

Vardre Bowling Club

VBC News



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Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2025. I think we can say that we had a good season last year and because of our successes on and off the green we are attracting new members to our club which is resulting in us adding two additional league teams to our squad. One team in the Tuesday Senior Citizens league and the other in the Wednesday Evening Colwyn and Llandudno league. Great news as it gives our members more opportunity to play regularly.



More good news. By now you may or may not be aware that our club will reopen on **Saturday, 15th March at 1pm**. Tradition will continue and therefore Shan, our President, will bowl the first bowl and declare the green open. Please come along and meet friends and colleagues to support our first event. There is likely to be a drink and a butty and maybe some cake but more details will become available as we get closer to that date. However, have you paid your club fees yet? At our last AGM in November it was approved that for this season the annual fee would be £65. If you want to play in a league you have to pay an additional £5 which goes to the BCGBA so therefore, £70 for you and £65 for non league players. Our bank details are below and it would helpful, if you are paying by BAKS, do it asap. Thanks



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As well as our new Treasurer, Alan Thomas, we have a new Secretary. Sue Kirkham. Sue officially took over from me on Friday 31st January. Thanks for stepping in and I wish you both the very best in your new roles. If you wish to contact Sue, her club email address is
vardre.secretary@outlook.com

Vardre Becomes Wales

What an honour. Because of their success last season, our ladies 'A' team has been chosen to represent Wales in a match in the Fylde area on 22nd or 23rd March. Team

selection, date and location will be given as soon as possible so that you can go along and give them your support, if you can. Well Done Ladies.



Social Activities

Gay is again the Chair of the Social Group and members are, Hazel, Sylvia, Sue S, Rita, Ian, Shan, Bunty and Dave H. The newly formed Darts and Dominoes (3s and 5s) group which meets every Tuesday afternoon is going really well.

A decision needs to be made on whether this continues when the season begins. It cannot continue to be held on a Tuesday because of the league matches so watch this space.

To give you the 'heads up' we have pencilled in a few dates for some of the social and bowling events we have at the beginning of the season.

The '**Opening Fours**' doubles completion will be on Sunday 30th March starting at 1.30pm prompt. Please arrive for 1pm.

On Friday 28th March we will have **Opening Season Lunch** at the Afonconwy. Brewers Fayre (Black Cat) Pub/Restaurant. No need to order, just turn up and eat what you feel like in the company of friends.

All details will be on the notice board as well as information about the other competitions we have planned such as, Ladies V Gents and Spring Pairs in April and May.

Colwyn Festival

This will again be held this season starting on the 27th July with the final on 1st August. Once again we will be hosting some games and will need your help. However this is some time off yet and more details will be given when we know them.



Club Website vardrebowlingclub.com

Have you checked out the QR code system yet? Hold the camera on your phone, show it these squiggles and 'voilà'. Click on the Vardre BC bar and you're there. It's magic!



Safeguarding and Priorities

As previously mentioned, Elaine, will again be Safeguarding Officer for next season so you will be pleased to know that she and the club will continue to have your wellbeing uppermost in our club priorities. Our aim is to give you, our members, enjoyment, safety, inclusion and information. When we reopen there is usually some members around if you want to suggest any improvements.

u3a and Beginners Sessions

This starts on Monday 28th April until 15th September 10am til noon. Non members £2.50 with tea/coffee and biscuits. Bargain.

Visitors who want to bowl at our green

As members, please be aware that any visitor to the club who wishes to bowl socially must pay £2.50 per visit. The money should be placed in an envelope and put into the box in the clubhouse.

Other club members visiting our green

It is against league rules for any visiting league player to practise within 7 days of an away game on our green.



**"Hard work
never killed anybody,
but why take a chance?"**

What happened around this date in

1301 Edward of Caernarfon (later Edward II) becomes the first English Prince of Wales

1540 The first recorded horse race meeting in England is held at Roodee Fields in Chester

1969 1st flight of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet
