

February Newsletter

Dear Members

Christmas seems a long way behind us and we will soon be looking forward to the outdoor season. There will however be things continuing to happen indoors.

The **Outdoor Club** are hoping to be a lot more successful this year with many new members.

There is going to be an **amalgamation with Brighton Bowling Club** who have unfortunately had the Council retract all funding. This is a really sad time for a lot of the outdoor clubs in our area. We have come to an agreement with BBC that they will join as Preston members but have their own subsection within the club also. This should be very beneficial to both clubs and will help us keep the outdoor membership fee lower than it would have been otherwise. The outdoor club committee are paving the way for this union .

The **finals weekend for the indoor club will be 12th/13th April**. Please put this date in your diary and come and support the players and make it a fun filled weekend.

Gentle reminder to ensure you put the **correct money in the brown envelopes** when paying green fees. Whether paying in cash or on line payment should be made before start of play. We kindly ask that the smallest denomination is 50p and if you can pay via the online system that would be greatly appreciated. Please also book rinks if you are playing in the evening. This helps with awareness of who may be in the club along with the locking up procedure.

There will be a **Quiz night on Friday 14th March**. There will be a 2 course meal served before the quiz for the cost of £12 a head. Please book via the kitchen. There will be a £2 per person fee on the night to enter the quiz. Teams will be a maximum of 4 players. Non-members would also need to be signed in and £2 fee paid. We do hope that you will support this event.

We have to unfortunately replace the **solar panels** mainly due to age but also damage from squirrels. This does involve quite a large outlay but we should recoup this expenditure in rebate from the panels in a relatively short time. It will be necessary to erect scaffolding for this work to be done. It should not take more than a week but parking in the top carpark on the north side will be decommissioned for this period.

We are also looking into installing a couple of **Electric vehicle power points**. There is a grant available for this .

Are you interested in a **knitting & crochet session** here at the club? All standards welcome & help will be provided to beginners. A great chance to keep up with a hobby or learn a new one. Please sign up via the noticeboard.

The **AGM this year will be held on 27th March** slightly earlier than usual. The reason for this we have changed the timing of our end of year accounts. This is something we have been advised to do for many years but previous boards failed to bring it to the actual point of actually happening. We are very grateful to Paddy Paddenberg who has spent an enormous amount of time on our accounts and working with Debbie Wheeler and Friend James in order to make this possible .

Regards

The Board