## **MEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2021**

I am honoured to be a coalition Captain for the men's team and to be able to assist John Oliver and Nick Goodman.

In 2021, due to Covid, we didn't play in the Concorde League, but thanks to Broadway's Viv Hall, an alternative league was arranged known as the Five Team League. Broadway men finished 3rd, narrowly missing 2nd place, and completed the season on several good performances. The team spirit is strong, and the competition was exciting and fun to be part of.

We look forward to the resumption of the Concorde League in 2022. This is the primary competition for men in which Broadway competes, and requires that we have a large pool of players who nominate for matches, to avoid dropping points for fielding less than full strength teams.

It is unfortunate that I cannot report any successes for the men in the County and National Competitions, but thanks are due to those that represented Broadway. All members should please consider entering for 2022.

The Men's Captains would like to congratulate the Ladies on a fabulous season as they have dominated the county competitions and had enormous success at the National Finals.

This year the online website nomination system, where members indicate their availability for selection, was a great asset, allowing the captains to more conveniently organise matches. This in combination with the players Whatsapp group improves communications and speed of the decision-making process. There are many new members, making enormous progress, and gaining confidence in their bowling, due to the dedicated coaches and helpers, for which we are grateful. I would ask those members who currently see themselves as social bowlers, to nominate for a match to experience the thrill of friendly competition. You will be made very welcome, and the team can accommodate bowlers of any standard.

Broadway enjoys playing on the best green in the area, and for that, we have to thank the hard work of Dennis Hall and the green maintenance team who do an extraordinary job. It is noticeable how all visiting teams are delighted to remark on the amazing playing surface we are privileged to enjoy.

2022 is a new year, the world is different, and the men of Broadway can join together to partake in a winning season.

## MARK RILEY

On behalf of the Captain's Coalition of

John Oliver (Senior Captain), Nick Goodman and Myself