



Newsletter 09/25

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August Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
Sept 1 st	Club night	From 6:30pm
Sept 3 rd	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Sept 4 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Sept 5 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 6 th	Club Triples	1pm
Sept 8 th	Club night	From 6:30pm
Sept 10 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Sept 11 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Sept 12 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 14 th	Friendly – Middle Barton	Away 2:30pm
Sept 15 th	Club night	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept 17 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Sept 18 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Sept 19 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 20 th	Music Quiz	From 7pm
Sept 21 st	President v Captain Day	From 2:30pm
Sept 22 nd	Green Closed	
Sept 24 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Sept 25 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Sept 25 th	Horticultural Club	2pm-5pm
Sept 26 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 27 th	Short Mat Afternoon	1pm-5pm
Sept 28 th	Short Mat Afternoon	1pm-5pm
Sept 29 th	Club night	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept 30 th	OSMBA Hanborough “Heron’s”	Away 7:30pm

Men’s League Oxfordshire Mixed League Friendlies Internal Club Competition OSMBA League

Men's League.

Following promotion to division 2 next year's league will be, yet to be finalised but based on how the leagues finished.

Banbury Borough

Burford Town

Carterton "B"

South Oxford

Witney Mills

West Witney

OMTLeague.

Congratulations to Burford Town Mixed League squad who have won this year's Oxfordshire Triples League.

Oxfordshire Mixed Trip[es League 2025		Updated		28/08/25				
Division 1								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Burford	7	6	0	1	513	365	148	64
West Witney	7	6	0	1	510	391	119	62
Witney Town Panthers	7	5	0	2	475	429	46	51
Banbury Central	7	4	0	3	465	454	11	46
Chipping Norton	7	3	0	4	458	445	13	37
Hanborough	7	2	0	5	404	495	-91	30
Witney Town Cougars	7	1	0	6	392	509	-117	28
Charlbury	7	1	0	6	391	520	-129	18

v Banbury Central

At Banbury 13th Aug 2025

BURFORD		shots	points	BANBURY CENTRAL		shots	points
R2	Tim Stacey	11	0	Andy	24	2	
R3	Jack Lafford	16	2	Stuart	11	0	
R4	John Hurren	9	0	Andy	15	2	
R5	Steve Gould	19	2	Chick	16	0	
	Aggregate		0	Aggregate		4	
	TOTAL	55	4	TOTAL	66	8	

This fixture, rearranged from 3rd August, found us needing 6 points to secure the league but we came away just short.

Tim Stacey on Rink2 never got going and from being 3-2 up at the fourth end, dropped eight shots on the next two ends to be 3-10 down at the sixth end. Five shots were all they could gain against fourteen shots and a three on the final end managed to get them into double figures and a losing score of 11-24. It looked bad on Rink3 when Jack Lafford's triple found themselves 0-6 down at the 5th end. Nine shots over the next five ends with none conceded put the score at 9-6 at the 10th end. Going behind 10-11 at the thirteenth end spurred Jack on and they put together a run to the end scoring six shots without reply finishing 16-11 winners. On Rink4 John Hurren's triple were never in contention at the start finding themselves 3-9 down at the tenth end. Scoring six shots they did pull back to be level at 9-9 at the 13th end but then it all fell away losing six shots over the final four ends and ended up 9-15 down. A very even game on Rink5 did not start too well with a score of 1-7 at the fifth end but then a five-shots for at the sixth end was met with a two against for a 6-9 score at the fifth end. A run of six winning ends, which included a six at the eleventh end, brought the score to 18-9 and all looked good but only scoring one-shot whilst conceding seven on the final ends resulted in a three-shot win of 19-16 to Steve Gould's triple.

On 23rd August, in their last league fixture, West Witney were at home to Banbury Central requiring a 12-0 win (or a 10-2 with a 37-shot advantage) to take the League title. They did win but with an 8-4 result thus confirming us a League Champions. Congratulations to everyone who played and supported the team during the season.

Burford v Begbroke
at Begbroke 2nd August 2025

Burford		shots	Begbroke	shots
R1	Jack Lafford	7	George	21
R2	Jeff Bizzell	15	John D	29
R3	Tim Jolley	16	Marcus	14
R4	Roger Hopkins	11	Bruce	25
R5				
Total		49	Total	89

We lost quite heavily on very difficult playing surface. Not much else to say.

