



THE RINK - February 2023

The President speaks

First of all, I would like to thank our outgoing President Bill Batten for all the work he put in during his year in office. Bill led from the front, attending pretty much every possible event, as well as mucking in to help set up chairs, set tables etc. etc. He also introduced the very successful Table Tennis section and the monthly Saturday bacon and coffee morning, so he has left a great legacy. I hope I can follow in his footsteps and give an equally valuable contribution to the club during my tenure.

We have had a busy week or two, with the AGM, the Ladies Annual Meeting and a Quiz Night all taking place at the end of February. The AGM was very well attended, having been moved to a Saturday morning to encourage more members to come along. I think this is a good trend, as it allows our members to hear first hand the important work carried out during the year by the office bearers and committee members, and also gives them an opportunity to ask questions or raise any issues they are unhappy or concerned about.

The Ladies Annual Meeting was also well attended - I receive a special invitation to attend this as the Club President, and I genuinely enjoyed listening to how well the ladies organise themselves. As well as running the bowling side of things efficiently, the ladies appear to manage the social side of things with a bit more harmony than the gents.

Saturday's Quiz Night was enjoyed by all who attended - numbers could have been better; however, provisional figures show that a small profit was made, boosted by an additional £ 130 from the raffle. Thanks are due to Debbie Gibb, who struggled out of her sick bed to run the bar quietly and efficiently without fuss, this being all the more commendable given it was Debbie's first official function as Bar Convenor. Debbie also set the quiz questions, with Les Dickson doing a good job of being question master on the night. Further thanks to Cammy & Joan Pammenter for assisting on the bar, as well as the various ladies who supplied and served the food.

Looking forwards, we have regular weekly activities such as table tennis, bridge, probus and book club. Our next social event is the Vinyl Night on Saturday 25th March - a notice will be going up in the clubhouse shortly explaining how this will work.

A Fees Notice has already gone out for the upcoming season - please help the Club in general, but Eileen Batten, our Treasurer in particular, by paying your fees as soon as possible, via the various methods outlined in the notice.

Entry forms for both Ladies and Gents competitions will also be pinged your way shortly, and it's only just over 6 weeks until our Opening Day on 15th April - again - watch the Notice Board for further announcements. The Green already is looking in good shape, so I am looking forward to getting my bowling shoes on again.

Finally, talking of the Green, we are still on the lookout for "helpers" to assist either on greenkeeping duties, or in the gardening squad, both of which groups do sterling work to keep the Green and surrounds in such splendid condition. If you are interested in helping, please contact any member of the committee, who will point you in the right direction.

News: Sadie Allen was elected an Honorary Member at the AGM. She was presented with some flowers at the Ladies Annual Meeting to celebrate the honour. She is pictured below with the ingoing and outgoing Lady Captains.

Upcoming Dates - February/March

- Tuesday 28th February (14:00) - Table Tennis Club (weekly)
- Wednesday 1st March (14:00) - Book Club
- Thursday 2nd March (14:00) - Bridge Club (weekly)
- Saturday 4th March (10:30) - Club Coffee Morning (inc scones, rolls)
- Friday 10th March (19:00) - Games Night
- Monday 13th March (14:00) - Ladies Committee
- Wednesday 15th March (14.00) - Daffodil Tea
- Friday 24th March (19:00) - Games Night
- Saturday 25th March (19.30) - Vinyl LP Night Bring your favourite record and bring back memories!
- Wednesday 29th March (10:30) - Ladies Coffee Morning- All welcome

It is also the intention to open the bar for the following rugby matches:

- 12th March - Scotland v Ireland (15.00)
- 18th Mar - Super Saturday (3 matches starting from 12:30)

Sadie Allen pictured with Anne Stevenson and Eileen Batten at the LAM 2023



