



VENTNOR BOWLING CLUB

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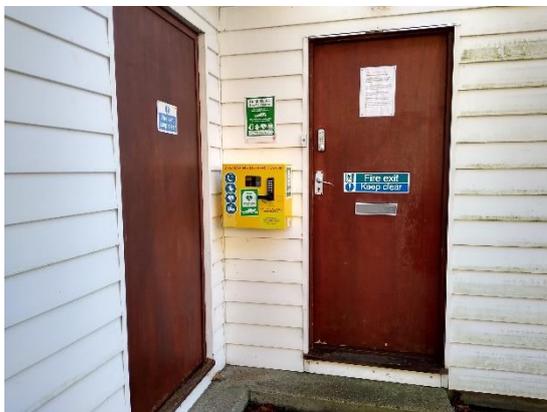
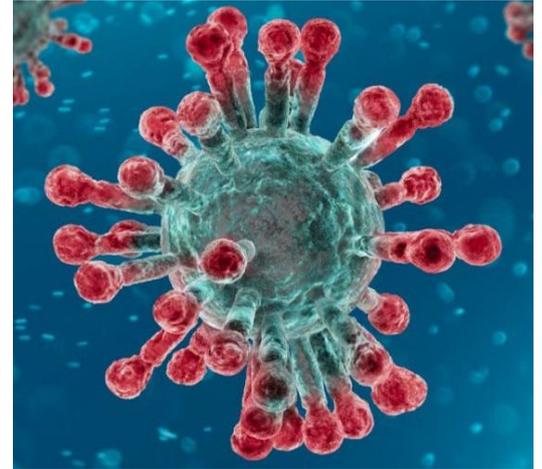
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Colin Beavis w/e December 6th 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Under the Government's TIER 1 regulations we were able to hold our December committee meeting last Friday in the Clubhouse, although it had to be limited to six officers.

It was decided that we would open the clubhouse, as we did before the lockdown, but, up until Christmas, it would be for roll-ups and practice ONLY. We intend to continue with the Winter Indoor Pairs League from the middle of January and beginners' sessions will re-commence sometime after Christmas on a date to be decided. Both of these decisions will be, of course, subject to the current regulations at that time. We will only continue if it is safe and legal to do so.



DEFIBRILLATOR

Most members of the general public are probably unaware that we have had a defibrillator in our Clubhouse for 3 years or so, even though there is a small sign on the end of the building facing the road.

We have never been called upon to use it – thank goodness - but in view of the fact that, during the winter months, the Clubhouse is unoccupied we felt that it would be more accessible to everyone, if it was positioned OUTSIDE.

This has now been done and instructions for whom to contact and how to use the equipment in an emergency, are included on the unit.

You can see it on the clubhouse wall right ahead as you enter the double gates.

Farewell to Jean Sorbie

Jean has lived on the Island for nearly 40 years and has been a long-serving and loyal member of our Club along with husband, Andy, for over 35 of those years. She was a regular member of the Ventnor Ladies 'A' Team and represented Ventnor and the County many times during her bowling life.

It wasn't just our club that she was a big part of but Island bowls as well, being County Ladies Secretary for many years.

Jean was also more recently responsible for arranging all Tourist games in the Summer and was on the Committee of the Isle of Wight County Bowling Association during the unification process in 2008 when Bowls Isle of Wight came into being.

Some years ago she underwent a heart transplant at Papworth Hospital and made such a remarkable recovery that people she subsequently played against could not believe that she had had such major surgery!

Her husband Andy, died in 2019 after a long illness, but Jean continued to play for the Club but had relinquished her County commitments by then. More recently, after problems with her breathing, she was referred back to Papworth for tests, and the diagnoses, thankfully, are treatable but need to be carried out in Cambridge.

Whilst undergoing tests in the hospital she is staying with her daughter in Coventry, to avoid any travel during the COVID pandemic. In the long term, Jean has decided to relocate permanently to Coventry and move into an annex attached to her daughter's bungalow. She will be sorely missed by all her bowling friends on the Island and we wish her all the best.

Beginners

Both the Monday and Friday night beginners' sessions remain suspended until further notice. Please see our website, www.ventnorbowlingclub.com or the South Wight Chronicle, for further details, available in due course.

As there will be no bowls for a while this will be the last Newsletter of 2020. On behalf of all the members of Ventnor Bowling Club, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - within the constraints of the present Covid circumstances. STAY SAFE