Burford v Filkins
at Filkins 5th August 2025

Burford		shots	Filkins	shots
R1	Tim Wilkins	9	Nigel	11
R2	Steve Gould	8	Ken	26
R3	Dougie	10	Robert	9
R4				
R5				
Total		27	Total	46

Annual fixture at Filkins resulted in a similar score to previous years and shows local knowledge of the green helps.

Tim Wilkins on Rink1 were 3-8 down at the 8th end but pulled back to two shots behind at 6-8 at the 10th end. This difference was maintained to the end with a 9-11 final score. All looked good on Rink2 for Steve Gould when they were 7-1 up at the 5th end but then dropped 17-shots, which included a 5 and a 7 on the next five ends, to find themselves 7-18 down at the 10th end. eight shots to one on the remaining ends gave an 8-26 defeat. Dougie Mustoe on Rink3 fared better and came back from 3-7 down at the 9th end to then take seven shots to one and just won 10-9.

Burford v Supermarine
at Burford 9th August 2025

Burford		shots	Supermarine	shots
R1	Trevor Wakeman	29	Lian Sawyer	9
R2	Tim Stacey	31	Jackie Barras	8
R3	Jeff Bizzell	14	Tony Kilburn	20
R4	Bob Parker	12	Archie Armstrong	14
R5	Steve Gould	25	Mike Baycroft	9
Total		111		60

On a very warm Saturday we welcomed Supermarine and no-one could remember the last time they came to Burford. The green played very well and probably the fastest it has been all summer.

Trevor Wakeman on Rink1 were 1-2 down at the 3rd end but then did not allow their opponents to score again until the 12th end when the score was 22-3, this margin was increased to 29-3 at the 15th end and even six shots scored on the last three ends failed to get them to double figures with a final score of 29-9. Tim Stacey on Rink2 was 0-3 down after three ends but then scored freely to be 11-3 up at the 7th end, 22-5 at the 14th end with another nine shots to 2 shots over the last three ends finishing 31-8 winners and collected the pens. From being 9-1 up at the 6th end Jeff Bizzell's triple on Rink3 lost their way or maybe their opposition read the green better as they came back to be 10-10 at the 12th end. 10-shots to 4-shots resulted in a 14-20 defeat and all credit to Supermarine's lead who kept on the jack from the 7th end. On Rink4 Bob Parker were

4-2 up at the 6th end but then slowly went behind to find themselves 8-13 down at the 15th end. Four shots on the 16th and 17th ends put them 12-13 down going to the final end but unfortunately one shot against finished the game as a 12-14 loss. Steve Gould on Rink5 gave away a five at the 5th end to be 3-6 down but then took 13-shots and were 16-6 up at the 10th end. Nine-shots to 3-shots over the remaining ends gave his triple a 25-9 victory.

We look forward to the return fixture next year.

Burford v Witney Town

at Witney 12th August 2025

Burford		shots	Witney Town		shots
R2	Stephen Webb	12	Ben H		27
R3	Doreen Dowley	21	Rob H		12
R4	Jeff Bizzell	25	Chris J		6
R5	Jack Lafford	9	Roy R		27
R6	Ted Walker	13	Bill S		19
Total		80	Total		91

On Rink2 Steve Webb, playing skip several years from when he last played at the back end, was in front at 4-3 on the fourth end but unfortunately never got back in contention and from 6-8 at the seventh end then found themselves 7-13 down at the eleventh end. Scoring five shots against eleven resulted in a 12-27 final score. Rink2 saw Doreen Dowley kindly stepping in at the last minute to skip this triple and tight game stood at 9-9 at the eleventh end with Doreen then slightly ahead at 11-10 at the thirteenth end. 10-shots to 2-shots over the final five ends made the result a 21-12 victory. Jeff Bizzell on Rink4 kept their opponents on a single point, gained at the first end, until the ninth end when the score became 16-2. Nine shots to a single shot over the next six ends pulled the score away to 25-3 and, even with a single picked up on each of the last three ends, 25-6 was final result. Jack Lafford on Rink5 was unable to make any impression on the score and found themselves 6-14 down at the eleventh end then 7-23 at the fifteenth end finishing 9-27 adrift. On Rink6 Ted Walker was always just behind having pulled back from 3-11 at the eighth end to 8-11 at the tenth end. Slipping away to 8-16 down at the thirteenth they tried to stay with their opponents but finally finished 13-19 down.

