

Vardre Bowling Club

VBC News



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You will be aware that we held our AGM at Llandudno Junction Community Centre on Friday the 25th November. Because the minutes of that meeting will not be approved until the next AGM, although over 40 members turned up I feel it would be a good idea to give everybody an opportunity to hear what went on.

AGM's are not really meant to be exciting and ours was no exception. They are, however, necessary and therefore we have one every year. What did you miss if you weren't there? Well, you would have heard from all our League Captains. Shan, representing John C, Carol B, John P, Tommy, Elaine, Ian W and Marina who all gave their views on the successes etc. that their team had encountered during the last season. I have those reports and if you want to see them let me know but each one had a similar theme and that was that no matter where the team finished in the league, everyone enjoyed themselves. They all thanked their teams for their support and commitment and hoped that it would continue through and beyond next season.

Approving the revised Constitution 2022 was done and dusted. This document, which has been sent to you, are the rules and regulations by which the club is run. Fairly straight forward but those changes are important to be aware of. Changes are made as the club develops and the Constitution recognises them. New Policies including the Code of Conduct, Safeguarding and Data Protection are just some that we have adopted which we hope shows the clubs commitment to its members safety and well being.

The Committee structure has changed slightly. There was a Committee debate prior to the AGM about whether it was too big and should be reduced, however, members felt it currently worked well and there was no need for a complete overall. There are some new positions on it and they will be filled as the season unfolds. One change is that we have 2 club representatives positions to fill. If you are interested in taking up one of those please let me know.

To see the Committee structure check out the Constitution, Section 6 'Management of the Club' for more details.

As well as hearing from our Mary, our President, Dave H, Secretary and Elaine our Safeguarding Officer. The Club's annual finances were clearly explained and reported by Treasurer Dave L who showed that we still have money and we are doing well.

Then came the '**Election of Club Positions**' and here they are:-

Mary, President and Tommy, Vice President have now entered their second year of Office.

The following members were elected for the 2023 season:-

Chair: David Rogers-Jones

Secretary: Dave H

Assistant Secretary: Ian W

Treasurer: Dave Leech

Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Maintenance Team: Ian, Tommy R, Dave L and Keith

Safeguarding Officer: Elaine

Auditor: Linda

U3A Organiser: Dave H

Social Events and Comps Committee: Sylvia, Gay, Bunty, Dave H, Shan, Hazel and Rosina.

Team Captains

North Wales Coastal League (Saturday) A: Captain Ian W

Vice-captain: Shan

North Wales Coastal League (Saturday) B: Captain Elaine

Vice-captain: Carol B.

Colwyn and Llandudno League (Wednesday Evening) A: Captain Tommy R

Vice-captain: Rhona:

Colwyn and Llandudno League (Wednesday Evening) B Captain Marina Roberts

Vice-captain: Clarice

Ladies League (Wednesday) Captain: Carol B

Vice Captain: Linda

Clwydian Senior Citizens (Tuesday) A: Captain Shan

Vice-captain: Doreen Gray

Clwydian Senior Citizens (Tuesday) B: Captain John Barrington

Vice-captain: Carol B.

Clwydian Senior Citizens (Tuesday) C: Captain John P

Proposed by Gay. Seconded by Bunty

Vice-captain: Gay

VOC League (Thursday Evening) Captain: Team to appoint

Vice Captain: Team to appoint

Other Officers

Web Master: Diane Lea (Current) First Aid co-ordinator: Marina Roberts (Current)
Health & Safety co-ordinator: Mary Hughes (current)

Club Kit

The photo of Tommy shows we now have our team shirt emblazoned with the Club Sponsor's logo MKM. As you can see, Tommy is really excited about the new deal and we hope you will be too. If and when you buy a new shirt the logo will automatically be put on with no extra cost, however, if you call Trevor at 'Clothes for Work' on 01492 873100 you can arrange to have it put on your existing shirt at no cost to you.



