

# On The Green



## General

**For those of you I've not seen since Christmas I wish you a very Happy New Year and hope 2019 will be a good year for you and the club.**

**All the Pre Christmas events went very well, our Christmas Dinner and presentation night was a success, thank you Rod for organising a good night, and thank you to Neville and Cathy from the Velvets for donating £100 to the building fund.**

**Thank you to Helen and her team for a very good night at the Christmas Draw, and to Josie and Norma for providing the delicious food.**

**We were away for the Christmas Carol Night with the town band, however I understand it was a very enjoyable evening, thank you to Richard Binding for bringing along the band members, and thank you to our club members who attended. And to everyone else who contributed to the evening.**

**Ladies Captain Jean Smith thanks all the ladies for their Support.**

**The indoor Swill league is going well this season, and Jean wishes everyone a good summers bowling.**

**Thank you also to Chris Bendel and Jean Hemmings for organising the ladies night out.**

February 2019 Building update :

The Building Sub Committee have met 4 times since the special members meeting back in November,

Together the committee have put together a plan of action, with a timescale.

At the main club committee meeting last evening 4th February, a question was asked via Alan Mckay, from some members.

Do we need to reduce the green ? Could we leave it as it is to save cost?

The green does need to be reduced to enable us to fit all the required facilities into the footprint we have to work with, A members bar, a community space, men's and ladies changing rooms, toilets standard and disabled, a kitchen, storage space, the gym, these are just some of the rooms we need the extra space for.

We also need to have enough space between the green and the new building to have something akin to a veranda with seating, a viewing area to watch games.

It was agreed by the club committee back in 2018 that we would have the green edges renewed and the cost of this would fall to the club and not via the funding routes we are pursuing for the new build. Rod Somerfield is pursuing Quotes for this work to be done. Although we might be able to secure some funding for this, fingers crossed. \_

With the reduction of the size of the green we will still have 6 rinks, so no reduction in the number of games / players being able to use the green at any one time.

This is the timescale we have agreed to work to, to achieve the project.

January 2019 The committee and John Reed to brief the Architects....DONE

February 2019 Naomi to update the business plan.... Ongoing

March 2019 Submit for planning, QS Costings,

Submit funding applications,

Update to CIM funders and The district council who allocated us the section 106 funding, about the proposed changes to our original plan

June 2019 Planning Approval, further funding applications submitted.

September 2019 All funding in place.

Start Contractor process , a demolition contract be agreed .

November 2019 Demolition of the garages and clear the site.

At the January meeting it was agreed to appoint CASA as the Architect to act for the club, in respect of the new build club house and community space.

I hope this helps to answer your questions. We will keep you informed of the progress as it happens.

You can be assured that everyone involved is working together to achieve our dream.

Ann Snelling  
Chairman Building sub committee

**The AGM 2018 has come and gone with some new faces on the committee, full list of the committee members is now on the notice board.**

**There was a proposal that social members would be permitted to bring friends into the club under the same rule as full members. This proposal was agreed unanimously, so social members may introduce a friend or friends to the privileges of the club but such friends shall not be admitted on more than three occasions during these year, then the friend or friends should be invited to become a member through the clubs application process. Members will be responsible for the signing of their visitors.**

**We have now formed a Social Committee to organise fundraising events for the building fund, we are hoping to run monthly events throughout the summer. if you have any ideas for a social night please contact the Social Committee who's names are on the notice board.**

**Club Clothing has now been ordered, but no date for delivery has been received.**

**Our winter Club competitions and leagues are going well with just a few more weeks left in the season. we will soon be turning our attentions to the summer outdoor season.**

**Pam Perkins has requested help with the teas during the 2019 Summer Season. As you all know Watchet Bowling Club has a good reputation for providing some of the best teas in the county, we need to keep this crown, if you can spare some time to help during the summer can you please give your name to Pam. we need both Men and Ladies to volunteer to help. the more people we have, the less time each of us will spend in the kitchen, thank you on behalf of Pam for your help**

**Rod Somerfield will again be running a Mixed Drawn Pairs competition. This will be to use up green time between the end of the indoor leagues and the boards going down for the summer. This is always a fun event so please support Rod if your available. details on the notice board.**

**Helen McDermaid will be running the Easter Draw on Friday 12th April, if you have any prizes you could donate to the draw it would be much appreciated. Thank you.**

**The list for the Wednesday league is now on the notice board, this is a very friendly league, It is ideal for our new Bowlers to play in league conditions. every week after the game there is social time in the Bar with Pam Providing pasties for £1, Please put your names and support this lovely summer evenings bowling.**

**The 2019 Club Open Day will be on Sunday 26th May from 10 am to 5pm The last two years have been very successful with many new members coming to the club. Open days are hard work though, so if you can put this date in you diary and keep it free to help on the day it would be appreciated.**

**As well as help on the day we will need help to deliver leaflets around the town.**

**If anyone has anything they would like added in future news letters, please contact me**

**Thank you**

**Mike Radford**





