



March 2025

Preston Bowls Club Newsletter

Welcome to the March Newsletter. Spring is here, the days are brighter &here comes the outdoor season! Forms are in the entrance lobby & we look forward to welcoming old & new members. Events & bowling will still be happening indoors so do check the website & noticeboards.



Our **AGM** will take place on Thursday 27th March at 7pm in the Club Lounge. As always – we hope to see you there & it’s an ideal opportunity to make your views aware to the Board. Any questions need to be sent in advance to the Administrator by Thursday 20th March

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Samaritans Visit – There will be a representative from the Samaritans in the Club Lounge on Monday 24th March from 10am – 12noon. Bernadette will be available to answer any questions or just there to listen & chat.



Sussex County Fours Champions – A big

‘CONGRATULATIONS’ to Andy Smallldridge, John Durrant, Joe Beckett & Harry Dale as the new County Fours Champions.

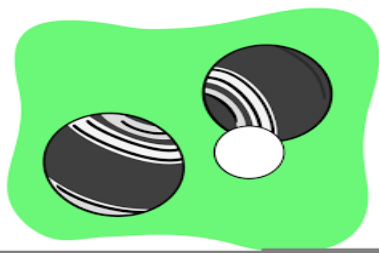
Joe also lost narrowly in the Unbadged Singles & Andy & John in the Pairs event.



Hazel Wells will become the new **President** when Tony Dade’s term finishes. We would like to thank Tony for all his efforts over the past 3 years, together with his general commitment to the club.

Coaching Courses

– Our thanks to Cliff Ainsworth & Roy Gibbs for their dedication to the courses. These serve as our main recruitment for new members so their help & enthusiasm in introducing people to the game is very much appreciated. A few good stats from the questionnaire analysis (full version is on the noticeboard) :-



- 100% of participants would recommend the courses to a friend.
- Participants most enjoyed learning a new skill / gaining knowledge & the social interaction. They least enjoyed ‘nothing’!

The welcome from the coaches, & any members, was rated as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’.

83% are likely to participate in further bowls activity.

Renew Preston Village - A positive campaign for the local community, environment and economy.



The campaign aims to improve the A23 through Preston Village and put people back at the centre of the Village in order to create a thriving, walkable, people centred community with;

- Safer Crossings & more space for people walking & wheeling
- Rain Gardens & Street trees to manage flooding and add beauty
- Parking & loading bays for the benefit of local business
- Bus stops in the village, closer to the shops and pubs
- Protected space for people cycling

The campaign is currently supported by St Johns & St Marys church, St Bernadettes school, 16 local businesses & more than 800 local residents & they would be very grateful to the members of our club to show support by signing the petition at prestonvillage.org. They would also love to hear from local people who would like to volunteer for the campaign. Please email at hello@prestonvillage.org if you would like to get involved. Let's get Renew Preston Village on the council agenda.



The next Bingo event will take place on Friday 11th April. As always – please book via the Caterer & come along for an evening of good fun & food!



Brighton Marathon – This takes place on Sunday 6th April. There will be road closures around the club & the Caterer will not operate on this day.



We wish Kaye Cager & Perrine Salvatori all the best in the Ladies Unbadged Finals at Grattons on 14th April. All are welcome to go along & support.



Club Finals weekend is 12th & 13th April.

Please come & support the competitors in these finals . A programme of events will be placed on the notice board.