



Newsletter 02/26

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February Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
Feb 2 nd	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Feb 3 rd	OSMBA–Burford v WT “Woollies”	Home 7:15pm
Feb 4 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Feb 5 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Feb 5 th	OSMBA–WM “Weavers” v Charl b “Cedars”	7pm
Feb 6 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Feb 9 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Feb 11 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Feb 11 th	OSMBA – Burford v Charlbury “Cedars”	Away 7:15pm
Feb 12 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Feb 12 th	OSMBA–WM “Weavers” v Charl b “Willows”	7pm
Feb 13 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Feb 14 th	Valentine Party	6:30pm - late
Feb 16 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Feb 17 th	OSMBA – Burford v WT “Canaries”	Away 7:15pm
Feb 18 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Feb 19 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Feb 19 th	OSMBA–WM “Millers” v WT “Rams”	7pm
Feb 20 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Feb 23 rd	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Feb 24 th	OSMBA – Burford v WT “Rams”	Home 7:15pm
Feb 25 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Feb 26 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
Feb 26 th	Horticultural Club	2pm – 5pm
Feb 26 th	OSMBA–WM “Millers” v Charlbury “Oaks”	7pm
Feb 27 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
Feb 28 th	Hockey Club	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Feb 28 th /Mar 1 st	Working weekend	Whatever hours you can make.

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

OSMBA League.

	WEST OXFORDSHIRE	P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS
1	Witney Mills Weavers	16	12	0	4	133	96
2	Charlbury Cedars	16	12	0	4	131	89
3	Witney Town Canaries	16	11	1	4	105	81
4	Witney Town Red Kites	16	10	2	4	68	78
5	Charlbury Oaks	15	9	1	5	50	77
6	Witney Town Rams	16	8	0	8	66	75
7	North Leigh Millers	16	8	0	8	9	66
8	Burford Lions	15	8	0	7	-5	63
9	Charlbury Willows	15	8	0	7	6	61
10	Hanborough Harriers	16	6	0	10	33	52
11	Hanborough Herons	16	5	0	11	-66	48
12	Witney Mills Millers	15	2	0	13	-221	21
13	Witney Town Woolies	16	1	0	15	-309	9

Witney Town Wednesday Triples League.

Witney Town Wednesday Open Triples 2025 - 2026								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Allsorts	19	14	1	4	302	166	136	29
Little Lambs	19	14	0	5	255	183	72	28
Witney Houston	19	13	1	5	282	158	124	27
Tail Enders	19	12	3	4	255	195	60	27
Flying Shuttles	19	12	2	5	258	190	68	26
Burford Lions	19	12	1	6	267	205	62	25
Dark Side of the Loom	18	11	1	6	256	144	112	23
The Millers	19	10	3	6	277	181	96	23
Seals	19	9	2	8	220	203	17	20
Woodpeckers	18	9	1	8	198	175	23	19
Bobbins	19	7	0	12	235	246	-11	14
The Bowling Stones	19	7	0	12	164	291	-127	14
Clueless	18	6	0	12	159	226	-67	12
Novices	19	6	0	13	158	284	-126	12
Jammie Dodgers	19	5	1	13	169	273	-104	11
Butter Crossers	19	3	0	16	143	351	-208	6
Pick & Mix	19	2	0	17	145	272	-127	4

Club Friday Triples League.

FRIDAY TRIPLES LEAGUE

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Roger H	John H	Jeff B	Jack L	Tim S	Bob P
Ted W	Pat W	Trevor W	Doreen D	Steve W	Ian G
Tracey G	Paul R	Denise G	David H	Sarah R	Trevor C
Dave L	Kevin C	Graham K	Jan B	Derek K	Lesley W

