

## **Potter Mardlers & More**

2024/25 has been a very successful and enjoyable year for the club. We have an excellent membership with an average of 55/60 attending our monthly meetings which we hold on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. After time to chat with each other whilst enjoying a cuppa and cakes we have some form of “entertainment” including quizzes, speakers etc. In addition to our meetings we do try to include in our programme “ & More” extra activities and events.

In April we held a New, Nearly New & Craft Fair which was really successful. We also had a trip to see G4 Live at Cromer Pier Theatre. At our meeting we were once again visited by a group of experienced “fibbers” for our version of “Call My Bluff”. So entertaining!

In May we had a visit from David Wright who gave us a Flower Demonstration entitled “Summer Nights”. His arrangements were raffled off and 8 members went home with smiles on their faces.

In June we had a demonstration from East Anglia Air Ambulance showing us “How to save lives”. We also had a coach trip to Bury St. Edmunds on Market Day.

In July we welcomed Anne Reeves who gave us an interesting talk on “Norfolk Dialect”.

In September our members went on a Mystery Trip for the day. A great day out calling at 3 different places including lunch

In October we went to see Beyond the Barricade at Cromer Pier Theatre. Our members also donated unwanted coats which were passed on to Wrap Up Uk.

In November by popular request we went back to Bury St Edmunds for their Christmas Market.

In December we held our Christmas Party with a Fish & Chips Xmas Lunch which was great fun particularly a rendition of the 12 days of Christmas.

A trip to see the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, as always, was one of our highlights.

In January our members were treated to Afternoon Tea at The Dales Hotel, Sheringham with coaches included.

In February we had a coach trip to Walsingham Abbey & the Snowdrop Walk. Absolutely beautiful!

Mardlers have made a donation to Potter Heigham Village Hall and the East Anglia Air Ambulance.

As part of the club we do run a community Soup & Pudding Lunch from October to April. Average attendance 35 – 40. Again it’s a place to meet and spend time together and is

open to everyone, not just members. All the food is home-made and enjoyed by everyone. My thanks to all our volunteers who make this possible.

Finally my thanks go to Wrights Coaches who support us in providing trips not just enjoyed by our members but also by members of the community.

All in all Potter Mardlers hope to provide a place where there is always a warm welcome. A place to meet with friends and make new ones and the hope that everyone goes home with a smile on their face.

Heartfelt thanks to Stan Chapman for managing our accounts each year

### **Potter Heigham Short Mat Bowls**

The past year has been a very successful and enjoyable year for our club. We play every Tuesday and Friday afternoon and we describe what we do as social bowling. We compete against each other, but not in leagues against other clubs.

We have two bowling mats and they and all of our other equipment are in very good condition having been replaced in recent years.

The club finances are in a sound position with our aim being to have sufficient reserve funds to replace equipment when necessary.

We have put in place public liability insurance this past year through Sutton Winson who provide similar insurance for clubs affiliated to the English Short Mat Bowls Association.

As well as our bowling activity we have had a couple of outings with a Christmas meal out at Fizz and Fromage in Wroxham and crazy golf and meal out at Clippesby Hall.

Thank you to Stan Chapman for checking our accounts ready for our AGM IN April.

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