



Newsletter 04/26

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April Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
April 1 st	Art Class	10am – 5pm
April 2 nd	Art Class	9am-1pm
April 2 nd	OSMBA–WM “Millers” v North Leigh “Millers”	7pm
April 3 rd	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
April 6 th	Club Green Open – Registration Evening	6:30pm – 10pm
April 8 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
April 9 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
April 10 th	Social evening – Club SM Triples League	From 6:30pm
April 11 th	Horticultural Spring Show	9am – 3pm
April 11 th	Hockey Club	4:30pm - 5:30pm
April 13 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
April 15 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
April 16 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
April 16 th	Men’s League Practice	From 6:00pm
April 18 th	Tony Trevelyan	1pm start
April 20 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
April 23 rd	Men’s League – KO Cup – Oxford C&C	Away 6:00pm
April 24 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
April 25 th	Friendly – Witney Mills -5T	Away 1:30pm
April 25 th	Cowboys and Indians Evening	From 6:30pm
April 26 th	Friendly – Tetbury – 4/5T	Away 2:30pm
April 27 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
April 28 th	OMTL – Witney Town “Panthers”	Away 6:15pm
April 29 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
April 30 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
April 30 th	Men’s League – KO Cup – 2 nd round - TBC	

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

OSMBA League.

	WEST OXFORDSHIRE	P	W	D	L	DIFF	Pts
1	Witney Town Red Kites	23	17	2	4	112	126
2	Witney Mills Weavers	23	16	0	7	196	125
3	Witney Town Rams	24	13	0	11	157	118
4	Witney Town Canaries	23	16	1	6	113	116
5	Charlbury Cedars	23	15	0	8	126	114
6	Charlbury Oaks	23	13	1	9	73	111
7	Charlbury Willows	23	14	0	9	56	107
8	North Leigh Millers	23	12	0	11	31	99
9	Burford Lions	23	11	0	12	19	90
10	Hanborough Harriers	23	9	0	14	17	75
11	Hanborough Herons	23	6	0	17	-175	61
12	Witney Mills Millers	23	3	1	19	-299	35
13	Witney Town Woolies	23	2	1	20	-425	23

Witney Town Wednesday Triples League.

Witney Town Wednesday Open Triples 2025 - 2026								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff	
Tail Enders	29	20	3	6	414	273	141	43
Little Lambs	28	21	0	7	371	249	122	42
Alberts	28	19	2	7	416	267	149	40
Flying Shuttles	28	19	2	7	384	276	108	40
Witney Houston	28	19	1	8	406	255	151	39
Burford Lions	28	17	1	10	388	292	96	36
Dark Side of the Loom	28	16	2	10	409	246	157	34
Woodpeckers	28	15	2	11	322	250	72	32
The Millers	29	13	4	12	377	314	63	30
Seals	29	14	2	13	387	383	4	30
Jamnie Dodgers	28	12	1	15	302	357	-55	25
The Bowling Stars	28	11	1	16	243	378	-135	23
Novices	28	10	1	17	257	386	-129	21
Bobbers	28	7	1	20	304	382	-78	15
Chalkies	28	6	1	21	229	390	-167	13
Pick & Mix	28	5	0	23	221	388	-167	10
Butter Crossers	29	4	0	25	207	539	-332	6

Club Friday Triples League.

FRIDAY TRIPLES LEAGUE

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Alpha M	Alpha N	Alpha O	Alpha P	Alpha Q	Alpha R
Team W	Team X	Team Y	Team Z	Team A	Team B
Team C	Team D	Team E	Team F	Team G	Team H
Team I	Team J	Team K	Team L	Team M	Team N

			Date																							
			2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	
Team 1	188	score for	8	18	88	8	18	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	178	first against	8	18	18	8	18	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	168	difference	8	1	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	8	score	8	2	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Team 2	158	score for	8	8	18	8	18	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	168	first against	8	12	88	8	12	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	178	difference	8	8	8	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	12	score	8	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Team 3	150	score for	7	8	11	88	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	188	first against	18	8	88	17	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	168	difference	18	8	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	18	score	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Team 4	198	score for	18	8	18	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	168	first against	18	8	88	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	178	difference	18	8	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	11	score	8	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Team 5	198	score for	18	18	8	8	12	8	8	12	7	18	18	8	8	11	11	8	11	8	8	17	8	11	8	12
	188	first against	7	18	0	8	18	8	8	18	18	18	8	8	18	17	8	11	8	18	11	8	18	8	18	
	168	difference	18	1	8	8	1	8	8	7	17	7	8	8	11	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	8	8	
	17	score	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Team 6	198	score for	18	12	8	17	18	8	8	18	8	18	18	8	8	11	11	8	11	8	18	18	8	18	8	
	188	first against	18	8	8	88	18	8	8	17	8	18	18	8	8	11	11	8	11	8	18	18	8	18	8	
	178	difference	18	8	8	1	8	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	8	8	
	18	score	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	

League as of 27/03/26								
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Diff	Points
3	14	9	4	1	257	188	69	19
6	14	9	4	1	234	201	33	19
5	14	8	5	1	231	205	26	17
2	14	5	7	2	218	210	-8	12
4	14	5	8	1	222	241	-19	11
1	14	3	11	0	181	278	-99	6

2026 Registration.

Please note change of date from previously advertised.

Registration Evening

**Monday 6th April
2026 from 6pm**



£70 annual subscription

Plus enrolment to club competitions

@ £2 per competition

Payable by cheque, cash or BACS

transfer 30-91-43 00023018

Internal Club Competitions.

At the registration evening you are invited to enter the internal club knock-out competitions at £2.00 per competition.

Club KO Competitions
Men's Singles
Ladies' singles
Open Singles
Handicap Singles
3 Wood Singles
2 Wood Singles
Never Won Singles
4 Wood Open Pairs
3 Wood Open Pairs
4 Wood Mixed Pairs
Club Trophies
Tony Trevellian 18/04/26
Worth Webb 07/06/26
Allan Tuckwell 05/07/26
Percy Cook 11/07/26
Club Triples 05/09/26

The Club KO Competitions are open to all registered members of Burford Town Bowls Club and the draw will take place in the week commencing 19th April so this is the cut-off date for entries There will be "to be played by" dates for each round of each competition which you are asked to honour.

The Club Trophies are played on the date and entry is paid on the day, closing date for entries is set at one week before the competition in order to lay out the order of play for the day. Availability sheets will be put up on the noticeboard for entries to be made. As mentioned last month, the Allan Tuckwell Trophy is a new competition this year and will be based on an Aussie Rules format where pairs play four bowls on a 2-4-2 so each player plays as both lead and skip. We are hoping that this competition will be sponsored by Cotswold Gate Care Homes who will provide food for the day and make the presentations.

COWBOYS & INDIANS

Saturday

25th April

**From
6:30PM**

**Tickets £5
Includes
Supper
FUN GAMES**

BURFORD BOWLS CLUB

New Water Main.

Interesting exercise dealing with Thames Water! For those who do not know, the initial quotation for them to just dig down to their water main and connect our pipe via a water meter at the entrance to the car park was for £7,944. When this price was questioned it appeared that they would have to excavate the car park tarmac entrance and make good. Moving this point of entry to the grass verge reduced the quotation to £2988 and we went ahead with this quotation laying in the water pipe over the weekend 28th Feb/1st March only for the work to be failed on inspection as Thames Water had quoted for barrier pipe and not the standard MDPE blue pipe. It would appear that the barrier pipe is stipulated where the ground is contaminated and the metal barrier prevents contaminated ground water from entering the pipe. Appeals were made to Thames Water questioning the use of barrier pipe, which is 10X more expensive per unit length, on the car park ground which is not contaminated ground and we sited also recently passed local water main connections in more questionable ground. Fortunately, Thames Water came back approving the use of MDPE pipe with a new quotation of £2628 which put us in credit, having paid the previous quote, so there was no re-inspection fee of £220 and the final credit of £138 is to be repaid to the club.