Two new players David Lewis and Kevin Cheeseman opened their account as bowlers with Burford Town and we wish them many enjoyable years of playing the game.

Burford v Headington

at Burford 30th August 2025

Burford		shots	Headington		shots
R1					
R2	Tim Jolley	9	Gerry		9
R3	Jeff Bizzell	14	Dennis		5
R4	Bob Parker	17	Dave		2
R5	Tim Wilkins	6	Mark		9
Total		46	Total		25

Unfortunately Headington were only able to muster four triples, thank you to those who stepped down to enable new bowlers the opportunity to play in a friendly before the end of the season.

The weather looked like rain and we agreed to 15 ends if 18 ends meant getting wet; the rain started and it was agreed to finish at 10 ends and call it a draw.

Hopefully next year's fixture at Headington will enjoy better weather but with such a dry summer no-one can complain about a welcome bit of rain.

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

Witney Town Monday Open Triples 2025								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Dark Side of the Loom	13	11	1	1	266	167	99	23
Wickers & Glancers	13	9	0	4	264	166	98	18
Try Again	13	9	0	4	226	188	38	18
Cee Bees	13	8	0	5	235	187	48	16
Bobbins	13	6	2	5	226	207	19	14
Breakaways	13	7	0	6	216	200	16	14
Burford Lions	13	6	1	6	211	200	11	13
Olivers Army	13	6	0	7	204	181	23	12
Jammy Dodgers	13	6	0	7	193	205	-12	12
New Shoots	13	6	0	7	194	231	-37	12
Rebels	13	5	1	7	176	212	-36	11
Tail Enders	13	5	1	7	186	230	-44	11
Misfits	13	5	0	8	212	212	0	10
Wikki Wanderers	13	4	1	8	182	233	-51	9
Late Comers	13	3	2	8	167	268	-101	8
Meercats	13	2	3	8	159	230	-71	7

Wins on 4th and 11th August moved us up to 6th but a narrow (2 points) defeat on the 18th dropped us one place. This defeat found us again bowling on rink1 and it is the fourth time we have played, and lost, on this rink where local knowledge goes a long way!! Two more games will decide where we finish but from where we were, 2nd from bottom on 9th June (3 games played) and 3rd from bottom on 7th July (7 games played); we have recovered well in the second half of the season and will hopefully finish 5th.

Percy Cook.

Congratulations to Trevor and Darren Wakeman on winning the 2025 Percy Cook.



Once again we had twelve pairs enter the competition, thank you to everyone for your support.

Club Gala.

This year we had eighteen teams entered, an increase of six on last year. Drawn in three leagues of six and, playing six ends or 40 minutes, the top team of each league and the highest winning runner-up went through to the semi-final with the winner of each meeting in the final.



The semi-finals were Porters v Burford A and Fairford v Carterton, with Burford A and Fairford progressing to the final.



Semi-finalists

Fairford

Jill Barrow

Marion Moore

Paul Barrow



Burford A with club sponsor Peter Smith

Burford A

Roger Hopkins

Jack Lafford

Tim Stacey



Gala winners Burford A

Many thanks to all who contributed and helped make this another very successful Gala...too many to mention.

Short Mat.

As we go into the winter season there is rather a lot to include.

OSMBA League.

Those who have expressed an interest in playing in this evening league have had their names registered with the league and an availability sheet is on the internal notice board. We start on 30th September away to Hanborough "Herons" and the first home game is 7th October verses Witney Mills "Weavers".

West Oxon 2025-26													
	Away team												
Home team	Burford Lions	Charlbury Cedars	Charlbury Oaks	Charlbury Willows	Hanborough Harriers	Hanborough Herons	North Leigh Millers	Witney Mills Millers	Witney Mills Weavers	Witney Town Canaries	Witney Town Rams	Witney Town Red Kites	Witney Town Woolies
Burford Lions		28-Oct	09-Dec	02-Dec	31-Mar	13-Jan	14-Oct	03-Mar	07-Oct	04-Nov	24-Feb	10-Mar	03-Feb
Charlbury Cedars	11-Feb		08-Oct	18-Feb	26-Nov	12-Nov	04-Mar	07-Jan	22-Oct	01-Apr	28-Jan	14-Jan	03-Dec
Charlbury Oaks	24-Mar	20-Jan		21-Oct	02-Dec	16-Dec	13-Jan	11-Nov	23-Sep	10-Feb	10-Mar	17-Feb	03-Mar
Charlbury Willows	17-Mar	04-Nov	03-Feb		30-Sep	14-Oct	06-Jan	09-Dec	28-Oct	25-Nov	18-Nov	24-Feb	31-Mar
Hanborough Harriers	16-Dec	10-Mar	17-Mar	13-Jan		23-Sep	07-Oct	03-Feb	17-Feb	11-Nov	09-Dec	18-Nov	14-Oct
Hanborough Herons	30-Sep	24-Feb	31-Mar	27-Jan	06-Jan		28-Oct	02-Dec	25-Nov	03-Mar	21-Oct	24-Mar	20-Jan
North Leigh Millers	28-Jan	19-Nov	01-Oct	24-Sep	21-Jan	11-Feb		17-Dec	25-Feb	25-Mar	18-Mar	22-Oct	05-Nov
Witney Mills Millers	19-Nov	24-Sep	25-Feb	25-Mar	22-Oct	18-Mar	01-Apr		28-Jan	08-Oct	18-Feb	29-Oct	26-Nov
Witney Mills Weavers	21-Jan	04-Feb	07-Jan	11-Feb	05-Nov	11-Mar	12-Nov	15-Oct		03-Dec	01-Oct	17-Dec	10-Dec
Witney Town Canaries	17-Feb	16-Dec	28-Oct	10-Mar	24-Feb	18-Nov	09-Dec	20-Jan	17-Mar		23-Sep	27-Jan	30-Sep
Witney Town Rams	11-Nov	14-Oct	25-Nov	03-Mar	24-Mar	03-Feb	02-Dec	04-Nov	13-Jan	06-Jan		07-Oct	10-Feb
Witney Town Red Kites	26-Nov	01-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	04-Mar	10-Dec	04-Feb	11-Feb	01-Apr	15-Oct	21-Jan		07-Jan
Witney Town Woolies	22-Oct	18-Mar	19-Nov	17-Dec	28-Jan	08-Oct	18-Feb	11-Mar	25-Mar	14-Jan	29-Oct	24-Sep	

Witney Mills Short Mat.

As you might be aware we have agreed to host the home games for the two Witney Mills teams, on Thursday evenings, whilst the West Witney Social Clubhouse is renovated over the winter. In order to accommodate these fixtures we will need help in clearing away the tables and chairs, after the Thursday Art Club, and roll out the mats ready for the Mills fixtures. We are asking for help for about an hour at about 5pm on their fixture dates and there is a sheet, again on the internal notice board, inviting you to put your names down if you can find the time to help. Needless to say the more names the less work and it will require a minimum of two people to prepare for these fixtures. The 5pm time slot only applies on the last Thursday of the month when the horticultural club use the clubhouse, other Thursdays can be anytime after 1pm when the Art Club finish so if you can attend at a different time then put that time on the sheet and it might tie in with someone else being available to help. Could committee members/key holders make sure that one of you is there in order to open up and/or lock up?

Club Internal Short Mat Leagues.

We need more names down in order to run the Monday Pairs and/or the Friday Triples leagues. Please enter your names as I hope to start the league/s in early October.

Short Mat Afternoon Taster Sessions.

Those of you who wish to try short mat bowls I plan to be at the club on Saturday 27th September between 1pm and 5pm and again on Sunday 28th September 1pm to 5pm. If anyone is interested in attending, either as a new short mat bowler or to take the opportunity to have an early roll up then please let me know in advance.

Quiz.

Teams of six or less and tickets available at the club.



Facebook link.

Sue Hedges has set up and maintains a Burford Bowls Club Facebook page and there is now a link on the homepage of the club's Website to this Facebook page. More photos on there than I can include in a newsletter. Many thanks for maintaining this Sue as it puts the club name out there and Sue asks if you could "follow" the Facebook page.

2026 Tour.

From John Hurren.

Below is a draft itinerary for the bowls tour to Norfolk 7 – 11 May 2026 which is now fully subscribed with 60 tourists of which 42 are bowlers. A reserve list is now been set up for anyone expressing an interest in going which will be used to cover anyone dropping out from the tour.

The deposit of £60 should be paid as soon as possible to secure your place and can be paid in cash at the bar or by cheque either posted to John Hurren or at the bar. The preferred payment method is by BACS transfer to the club account Burford Town Bowls Club sort code 30-91-43 Account No 00023018. Please add the reference : **Surname + Tour 26.**

Proposed itinerary

Thurs 7 May 2026

Travel to Great Yarmouth, leaving from Burford Bowls Club at 9 am and Minster Lovell at 9.15 am. Arrive at the Palm Court Hotel on the Yarmouth sea-front at around 2 pm (inc coach stops). Check in from 3 pm. The rest of the day is free to do what you like. The hotel is a 10 minute walk into Central Yarmouth along the Esplanade.

Friday 8 May

Leave hotel at 11 am to visit Norwich City Centre (30 min drive). Arrive at County Arts Bowls club, Norwich at 12.45 hrs. The match starts at 1.30pm – 6 rinks, 18 ends –no break. Pre-match refreshments can be purchased. Coach will collect us at 5 pm to return to the hotel for dinner. There is entertainment in the evening at the hotel.

Sat 9 May

Leave hotel at 10.30 hrs to visit the Sherringham Market (one hour drive) and arrive at Sherringham Morley Bowls Club at 12.30 hrs where lunch can be purchased. The match starts at 1.30pm – 6 rinks, 18 ends –no break. Coach will collect us at 5 pm to return to the hotel for dinner. There is entertainment in the evening at the hotel.

Sun 10 May

Leave hotel at 10 am for an Optional boat trip on the Norfolk Broads for 90 minutes (10.30 to 12.00 hrs). Cost is approx £9. Coach will pick up again from the hotel at 12.30 hrs to travel to Martham Bowls club (30 mins max). Arrive at 1 pm when lunch can be obtained from the club if needed. The match starts at 2 pm – 6 rinks, 18 ends –no break. Coach will collect us at 5.30 pm to return to the hotel for dinner. There is entertainment in the evening at the hotel.

Mon 11 May

Check out of hotel by 9 am. Coach will leave at 9.30 am and travel to Aylesbury Bowls Club in Buckinghamshire for a match at 1.30pm - 7 rinks, 18 ends –no break. This will be followed by buffet style refreshments after the game & before returning to the Oxfordshire drop off points between 19.30-20.30hrs. All tourists will be catered.

Total cost per person will be £340. Deposits of £60 will be required to secure your place.

President's Day.

Sunday 21st September 2:30 start.

Names that were entered onto the availability sheet were divided into playing positions then drawn out to make up the 4 rinks shown below.

We plan to have some food (sausages, rolls, chips and desserts after).

Four triples last year – four rinks this year. Thank you to everyone for your support.

We hope to have squad photos for both the Men's League and the Mixed League taken during the day (time to be confirmed later).

President's team		Captain's team	
Rink 1		Rink 1	
1	Trevor Clack	1	Robin Clare
2	Tracey Godfrey	2	Eddy Tuckey
3	Stephen Webb	3	Doreen Dowley
skip	John Hurren	skip	Tim Jolley
Rink 2		Rink 2	
1	Bert Clough	1	Fiona Cooke/Richard Parker
2	Jess Bolton	2	Stan Lawrence
3	Darren Wakeman	3	Trevor Wakeman
skip	Tim Wilkins	skip	Steve Gould
Rink 3		Rink 3	
1	Philip Slaymaker	1	Sarah Randall
2	Jan Bolton	2	Derek Kelleher
3	Pat Walker	3	Ted Walker
skip	Tim Stacey	skip	Jeff Bizzell
Rink 4		Rink 4	
1	David Hiscock	1	Dave Lewis
2	Kevin Cheeseman	2	Stan Matthews
3	Paul Randall	3	Pauline Tuckey
skip	Jack Lafford	skip	Bob Parker

And finally.

Although we have had some welcome rain over the past week or so I thought I might include a photo taken 23rd September last year, still time but I think the water table is well down to cause anything similar.



Jeff Bizzell