

## **PARWICH CROWN GREEN BOWLS CLUB**

### **2019 REPORT**

**Chair:** Sue Ash

**Secretary:** Tony Ash

Our 2018 season proved to be quite a successful one, being promoted from Division 2 to Division 1 in the Thursday league and maintaining a decent mid-way position in the Tuesday League.

However, it is not all about league matches: we invite anyone to join us for social bowls on a Monday evening and have many club events, generally at weekends.

Unfortunately, at the start of this season we lost 3 members, 1 to ill-health and 2 have moved away and so far we have only managed to attract 1 new one. We now have only 15 active members. In an attempt to gain new members, we have circulated every property in the Parish, placed adverts in the surrounding villages and the Peak Advertiser. We like to think that the club is a great asset to the Parish and would be disappointed if it was forced to close. It provides good, regular exercise and social interaction for those who take part.

It is, of course, our responsibility to attract new members, but we would hope that the Parish Council might have suggestions to help us, not necessarily in monetary terms at present, but perhaps in the provision of manpower at the beginning and end of the season when there is a large amount of physical work necessary – we are all getting older!

Currently, John Henbery maintains the Green but he will not be able to do this forever and to pay for this to be done (as do some bigger clubs) would be impossible on our small income. We have greatly appreciated the fact that the Parish Council have arranged to cut most of the hedges for us and hope this will continue.

However, it is not all doom and gloom! We have started the 2019 season well and despite some ill-health amongst members have managed to maintain our league commitments.

Tony Ash  
(Secretary)