		Date																											
Team 1	132	Shots for	0	19	16	0	13	0	9	0	25	0	15	0	10	0	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	170	Shots against	0	18	12	0	18	0	21	0	19	0	20	0	21	0	22	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-30	Difference	0	1	0	0	-5	0	0	0	6	0	-5	0	-11	0	-12	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	6	Points	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team 2	123	Shots for	0	8	16	0	16	0	12	0	19	0	12	0	17	0	17	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	157	Shots against	0	17	16	0	17	0	14	0	25	0	22	0	12	0	12	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-25	Difference	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0	-6	0	-10	0	5	0	5	-16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	Points	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team 3	180	Shots for	7	0	12	16	0	0	14	25	0	16	0	0	21	21	0	22	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	146	Shots against	25	0	16	17	0	0	12	14	0	23	0	0	10	12	0	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	34	Difference	-18	0	-4	-1	0	0	2	11	0	-7	0	0	11	9	0	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	12	Points	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team 4	153	Shots for	14	0	16	0	0	0	21	14	24	12	0	0	12	10	0	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	182	Shots against	28	0	16	0	0	0	9	25	7	18	0	0	17	21	0	15	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-29	Difference	-14	0	0	0	0	0	12	-11	17	-6	0	0	-5	-11	0	4	-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7	Points	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team 5	173	Shots for	25	18	0	0	17	0	0	17	7	23	20	0	0	21	12	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	147	Shots against	7	19	0	0	16	0	0	10	24	16	15	0	0	10	17	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	26	Difference	18	-1	0	0	1	0	0	7	-17	7	5	0	0	11	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	13	Points	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team 6	177	Shots for	28	17	0	17	18	0	0	10	0	18	22	0	0	12	22	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	136	Shots against	14	8	0	16	13	0	0	17	0	12	12	0	0	21	10	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	41	Difference	14	9	0	1	5	0	0	-7	0	6	10	0	0	-9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15	Points	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

League as of 30/01/26								
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Diff	Points
6	10	7	2	1	177	136	41	15
5	10	6	3	1	173	147	26	13
3	10	6	4	0	180	146	34	12
4	10	3	6	1	153	182	-29	7
1	9	3	6	0	132	170	-30	6
2	9	2	6	1	123	157	-25	5

Long Mat Results.

On Sat, 3 January we took on a game against Chipping Norton with four triples participating. We had a resounding win on 3 rinks with a final score of 73-56 to Burford.

Players were: Rink 1 - Brenda M-C, Derek K and Jack, who came second with an 11-25 result
Rink 2 - Stan Matthews, Bob Parker and Pauline won by 22-8 (and won the pens)
Rink 3 - Ed Tuckey, Tim Stacey & Trevor W won by 19-12
Rink 4 - Dougie, Darren W & John H won by 21-11

Thanks to everyone for supporting this annual friendly match.

Thank you to John Hurren for that report.

There was a Bob Edwards game at Carterton which was an 8-4 win over Carterton earlier in the month and a league game at Chipping Norton yesterday finished with a 20-12 loss.

Fixture cards.

Tim Jolley, the club's new fixture's secretary, has nearly finalised the fixtures ready to submit for printing. Many thanks to Pat Walker for helping Tim in his first year.

Sponsorship.

Once again, we are very fortunate to have Peter Smith & Son (funeral directors in Witney) as our main sponsors and there are plans to recognise their generous contributions to the club by including them on a Burford Town Bowls Club sign. The Gala Day, our well supported and much appreciated (by those invited to attend) main fund raiser, will hopefully see Peter Smith & Son represented and available to make the presentations when the Gala is held on 30th August this year. The very generous financial contribution made annually by Peter Smith & Son is very much appreciated and maybe deserves more recognition.

After a couple of false starts last year, we have now formed a working relationship with Cotswold Gate Care Home at Forest Grove (opposite the garden centre on the Shilton Road) who had expressed an interest in supporting local clubs. They have very kindly agreed to fund the printing costs for both this season's fixture cards and a new batch of scorecards. They have also offered to sponsor the food for the Allan Tuckwell Memorial Trophy Day on 5th July, either by providing direct from their kitchens or separately by external caterers, Brenda will liaise with them nearer the time. They would be interested in providing an advertising board to be mounted on the external wall of the clubhouse and support future bingo or quiz evenings to which some of their residents would be keen on attending. It would appear that some of the residents would be interested in visiting the club, as spectators, to some of our internal competitions.

