March a "Race Night" (organised by John Scott – but don't ask me what type of racing we will have to do – further details will follow as we near each event). Later in the year we are looking to hold a Gardener's Question time with the head gardener from Hanbury Hall answering all our queries. Before we confirm and book this gentleman, can you let me know if you are interested in attending this event. Once the fixtures for next year have been confirmed and we have a free Saturday or Sunday, we will be holding our Afternoon Tea with Prosecco along with a few ends of bowls!!!!

A future date for the diary is next year's Annual Lunch and Presentation of Prizes which will take place on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

Finally, on behalf of all of the management committee, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And before you know it, we will be getting the green ready for next year's outdoor season!!!!