The latest situation is we await Thames Water to make the connection of our pipe to their water main via a water meter but their site inspection has raised the requirement to apply for Tanners Lane to be closed for this work to proceed. Apparently, the Council require 14 weeks lead time to ensure all notices are issued from the date that the planner submits the permit to them! We wait for them to make the necessary arrangements but we have expressed our concerns about having the groundworks exposed. Pending permit approval work, Thames Water will be attending the site 24 June 2026 – 28 June 2026.

Meanwhile we are unable to break into the current water supply and seal off the old pipe feed to the clubhouse as this can only happen after we are connected to the new water supply. There is a shut-off tap and non-return valve in a new chamber at our end of the new pipe with also a standpipe arrangement for supplying water to the irrigation sprinklers. Unfortunately, these earthworks will be evident until Thames Water connect up and we can back fill the trench and make good the area so please be careful walking around this area.



Existing water main to clubhouse



Trenching around conifer roots



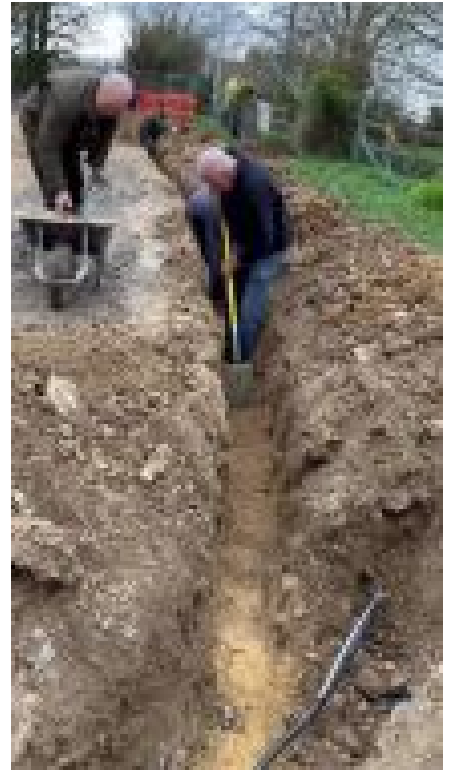
Trenching into carpark



Trenching under speed hump



One of two unmarked cables found



Hand dug trench around street light



Hand dug trenching near street light



Nearly there



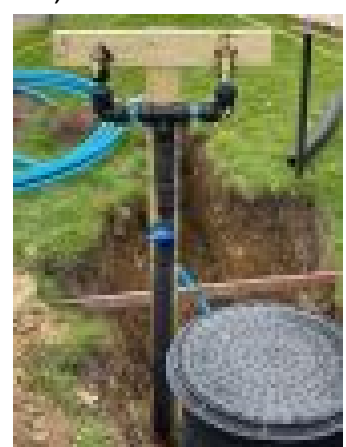
Another cable, at least it was marked

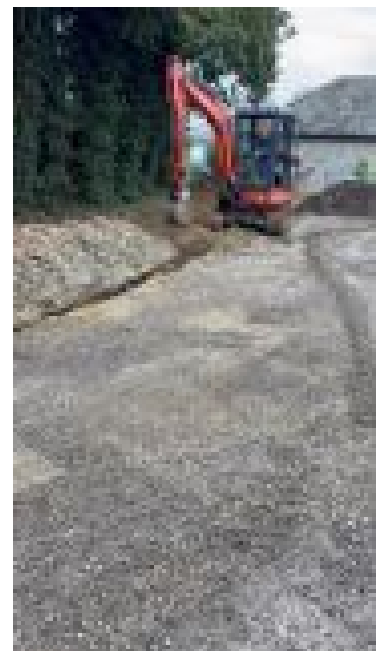
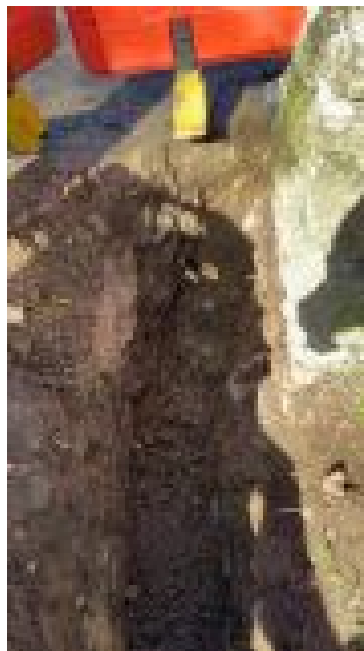
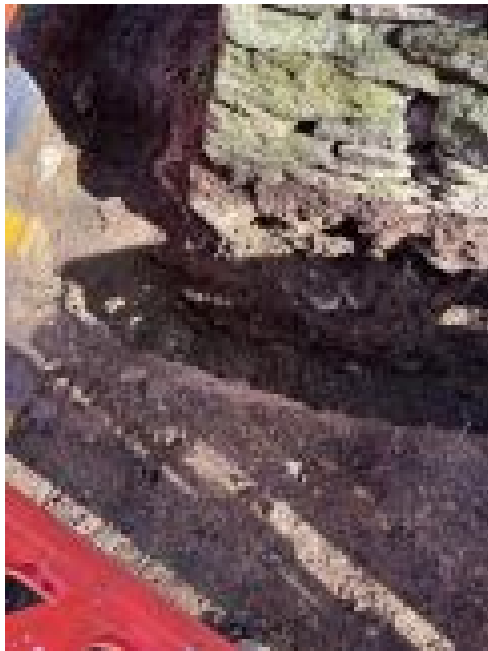


Fortunately the weather remained dry over the weekend.



New water main stop tap chamber and upstand





After 1st inspection an extra metre had to be dug out - past the boundary line! Quickly cover it up

Work around the club.

As well as a lot of work on the green being undertaken over the weekend, several other jobs were done to tidy up around the clubhouse ready for the new season. Not only around the clubhouse but you should notice that the Bowls Club road sign out at the Tanners Lane junction on the A40 has been cleaned.



Moss removed from the clubhouse roof.



Moss removal



Weed removal from slabs



Flooding outside the Army Cadets hut corrected by spreading 20 tonne of flint.