Many thanks to Tim Jolley and Jess Bolton for taking the time to visit the Care Home and making these arrangements. This brings in funds that help to keep our registration fees as one of the least expensive in the county.

If anyone has any ideas or contacts for fund raising please mention this to one of the committee.

External Competitions.

On the main notice board there are application forms for Morton-in-Marsh Mixed Rinks competition on Saturday May 23rd and Charlbury Open Mixed Fours to be held on Sunday 26th July and their Hazel Smith Triples to be held on Sunday 16th August. If anyone is interested in making up teams then please use the forms for your application to enter.

Valantine Party.

CALLING ALL GANGSTERS AND MOLLS

VALENTINE PARTY

February 14 2026

Doors open 6.30pm

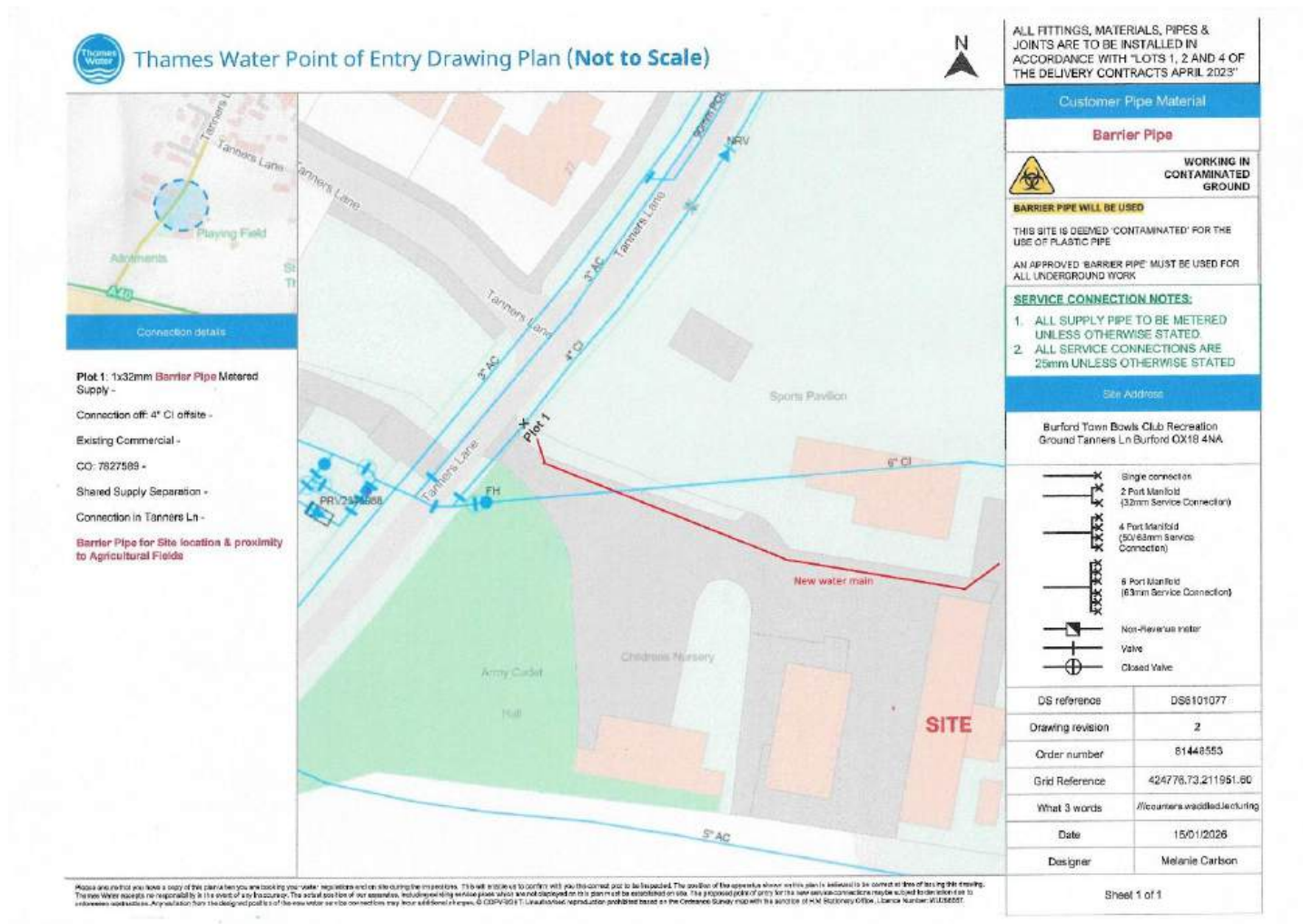
at Burford Town Bowls Club

**TICKETS £5.00 EACH
INCL SUPPER**

Fancy dress optional



New Water Main.



Following recent discussions with Thames Water which included a site visit by one of their engineers, we have been able to reduce the cost of connecting onto the 4-inch water main in Tanners Lane to just under £3k from an initial quotation of just under £8k. This was achieved simply by moving the connection point from the middle of the car park entrance to the grass verge to the left, marked as Plot 1 on the drawing. This quotation is only for Thames Water to connect to their water main and we still have the expense of laying in the 32mm barrier pipe from Tanners Lane to the clubhouse. We are talking to Burford Town Council to see if they can help with materials if we improve the drainage in the car park whilst digging out the trench. To gain better access to connect the barrier pipe to the clubhouse we will be removing the living conifer and conifer stumps to the left of the gate entrance. This could lead itself to provide for a more welcoming entrance to the club and will also open up a wider access to install a rain water harvester should we be able to find funds for such an undertaking.

