



THE FRIENDS OF ENGLISH BOWLING

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022/23

Dear Friends

We have had a couple of changes to the committee at Friends since last year with Marcia Dunstone stepping down as Secretary and Neil Fletcher taking her place. Marcia will continue on the committee as Assistant Membership Secretary. Graham Rogers has stood down as Assistant Treasurer and his place has been taken by Paul Robson, a former Bowls England President.

Hopefully with the reduction in Covid cases we will see a fuller year of bowling. As ever, the highlights of the year are the celebration games to be played. Adie has prepared this year's games with 27 on the list. They are spread out between Yorkshire and Cornwall, so games should be accessible to everyone, and they are well worth attending. If you are looking for a mini-break, then 3 games in Gloucestershire in mid May, 3 games in Yorkshire at end of May, 4 games in Wiltshire in mid July or 3 games in Cornwall in the beginning of August could be ideal for you. Have a look for a good B&B or Air B&B to enhance the trip.



Last year, one of the games I was fortunate to attend was the centenary celebration game at Finchley. It started in sunshine, but then a thunderstorm took over and covered the green in hail, which soon cleared when the sun came out. All the time this was happening, a 5 piece jazz band was under cover at the end of the rink, playing some great music. When we were on the green it was not unusual to see players bopping around as they prepared to bowl, but a great experience. You can never be sure what to expect, so give it a try.

The Friends **Pairs Competition** was cancelled in 2022 due to the death of our Patron, the Queen. This year it will be held on Monday August 21st at Leamington, and for those taking part, they will have access to the sponsors tent. It is hoped that entries will be back to the levels it was last time it was played. The entry fee for those who entered in 2022 will again be held over, so when the entry forms for 2023 are sent out, you will just need to confirm your entry.

Remember, as a member of Friends, the marquee at Leamington during the National finals is a great place to meet up with old friends, and new ones, and if it rains, somewhere to keep dry.



The election of Officers and Committee at the August AGM of Friends was as follows:

Officers

Hon Chair	Kath Lloyd (Wiltshire)
Hon Secretary	Neil Fletcher (Hampshire)
Hon Treasurer	Clive Handscombe (Herefordshire)
Hon Match Secretary	Adie Lloyd (Wiltshire)
Hon Membership & Information Secretary	John Thompson (Hertfordshire)

Committee Members

Safeguarding Officer	Adie Lloyd
Asst Match Secretary	Graham Annetts (Wiltshire)
Asst Treasurer	Paul Robson (Hampshire)
Website Liaison	Carolyn Hunt (Buckinghamshire)
Asst Secretary	Jenny Ralph (Bedfordshire)
Asst Membership Secretary	Marcia Dunstone (Hertfordshire)
Competition/Raffle Coordinator	Mike Bertrand (Bedfordshire)