



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

Christmas Newsletter - December 2022

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to everyone

Seasons' greetings everyone, we hope you are all managing to cope with the early cold spell and are now able to get out and about without dressing up like an Eskimo.

Many members are enjoying some indoor bowling at one or more of the organised sessions. A huge thanks to everyone that organises these, as in addition to keeping everyone bowling over the winter months it also keeps everyone in touch with each other.



our thanks go to him for this. The orange (Chinese takeaway) curtains have gone and have been replaced by some rather elegant blinds. Our electrics have also been updated, tested and new more efficient LED lighting installed. The clubhouse now meets current regulations and requirements.

Unfortunately, our normal social activities have been unable to take place due to all the work that has been carried out in the clubhouse. It has been painted inside and out. Tony has done a great job for us and



We have also installed new notice boards in the main room and the Green Ranger's notice board is now next to the white board. The office/store area is being reorganised and new shelving is being installed so we can organise the storage of various items more effectively. All the old files have been sorted and old documentation/files have been destroyed, following our Personal Data Protection Policy. Many of the files and documents were over fifty years old. Finally, we intend to get all the floors thoroughly cleaned. The overall effect, will be a clean and modern looking interior to the clubhouse.

We will continue working over the holiday period to get the clubhouse back into use so we can start our social programme in the New Year. A huge thanks goes to David who has orchestrated all this work and to Graham, Peter and anyone else that has helped with this refurbishment.

The first two planned events in the new year are.

Quiz Night - Friday 13th January starts at 7.00 pm in the Clubhouse. Belated Christmas quiz, £1 per person, teams of any number, bring own drinks and nibbles. You can also wear Christmas attire if you wish.

Coffee Morning - Monday 27th January from 10.30am

Thanks to Linda Bolam & Dave Smith for organising these social events.

Christmas Dinner and Dance



We held our first event of this type on the 14th of December. The food and company were, as usual, excellent and we even had an opportunity to have a little boogie at the end. It was



another great night and something we can build on in the future. Perhaps we could have two such events each year, a Christmas and mid-summer event. Together with the Start of Season meal and the End of Season Meal and Presentation Night, it would give us four club meals annually. A Big thanks to Ros and Diane for their organisation of this event and Amanda and the ladies who helped select the music.



Our "**Green Team**" volunteers have continued with daily maintenance tasks during the winter period whenever the weather has permitted. A continued thankyou goes out to Billy and the whole team for the work they do which benefits every member of the club.

New Bowls - we have been given about a dozen sets of bowls from an indoor bowling club in Kingston Park. These will make a welcome addition to our stock of woods that we can use during our taster sessions and induction programme. Thanks to Graham for securing these for us.



We hope you all stay safe and well over the Christmas period and have a fabulous Christmas with friends and family members.

regards & Merry Christmas

from your committee

