

Angel Bowls Club Chairman's Report 2020 for Parish Council AGM 2021

The Chairman reported that following on from the previous year and in keeping with the effects of the Covid pandemic lockdown, the start of the bowling season was abandoned. In keeping with official guidelines and maintaining social distancing we managed to set up a small "Covid league" with local clubs to provide members with a little exercise and retain bowling skills. A "roving cot" format with only 9 team players worked well, with controls on handling mats and cots. Alas no socialising was allowed as distancing was maintained. We are pleased to say this worked very well during the late August/September period when restrictions had eased, with the club finishing top of this "ad hoc" league, before we closed up for the winter. A reduced President's Day was held in September with Steve Derrick emerging as the winner of this annual trophy. All other annual cup games and fixtures were abandoned. Again the lack of wear on the green has lead to a reduced maintenance burden at the end of the season. Our normal club Christmas dinner function was again abandoned due to restrictions on numbers and venues.

Membership of the club remains stable to maintain a commitment to the local leagues looking ahead to 2021. We continued supporting our main league commitments to the Dereham and District and North Elmham and District Leagues, along with our involvement with the Mid Norfolk and Age Concern. The block system that was set up during 2019 with block Captains under the control of the Club Captain will continue for the forthcoming year.

In keeping with protocols we held our AGM remote on line in Nov and re elected the current Committee en bloc for another term. The Treasurer reported that the lack of an annual income normally received from the playing season and participation in the Village Annual Firework Display had been recovered with a grant from Breckland D.C. This financial grant has allowed us to continue with our planned replacement of a grounds maintenance mower during this coming financial year, and remain viable into the future covering our normal annual planned expenditure. It is intended that green fees and subscriptions will remain the same for the coming year.

Planning and fixtures would be undertaken in the New Year for the coming season with the possibility of format changes in a post pandemic era.

The Angel Bowls Club will remain a valued part of the village community and will continue to provide both a social and sporting environment for those living in the local area.

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