

## Committee – Newsletter

Following the October AGM your new Committee met for the first time on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the recent death of long standing Club Member David Foulton who was 88 years old.

This period of the year can be particularly awkward when trying to confirm plans for the coming 2025 Bowls season. Both Clubs who have yet to hold their AGM's and Leagues who are trying to finalise their respective fixture lists are attempting to quantify what each Bowls Club will be planning for the coming season.

The futures of some Club's are currently in doubt coupled with the recent disappearance of Thetford based Club Staniforth, could mean certain Leagues may have to adapt to ensure that they can continue.

As in Life in general, the future can be particularly difficult to forecast and your Committee have attempted to provide their "best estimate" for our Club's future, based upon membership numbers that may well change before next April. This has meant that St Edmundsbury will definitely participate with one team (and hopefully two) on Monday afternoons. Similarly our intention is to participate in both the Tuesday and Thursday evening leagues although the predicted playing membership numbers for Thursday evenings makes this a very close call.

Hopefully this information will enable you to plan ahead for your expected participation next season?

Since the AGM the Club has had to deal with a "break-in" to the Clubhouse where exterior and interior doors were damaged and one of the Bar roller blinds was damaged. The Committee are hoping to complete the restoration of the damage before Christmas. We have provided statements to the police to assist in their enquiries as it appears that a similar "break-in" occurred at the Rugby Club.

With regard to ongoing social activities the Committee were very grateful to Steve Manley for organizing a quiz night on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November which resulted in an additional £500 swelling the Club's Bank Account. The Committee are aware that the coming few weeks before Christmas will make holding another social event difficult and have decided to pencil in a preliminary Social Event on the evening of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. More details will follow after Christmas.

If you have any ideas for such a social event, please forward them to our new Club Secretary, Julie Moulds.

Similarly please let Julie know if you know of someone that might be prepared to undertake cleaning duties in the Clubhouse for a couple of hours each week?

As always the Committee are trying to find ways of increasing our dwindling Club Membership and if you have a friend or friends that might be interested in playing Bowls please let Julie know.

Your Committee wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.