



Newsletter 10/25

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October Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
Oct 1 st	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 2 nd	Art Class	9am-1pm
Oct 2 nd	OSMBA -WM “Weavers” v WT “Rams”	7pm
Oct 3 rd	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Oct 4 th	Hockey Club	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Oct 6 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	From 6:30pm
Oct 7 th	OSMBA – Burford v Witney Mills “Weavers”	Home 7:15pm
Oct 8 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 9 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Oct 9 th	OSMBA – WM “Millers” v WT “Canaries”	7pm
Oct 10 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Oct 13 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 14 th	OSMBA – Burford v North Leigh “Millers”	Home 7:15pm
Oct 15 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 16 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Oct 16 th	OSMBA – WM “Millers” v WM “Weavers”	7pm
Oct 17 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Oct 18 th	Hockey Club	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Oct 20 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 22 nd	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 22 nd	OSMBA – Burford v Witney Town “Wollies”	Away 7:15pm
Oct 23 rd	Art Class	9am-1pm
Oct 23 rd	Horticultural Club	2pm-5pm
Oct 23 rd	OSMBA–WM “Millers” v Hanbro “Harriers”	7pm
Oct 24 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Oct 27 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 28 th	OSMBA – Burford v Charlbury “Cedars”	Home 7:15pm
Oct 29 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 29 th	Committee Meeting	7pm
Oct 30 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Oct 30 th	OSMBA–WM “Millers” v WT “Red Kites”	7pm

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

Men's League.

Division 3 Men's League Champions 2025.



Majority of players were involved with the President's Day on 21st September, an ideal opportunity to have the team photo taken. Missing were Michael Papamichael and Roger Hopkins.

Oxfordshire Mixed League Winners 2025.



As with Men's League photo the President's Day was an ideal opportunity to have the team photo taken, I believe all who played in the league were present for the photo.

Friendlies.

The friendly that was due to be played against Middle Barton away on 14th September was cancelled due to the expected bad weather which, as it turned out, was a very good decision given how much rain fell in the afternoon.

During the season, including the Torquay tour, we played 29 friendlies

[v Witney Mills 26th April](#) won 111-69
[v Tetbury 27th April](#) won 90-77
[v Gamekeepers 2nd May](#) won 113-30
[v Rodbourne Cheney 4th May](#) won 87-71
[v Fairford 16th May](#) lost 72-75
[v Banbury Chestnuts 18th May](#) won 76-48
[v Filkins 20th May](#) lost 35-43
v Swindon North End 31st May cancelled
[v Morton-in-Marsh 6th June](#) won 75-73
[v Wanborough 8th June](#) won 91-69
[v Carterton 10th June](#) lost 74-86
[v Hanborough 17th June](#) lost 60-65
[v Highworth 21st June](#) won 77-70
[v Bloxham 22nd June](#) won 88-49
[v Chadlington 24th June](#) won 74-61
[v Chippenham Park 29th June](#) lost 69-101
[v Shrivenham 13th July](#) lost 22-33
[v Wychwood 15th July](#) 93-37
[v Malmesbury 20th Aug](#) won 79-53
[v Woodstock 27th July](#) won 90-44
[v Witney Mills 1st Aug](#) won 84-69
[v Begbroke 2nd Aug](#) lost 49-89
[v Filkins 5th Aug](#) lost 27-46
[v Supermarine 9th Aug](#) won 111-60
[v Witney Town 12th Aug](#) lost 80-91
[v Headington 30th Aug](#) won 46-25
v Middle Barton 14th Sept cancelled

[v Kings Bowls Club Torquay 9th May](#) won 99-75
[v Brixham Bowls Club 10th May](#) lost 87-98
[v Teignmouth Bowls Club 11th May](#) won 113-78
[v Wotton-under-Edge Bowls Club 12th May](#) won 106-84

Two cancelled, one where the opposition could not raise a team and the other due to weather, and only nine defeats speaks well for our ability to put out competitive teams. With the increase in membership we will have to consider arranging more friendlies especially when our new bowlers become more proficient and start to push to be included in matches. If I may take this opportunity to express my thanks, as captain, to you all for putting yourselves forward for selection in these friendlies. It makes life so much easier and only on rare occasions have I had to phone round to find someone to cover, usually a last-minute illness or unavailability, never have I had a problem to find a replacement; again thank you for supporting the club.

It is also an opportunity to once again thank both Sue and Brenda for putting the club at a different level with the wonderful teas they have provided during the season. The club's reputation has been advanced so much and is the envy of many visiting teams.