Feeding the working troops.

There are just too many to mention by name but for a club to have seventeen members on the Saturday and twelve on the Sunday it speaks volumes for the willingness of our club members to put themselves forward to help. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated by the committee and the club. Not many other clubs could muster up so many willing pairs of hands.

Norfolk Tour.

Everything is in order and John Hurren hopes to finalise numbers with the hotel early in April. Dress code will be club colours. Guest bowlers can choose to play in their club colours or whites.

Men's League Practice.

A Men's League team practice is being arranged for Thursday 16th April at 6pm, please could all men who are interested in playing for the club in the men's league please let Steve Gould know if they will be at the practice. The Whatsapp group "BTBC MENS LEAGUE" will be updated for this year's players and we do ask that you use this platform to let Steve know you are available when the team is published.

Bowls Oxfordshire Ladies.

We have been asked to display forms for lady members to put their names forward for the County MEL, friendly and Johns Trophy matches. These are on the notice board opposite the Gent's changing room. These forms are to be returned to the Bowls Oxfordshire match secretary, completed or not, by April 17th. If you are interested in putting your name forward please fill in the relevant form.

And finally.

Just a quick update on a few of the club members that some of you may not be aware.

Pat Walker and Jan Bolton will both be missing at the start of the season as they are both due to spend a little time in hospital. Hopefully neither will have too long a recovery time; I'm sure I pass on everyone's best wishes to them both and look forward to them bowling again soon.

Paul Banfield and Lynda have spent the past couple of years trying to decide where they wish to spend their futures together; Witney or Ash Vale near Aldershot. The later is their choice and as such Paul will not be renewing his membership but has messaged that he has enjoyed his three years with the club and leaves with some good memories. I'm sure we all wish Paul and Lynda all the very best and hope Paul is able to find a bowls club for him to continue playing.

Jeff Bizzell