

Club Friendly

Burford v Witney Mills

at Burford 1st Aug 2025

Burford		shots	Witney Mills		shots
R2	Jack Lafford	18	John		13
R3	Jeff Bizzell	24	Richard		8
R4	Ted Walker	12	David		20
R5	John Hurren	12	Kevin		17
R6	Tim Wilkins	18	Neil		11
Total		84	Total		69

This fixture, rearranged from 18th July was everything a local friendly should be and we were so pleased that both clubs could put up five rinks. A very chilly evening did not affect the warm relationship we share with Mills.

On Rink2 Jack Lafford's four found themselves 2-6 down at the 5th end but then scored 13 unanswered shots on the next six ends to be 15-6 up at the 11th end. Although the final ends scored 3-shots against 7-shots there was enough shots in the bag for an 18-13 win. With two ladies on Rink3 for Mills one long jack soon made it apparent that long jacks would not make for a friendly game so three-quarter jacks were the maximum length. The scores were quite even at the start at 4-3 on the 6th end but then Jeff Bizzell's four scored 16-shots to one over the next seven ends to lead 20-4 and finally finished winners by 24-8 shots, claiming the pens. Rink4 saw Ted Walker stand in as skip and did not have the best of starts when not gaining their first shot until the 4th end when five shots down. They went further behind and, although they picked up three shots at the 8th end, the score by then was 4-12. Any score they picked up was met by their opposition and by the time they broke into double figures the opposition were at 20-shots and ended 12-20 down. John Hurren on Rink5 were behind after the 3rd end until the 11th end when they edged in front 10-9 then one shot put them 11-9 up. Unfortunately eight-shots against on the next five ends to one scored on the last end gave a final score of 12-17. From being tied at 5-5 on the 8th end Tim Wilkins' four went to 9-5 at the 10th end but were then pulled back to 9-8 at the 12th end. 9-shots to 3-shots over the remaining six ends gave a final score of 18-11.

A most enjoyable evening's bowls was rounded off by what is becoming the well known "Burford Tea" and we are so lucky to have Sue Hedges and Brenda Moody-Chandler giving their time and energy to providing such wonderful food.