

## Chairman's Newsletter No 10

### AGM

Following the changes to align the financial years of both the Sports & Social club & the Bowls Section to the 1st January to 31st December the next AGM for both is Sunday 18th March 2018 in the clubhouse.

To enable the meeting to proceed in a timely manner it has been decided that some reports will be printed and be available to read prior to the start of the meeting. Therefore the meeting will start at 10:15 allowing 15mins to read any reports issued before the actual proceedings start at 10:30. At the appropriate time during the meeting questions will be taken regarding any reports made available for reading.

Please make every effort to attend both AGM's and participate in the running of your club and please do not forget if you really want to take an active part in the club you can nominate yourself to go on the committee.

### Letter to Members and Steering Group

We had 55 replies to the questionnaire that was sent out with the letter to the members. Thank you to all those that responded. Of those 55, 7 put themselves forward to serve on the Steering Group. As there were only 2 people required a ballot was held by the committee and the 2 people selected were Ian Drummond & Andrea Garbutt. The first meeting of the Steering Group will take place on the 12th February.

A summary of the questionnaire is that: 3 said do no building.

30 said extend the pavilion

13 said new building

9 said extend pavilion and new building.

38 wanted all year carpet bowls.

3 people put forward a plan.

### The Gardens & Grounds

We have had quite a bit of work carried out on the garden areas which I think you will all agree look a lot better than they did. To maintain the garden and grounds I am proposing to run an ongoing working party every Monday morning at the club. The expectation is that members will come along on the Monday mornings they are free. So hopefully there will be few people each week and we will be able to keep the flower beds, grass and the surrounding areas in good order. Any comment on this proposal would be welcome.

### Greensward Sale

The sale of the land was completed last September and the building of the houses is progressing well.

As has been said before the view of the committee is that the money from the sale proceeds once expenses & tax has been paid would be split into 3 areas. The amount of tax to be paid is still to be finalised and this is in hand with the accountants.

· Reserves. To ensure that we have sufficient funds available to maintain the running of the club for a numbers of years. An amount for this is still to be decided by the committee.

· Maintenance projects. We have already funded some projects at the club. These are:

o Replacement of the bowling green surround. o Re-landscape the garden areas.

o New till for the Bar.

o Purchase of a Defibrillator.

o New tables for the clubhouse.

Other

items under consideration.

o Dishwasher in the kitchen.

o Replace the cladding on the clubhouse and the soffits. o New Central Heating Boiler

· New Developments. Following the letter to members and questionnaire the options proposed are being taken forward by the Steering Group.

### Social Events

Norman has organised a quiz night for the 3rd March, notice on the board and a Murder Mystery Evening for Saturday 31st March. Notice will be up shortly. Please support these events and of course the regular Whist Drive & Bingo sessions that are run.

That's all for now. John

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