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	15	11	1	3	290	200	90	23
Wickers & Glancers	15	11	0	4	313	191	128	22
Try Again	15	11	0	4	270	204	66	22
Cee Bees	15	10	0	5	267	216	51	20
Burford Lions	15	8	1	6	254	222	32	17
Bobbins	15	7	2	6	266	239	27	16
Breakaways	15	8	0	7	249	235	14	16
Olivers Army	15	7	0	8	243	207	36	14
Jammy Dodgers	15	7	0	8	224	237.75	-14	14
Rebels	15	6	1	8	212	246	-34	13
Tail Enders	15	6	1	8	211	265	-54	13
Misfits	15	6	0	9	246.8	243	3.75	12
New Shoots	15	6	0	9	220	273	-53	12
Late Comers	15	4	2	9	196	312	-116	10
Wikki Wanderers	15	4	1	10	197	279	-82	9
Meercats	15	2	3	10	182	277	-95	7

Witney Town Monday Open Triples 2025				
Results for games played on : 08 September 2025				
Home Team	Score			Away Team
Late Comers	9	v	23	Bobbins
Misfits	21.8	v	7	Jammy Dodgers
Tail Enders	9	v	24	Olivers Army
Cee Bees	15	v	14	Dark Side of the Loom
Burford Lions	23	v	13	Rebels
New Shoots	11	v	22	Breakaways
Try Again	26	v	6	Wikki Wanderers
Wickers & Glancers	31	v	12	Meercats

We did manage to finish fifth in this league which, given our embarrassing start where we were second from bottom after five games, was quite an achievement!!

Congratulations to Ben Healy, Anne Lister, Brian Messenger, Gary Ambrosini, Martin Lister and Tim Ludlow who, as Dark Side of the Loom, were this year's champions.

Club Triples.

Many congratulations to John Hurren, Derek Kelleher and Roger Hopkins on winning the Club Triples played on Saturday 6th September.



Club Competitions.

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up in this year's club competitions. Thank you to everyone who entered and a special thanks to Jess Bolton for all of his hard work covering all of the club competitions in his first season as competitions secretary.

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Steve Gould	Darren Wakeman
Ladies' singles	Tracey Godfrey	Fiona Cook
Open Singles	John Hurren	Steve Gould
Handicap Singles	Steve Gould	John Hurren
3 Wood Singles	Ted Walker	John Hurren
2 Wood Singles	Tim Wilkins	Trevor Wakeman
Never Won Singles	Darren Wakeman	Steve Webb
4 Wood Open Pairs	Jan Bolton & Jack Lafford	Roger Hopkins & Jeff Bizzell
3 Wood Open Pairs	John Hurren & Steve Gould	Roger Hopkins & Jeff Bizzell
4 Wood Mixed Pairs	Trevor Wakeman & Sarah Randall	Doreen Dowley & Steve Gould
Tony Trevellian	Tim Stacey	
Percy Cook	Trevor Wakeman & Darren Wakeman	
Worth Webb	Tim Stacey & Jack Lafford	
Club Triples	John Hurren, Roger Hopkins, Derek Kelleher	

President's Day.



On a wonderfully sunny, but chilly, afternoon we completed a most successful season with the annual President's v Captain's Day which attracted thirty-six club members divided up into three rinks and two triples. Putting players into a playing position then randomly selecting out into teams resulted in a very close 121 to 127 shots result in favour of the Captain's team.

Short Mat.

OSMBA League.

Our first match was away against Hanborough "Heron" played on 30th October which we won 8-0 (35-26). Table below is the first week's results where we had a bye.

	WEST OXFORDSHIRE	P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS
1	Charbury Cedars	1	1	0	0	19	8
2	Charbury Oaks	1	1	0	0	9	8
3	North Leigh Millers	1	1	0	0	8	8
4	Hanborough Harriers	1	1	0	0	22	6
5	Hanborough Herons	1	0	0	1	-22	2
6	Burford Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Witney Town Canaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Witney Town Rams	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Witney Town Red Kites	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Witney Town Woolies	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Charbury Willows	1	0	0	1	-8	0
12	Witney Mills Weavers	1	0	0	1	-9	0
13	Witney Mills Millers	1	0	0	1	-19	0

RESULTS THIS WEEK

DATE	HOME TEAM	RESULT	AWAY TEAM
25/09/2025	Witney Mills Millers	16 - 35 0 - 8	Charbury Cedars
24/09/2025	North Leigh Millers	33 - 25 8 - 0	Charbury Willows
23/09/2025	Charbury Oaks	30 - 21 8 - 0	Witney Mills Weavers
23/09/2025	Hanborough Harriers	49 - 27 6 - 2	Hanborough Herons
00/01/1900	0	0 0 - 0	0
00/01/1900	0	0 0 - 0	0

FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

DATE	HOME TEAM	v	AWAY TEAM
30/09/2025	Charbury Willows	v	Hanborough Harriers
30/09/2025	Hanborough Herons	v	Burford Lions
30/09/2025	Witney Town Canaries	v	Witney Town Woolies
01/10/2025	North Leigh Millers	v	Charbury Oaks
01/10/2025	Witney Town Red Kites	v	Charbury Cedars
02/10/2025	Witney Mills Weavers	v	Witney Town Rams

Witney Mills Short Mat.

We still need more names to help on Thursdays putting away the tables and chairs and rolling out the mats ready for the Witney Mills fixtures.

Witney Town Wednesday Short Mat Triples.

We have entered a team in the year's Witney Town Short Mat Triples.

Club Internal Friday Short Mat League.

DATE	MAT 1	MAT 2	Team 1	Roger H	Ted W	Tracey G	Dave L		
10/10/25	3V5	4V6	Team 2	John H	Pat W	Paul R	Kevin C		
17/10/25	1V5	2V6	Team 3	Jeff B	Trevor W	Denise G	Graham K		
24/10/25	1V3	2V4	Team 4	Jack L	Doreen D	David H	Jan B		
31/10/25	3V6	4V5	Team 5	Tim S	Steve W	Sarah R	Derek K		
07/11/25	1V6	2V5	Team 6	Bob P	Ian G	Trevor C	Lesley W		
14/11/25	No Game								
21/11/25	1V4	2V3	Res List	Steve G		Tim J		Dougie	
28/11/25	3V4	5V6							
05/12/25	1V2			7:00pm start					
12/12/25	6V4	5V3							
19/12/25	6V2	5V1		18 ends with one shot counting on the first two ends					
26/12/25	No Game								
02/01/26	4V2	3V1		When the jack goes off the side of the rink - 2 shots away and the end will count					
09/01/26	5V4	6V3							
16/01/26	5V2	6V1							
23/01/26	3V2	4V1		Unavailability to be covered by stand-down player of the same team.					
30/01/26	6V5	4V3							
06/02/26		2V1							
13/02/26	3V5	4V6		If not possible then a substitute from the reserve pool or resting team to be arranged.					
20/02/26	1V5	2V6		This substitute cannot play as skip					
27/02/26	1V3	2V4							
06/03/26	3V6	4V5							
13/03/26	1V6	2V5		If only one player available that player plays skip with two substitutes					
20/03/26	1V4	2V3							
27/03/26	3V4	5V6							
03/04/26	1V2			No cancellations.....0-10 score penalty					

Long Mat.

There is a list on the notice board of long mat friendlies and league matches. Please enter your name if you have an interest in playing long mat.

Quiz.

The music quiz, held on Saturday 20th September, was a great success with 62 tickets sold from which 58 attended. These ticket sales, along with the donated raffle prizes, resulted in a profit to the club of £450. Many thanks to Brenda and all her band of helpers for organising and presenting such an entertaining quiz evening.

Club Dinner and Presentation Evening.

SAT 15th NOVEMBER 7pm FOR 7.30pm

Price £30 .00 per person

- A) Home-made minestrone soup
or
- B) Prawn Platter with Marie Rose sauce with mixed leaves
Assorted Breads and butter

- C) Traditional Roast Turkey , sausage and bacon, seasoning and roast gravy
Or
- D) Roasted Hake Fillet served on a Bed of Spinach
Or
- E) Home Made Lentil and Sweet Potato Cottage Pie (V)
Selection of Potatoes and vegetables of the chef's choice

- F) Home Made Key Pie
- G) Home-made white Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie (GF)
or
- H) Fresh Fruit Salad
Served with cream

Coffee or tea with chocolate mints

Please fill in form with your choice of menu, and any dietary requirements (e.g., celiac, gluten free etc)

CUT.....&.....SEND.....TO.....PAT.....WALKER.....

NAME	STARTER (A or B)	MAIN COURSE (C,D or E)	DESSERT(F,G or H)

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Pay by cash , cheque or BACs sort code: 30-91-43 a/c 00023018 to Burford town bowls club

Or bring to the club . Many Thanks ,Pat

The form for the club's annual dinner and presentation evening, along with the menu, is on the notice board

And finally.

This is an ideal opportunity to express, on behalf of the club, our gratitude to Jack Lafford and Trevor Wakeman for all their hard work in maintaining the bowls green over what has been a very dry summer. Many of you may not realise the number of journeys they both made to the club during the summer in order to change the position of the water tractor. Following the closing of the green they have both spent many hours cutting, scarifying, aerating, spreading sand and seed. Jack would like to thank Tim Stacey, Paul Randall, Stan Matthews, Stan Lawrence, Michael Papamichael, Steve Webb, Tim Jolley, Philip Slaymaker for their help last week in preparing the green and the outside area ready for winter; with a special mention to Brenda who made up a brunch for everyone.

Jeff Bizzell