



FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

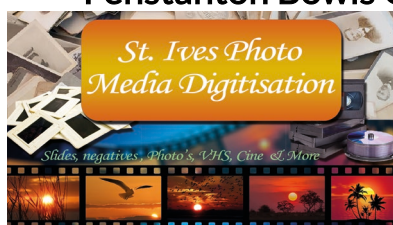
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Well folks this is the last of the newsletters for 2026. Overall a good season bowling wise culminating in the Men's team getting promotion to Division 2 as a result of winning their last match- well done Rob and the team. Regrettably we lost the Ladies team this year which left a bit of a void on a Monday night, but plans are a foot to fill this with a potentially new internal format evening – watch this space.

The Club's AGM was held on Thursday 22nd October and was combined with a cheese and wine social. This was attended by 35 club members. The revised and slimmed down AGM and the after event were a great success. Detailed below are some key points from the AGM:

- Chairperson reported on the year in general with thanks to various parties such as the Green Team, the Tuesday Working Group and the Committee. His report concluded with the unveiling of the new club shirt, which was 'interestingly' modelled by Rob Dulstone – enough said there.



The new shirts will be free to all paying members this coming season and will be available in the new year. Further details will be forthcoming in due course.



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The following Officers were elected for the 2027 season:

- Chairperson – David Pask
 - Club Secretary – Pat Porter.
 - Treasurer – Martin Richardson.
 - Men's Team – Rob Dulstone. .
 - Cambridge and District 1st Team – As we know Ray Worlsey had to stand down during the season due to illness and Sarah Cook took over as Captain. RW has indicated he will not be standing in 2027, so SC has agreed to take on the captain's role for 2027.
 - Cambridge and District 2nd Team – David Pask.
 - Over 60's Red – Paolo Puddu.
 - Over 60's Blue - Elaine Ward.
 - Friendlies – Penny Mills
 - Competitions Secretary – Martin Richardson.
 - Social Bowls organiser / housekeeper – Linda Brodie.
 - Green Co-Ordinator – Rob Dulstone.
 - Accounts Auditor – Ian Baildon-Smith.
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- **The Treasurer reported the Club's financial statement for 2026, which resulted in an end of year balance of £3,598.53, however there are some expenditure items outstanding which will significantly reduce the balance. It has been decided to leave the rink fees at £3 for next season, however due to increasing costs and other known expenditure reluctantly the annual subscription has been increased to £70, which is still one of the cheapest for the surrounding clubs.**
 - **As you know the Club has to rely on a petrol generator to supply power, which is needed for lighting but most importantly running the green watering system. This is costly and time consuming. We have looked at the cost of installing electricity from the grid, but this is very expensive and outside our budget capabilities. With increased technology solar power would probably be our best way forward so a proposal was put to the AGM to explore**



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and develop a project for the installation of solar powered electricity, which would cost somewhere in the region of £12.5k to £17.5k. The proposal was carried unanimously. Full details of the project proposal are available on the secure FBC Members Area on the Club's web site.

- The next AGM, and probably a social of some description, will be held at the Fenstanton Church Centre on Thursday 21st October 2027 so get it in your diaries now.
- The Club's annual dinner is being held at the George and Dragon in Elsworth on Saturday 14th November. Ticket sales are disappointing this year, and we only have 41 people attending (32 Club Members and 9 Guests). Cut-off date for any last-minute additions will be strictly the end of October so let Barry know. This will be our fifth dinner in this format but given the response it may well be time for us to have a rethink for next year – does anyone have any thoughts??