Prior to the working weekend, planned for 28th Feb/ 1st March, we plan to bring down the conifers, collect up any useful wood (already booked for Paul Randall) and stack up any debris to be chipped or put out as green waste. Having the digger for the working weekend will enable us to remove the tree stumps.

Work around the club.

Weekend 28th Feb/1st March.

Whilst we have enough volunteers to assist Tim Stacey with digging out the trench, we will be looking for some help to lay sand in the bottom of the trench and lay in the pipe and back fill for drainage. We would also appreciate any additional help as Jack and Trevor have jobs that need doing around the club in preparing for the green opening in April. If you can give a few, or many hours, please let Jack know as there is an incentive of a bacon or sausage butty (prepared by Brenda) but we would like to know numbers. There will be a sheet on the board for volunteers to let us know their availability over that weekend.

And finally.

An update on our long-term absentees.

Paul Banfield.

Paul reports that he is walking much easier following his ankle replacement surgery in July last year but it is still a long-term healing process. He plans to register in April and hopefully attend some early roll-ups.

Paul Claridge.

“Still crocked” is Paul’s medical update following complications after knee surgery way back in May 2023 and further surgery in December 2024. He currently is using an electric scooter and a wheeled frame to help his mobility and, whilst he may not be able to play this year, he might be able to have a roll-up if permitted to use the wheeled frame as it would allow him to sit at each end as bowling should not pose a problem.

Sally Coulter.

More positive news from Sally who you may remember came off second best to a dog that collided into her legs and fractured her right tibia in four places. Sally is now starting in the gym and hopes to be ready for the new season.

Ian Dick.

During last year Ian did not think he would be able to bowl again due to ongoing leg and knee problems but is currently more optimistic and hopes to be able to make a few roll-ups this year.

We welcome back all of our missing members and I understand the club has attracted in some new members who will be registering in April.

Jeff Bizzell