



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

December 2020



Dear Friends,

We hope you are well, and are staying safe at this difficult time.

When we approached Christmas at this time last year, who would have thought what the following year would bring? As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, this year has certainly proved to be one of the most challenging periods in our Club's history.

Looking back over 2020, we were not able to do any Bowling at all until June, and then only in a very limited way. Things eased up a little in August, and this enabled us to allow a few more players on the Green, but by September we felt we had to close the Club down again, before the almost inevitable "second spike" came along.

In all of the steps we took to enable Bowling to take place, we closely followed the advice of both the Government and Bowls England, and always ensured that the safety of our Members was paramount.

Whilst we are still in the midst of the Pandemic now, we can perhaps look forward to 2021 with a little more optimism. The Vaccination programme has now begun and, given the age profile of our Members, we can reasonably expect that a significant proportion of our Members should receive the Vaccine during the early months of 2021.

Although it's early days, we currently hope that we might be able to reopen in April, and give our Members the opportunity to rejoin old friends, and get some much needed fresh air and exercise, after a long and difficult period!

Of course we can't yet predict what the Bowling programme may be in 2021, but you can rest assured that we will find some way for our Members to enjoy next summer. Your Committee continues to interact on a regular basis, so please keep an eye on the Club Website for news.

Finally, we would like to pass on the sincere thanks of the Committee, to those volunteer Members who are currently working hard behind the scenes, and helping the Club through this difficult period.

However you intend to spend this Christmas, we hope you have a happy and safe time, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

With Very Best Wishes,

Your Committee