At the next Committee meeting in January we will be discussing this issue along with the quality etc. so if you have any comments on this subject let me or any other committee member know so that your views can be heard.

Life Members

There are some of you, and I suspect many of our newer members, will not know Roger and Margaret Dickinson and Tudor Owen. They are three long standing members who unfortunately no longer play bowls but over the years have put so much into the club. All three at some point have been our President as well as serving on the Committee. In recognition of all this the AGM confirmed the Committee's decision to make them Life Members. Well done and thank you to them.

Now the Sad News

Diana Evans, wife of our member, Brian Evans, sadly passed away on 19th November. Diana was also one of our Life Members and worked hard for many years to help our club prosper. Everyone who knew her has said what a lovely lady she was and how she will be missed.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Brian and Diana's family and friends on their sad loss. (Unfortunately we were not aware of this until after the AGM.)

Briefly, that was the AGM. 1 hour and 20 minutes, Not particularly exciting but an important 80 minutes in our clubs life. I have heard that once again, even with the use of a microphone the sound was not good. Next year we will find an alternative venue.

Club Survey



It has been agreed by the Committee that a small group comprising, Ian, Elaine and myself will get together early in the new year to look at the results of the Club Survey and put together some development recommendations.. Some changes may be easy to introduce, others may have a cost implication, however, be assured that we are aware that it is your money we are spending and that is always a major consideration.

What's New to See in '23

You will now know that we are putting a team into the Vale of Clwyd League. This will be held each Thursday evening during the season and as a result may affect our friendly games. Members playing in the league game may not want to play in the afternoon if they are playing in the evening. We hope this will not cause too many problems but just be aware of it.

The aim of the new Social Committee will be try and ensure that we have something organised every Thursday. Friendlies are traditionally held then and providing we get other clubs to join in, that will continue. Some of our tried and tested internal competitions will be held when we have no friendly game, but who knows what other wonders the group will introduce. We will do our best to make it happen.

Another exciting plan is that we start a new fun internal competition called 'The Ladder'. This has been suggested and will be organised by Nigel. Basically those who want to play will be put into groups of, probably, 4 which will be based roughly on ability. Over a four week period each member of their group will play each other and after the three games have been played the bottom two drop into a lower league and the two top players go up to a higher league. This will continue throughout the season. Hopefully it will develop members bowling skills, help them meet other members and introduce another relaxed, fun and less pressured game than might be felt by some in a team league match.

Details will be put on the notice board at the beginning of the season so look out for that and put you name down.

Trips Out and Things

We all know the financial difficulties that are going to be around in the coming months, maybe years, and therefore we must take this into consideration when we look at how we might try to improve and increase social aspects of our club. The group will look at what's feasible and what's not. Lunches, Dinners and Trips Out are all in the mix and will only be successful if you want it to happen. One thing we would like to organise at the request of Dave RJ, our Chairman, is the re-introduction of our Charity Event(s). We pick a local charity and help where we can to raise a few bob whilst enjoying ourselves at the same time. We will look at that and I'm sure we'll do something. There are several groups in Degawny that would welcome some help and if you know of any let us know.



Don't forget to keep an eye on the clubs website on vandrebowlingclub.com to keep up to date with other news and useful information on all sorts of things. Diane has a quirky sense of humour that will make you smile as well as keep you up to date. PS Get well soon. I understand she has something called Covid



Slowly but surely we are increasing our membership and donations in the 'Easyfunding' scheme. I think we have raised around £30 with 10 members. Imagine how much more we could raise if we recruited more of you. Anyone who, by now, doesn't know what this on-line shopping fundraising scheme is about, get in touch and I will give you the details.

There 58 members attending the Christmas Lunch. See you there



'On this Day' in

- **1982** "Gandhi" directed by Richard Attenborough and starring Ben Kingsley and John Gielgud premieres in New Delhi (Best Picture 1983)
- **1979** Pink Floyd's "The Wall" released, sells 6 million copies in 2 weeks
- **1872** First international soccer game, Scotland draws with England (0-0) in Glasgow

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE
