



Newsletter 05/26

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May Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
May 1 st	Social evening	From 6:30pm
May 2 nd	Private function	7pm – 11pm
May 3 rd	Friendly – Rodbourne Cheney	Away 2:30pm
May 4 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
May 5 th	Friendly v Kidlington	Home 6:15pm
May 6 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
May 7 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
May 7 th	Norfolk Tour – Travel Day	
May 8 th	Norfolk Tour – County Arts BC Norwich	
May 9 th	Norfolk Tour – Sheringham Morley BC	
May 10 th	Norfolk Tour – Boat trip – Martham BC	
May 11 th	Norfolk Tour – Aylesbury BC – Return Home	
May 12 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
May 13 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
May 14 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
May 14 th	Men's League – Witney Mills	Away 6:15pm
May 15 th	Friendly v Gamekeepers	Home 6:15pm
May 17 th	OMTL – Banbury Chestnuts	Home 2:30pm
May 18 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
May 19 th	Friendly v Filkins	Home 6:30pm
May 20 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
May 21 st	Art Class	9am-1pm
May 21 st	Men's League – West Witney	Away 6:15pm
May 22 nd	Friendly v Fairford	Home 6:30pm
May 24 th	OMTL – Chipping Norton	Away 2:30pm
May 25 th	Club night – SM Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
May 27 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
May 28 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
May 28 th	Horticultural Club	2pm – 5pm
May 28 th	Men's League – South Oxford	Home 6:15pm
May 29 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
May 30 th	Friendly v Swindon North End	Home 2:30pm

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

Congratulations to Witney Mills “Weavers” on winning the league.

	WEST OXFORDSHIRE	P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS
1	Witney Mills Weavers	24	17	0	7	210	133
2	Witney Town Red Kites	24	17	2	5	97	126
3	Witney Town Canaries	24	16	2	6	113	120
4	Charlbury Oaks	24	14	1	9	79	119
5	Witney Town Rams	24	13	0	11	157	118
6	Charlbury Cedars	24	15	1	8	126	118
7	Charlbury Willows	24	15	0	9	72	115
8	North Leigh Millers	24	12	0	12	30	101
9	Burford Lions	24	11	0	13	18	91
10	Hanborough Harriers	24	10	0	14	18	82
11	Hanborough Herons	24	6	0	18	-181	61
12	Witney Mills Millers	24	4	1	19	-298	41
13	Witney Town Woolies	24	2	1	21	-441	23



League Winners – Witney Mills “Weavers”



League Runners-up – Witney Town “Red Kites”



Letter from Witney Mills expressing their thanks for using Burford Town Bowls Club facilities to enable them to compete in the league this past winter whilst their clubhouse was being refurbished.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with preparing the clubhouse for the Witney Mills matches and those who opened up and ran the bar.

Witney Town Wednesday Triples League.

Witney Town Wednesday Open Triples 2025 - 2026								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Point
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Flying Shuttles	32	23	2	7	464	295	169	48
Little Lambs	32	24	0	8	438	282	156	48
Allsorts	32	21	2	9	484	319	165	44
Tail Enders	32	20	4	8	439	315	124	44
Witney Houston	32	20	1	11	454	307	147	41
Burford Lions	32	20	1	11	453	339	114	41
Woodpeckers	32	19	2	11	392	286	106	40
Dark Side of the Loom	32	18	3	11	460	286	174	39
Seals	32	16	2	14	379	362	17	34
The Millers	32	14	5	13	410	344	66	33
Jammie Dodgers	32	13	1	18	338	423	-85	27
The Bowling Stones	32	12	1	19	276	454	-178	25
Novices	32	11	1	20	290	444	-154	23
Bobbins	32	8	2	22	349	436	-87	18
Clueless	32	8	1	23	267	456	-189	17
Pick & Mix	32	7	0	25	263	446	-183	14
Butter Crossers	32	4	0	28	226	588	-362	8

Congratulations to Flying Shuttles (Witney Mills)

John Mott/ Brian Ealey/ Andrew Auger/ Colin Oliver/ Glenn Pounder/ Liam Pounder/ Pete Wilson.

From the Witney Town Website :-

Congratulations to Flying Shuttles winning on shot difference.

From what I can see Flying Shuttles never topped the league until this last week.

The season went down to the wire in fact last end and last bowl I believe.

We had an indifferent season but most enjoyable with all teams proving capable of beating other teams. Finishing well at the end of the season we pulled up from 10th, beating a few of the top teams, and causing some effect on how the league finished.

Club Friday Triples League.

Congratulations to Team 6 Bob Parker, Ian Gorman, Trevor Clack and Lesley Wakeman

2025-26 Club Friday Short Mat Triples League Winners

FRIDAY TRIPLES LEAGUE																													
Team 1 Roger H Fred H Tracy H Team 1			Team 2 John H Neil H David H Team 2			Team 3 John H Trevor H David H Team 3			Team 4 John H David H John H Team 4			Team 5 John H John H David H Team 5			Team 6 John H John H John H Team 6														
Date																													
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14	Round 15	Round 16	Round 17	Round 18	Round 19	Round 20	Round 21	Round 22	Round 23	Round 24	Round 25	Round 26	Round 27	Round 28
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League as of 30/04/26								
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Diff	Points
6	15	10	4	1	248	211	37	21
3	15	9	5	1	267	202	65	19
5	14	8	5	1	231	205	26	17
2	15	8	7	2	250	231	19	14
4	14	5	8	1	222	241	-19	11
1	15	3	12	0	188	350	-162	6

OBA Men's League.

OBA Men's League Cup

1st Round

Burford v Oxford City & County

At City & County 23rd April 2026

Burford		shots	points	City & County "A"	shots	points
R2	T. Stacey	11		S. Pollard	19	
R3	D. Lafford	18		A. Eastgate	12	
R4	J. Hurren	30		N. Satchell	9	
R5	B. Parker	15		C. Scott	11	
	Aggregate			Aggregate		
	TOTAL	74		TOTAL	51	

Tim Stacey's four on rink2 did not get on the scoreboard until the tenth end when the deficit was 14 shots. This was too much to pull back although some shots were recovered with an 8-shots difference at the end. Jack Lafford on rink3 started well to be 10-3 up at the 9th end but six shots lost on the next three ends brought the scores to 10-9 at the 12th end only to fall behind 11-12 at the 15th end. Seven unanswered shots on the final three ends gave a well-deserved 18-12 victory. Rink4 saw John Hurren take seven shots at the 2nd end and then another five on the next three ends to be 13-1 up at the 5th end. Steady scoring without much reply gave them an incredible 26-5 score at the 12th end to then achieved a 30-9 win. Bob Parker on rink5 went to a 10-3 score at the 8th end but then seven shots against over the next four ends tied the game at 10-10 on the 13th end. Fortunately Bob's four took five shots to one shot on the final ends and won the game 15-11.

We have not been too successful over the past years in the league cup and I believe this is our first win in the competition and we now play West Witney, at home, in the next round on 30th April.

2nd Round

Burford v West Witney

At Burford 30th May 2026

Burford		shots	points	West Witney	shots	points
R2	Steve Gould	20		Martyn	11	
R3	Bob Parker	15		Kevin	21	
R4	John Hurren	21		David	8	
R5	Jack Lafford	13		Andy	17	
	Aggregate			Aggregate		
	TOTAL	69		TOTAL	57	

Taking nine shots (4 then 5) on 4th and 5th ends put Steve Gould's four 11-1 up and gradual gains, whilst only dropping the occasional single shot, advanced to 18-8 at the 14th end. A successful closing four ends, in failing light, resulted in a 20-11 victory. Bob Parker on Rink3 stayed in contention at 11 each at the 10th end and then moved forward to be 14-11 up at the 12th end. The opposition four then took ten shots to one shot over the final six ends to win the game 15-21. As is John Hurren's way lately his four, on Rink4, stormed ahead and were 15-4 up at the 11th end and then continued gaining shots winning convincingly 21-8 and took the pens. A close game on Rink4 saw Jack Lafford advance to be leading 10-8 at the 12th end but then failed to score over the next three ends when they trailed 10-14. Three shots on the next two ends put them 13-14 down going to the final end where they unfortunately conceded three shots losing the game 13-17.

An aggregate score of 69-57 was not really expected going into the match but all credit to those who played that we were able to defeat a very strong West Witney team. We will be playing away at Chipping Norton on 13th August in the next round which is effectively a quarter final. This, in a competition where we have only reached the second round in the past by having a bye in the first round! Another step forward confirming where we now stand in the Oxfordshire County Bowls.

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League

Burford v Witney Town "Panthers"

At Witney Town 28th April 2026

Burford		shots	points	Witney Town "Panthers"	shots	points
R1	J. Hurren	11	0	A. Scholan	18	2
R2	S. Gould	16	2	G. Panons	15	0
R3	J. Bizzell	25	2	D. Jones	13	0
R4	J. Lafford	8	0	Fabrizio	28	2
	Aggregate	60	4	Aggregate	74	8
	TOTAL	60	4	TOTAL	74	12

Not the best start in defending the division 1 title but, as is our way, the first match ended in defeat.

Rink1 was 7-7 at the 12th end but the John Hurren's triple dropped five shots at the 13th and scored four shots against six shots on the remaining ends to finish 11-18 down. Steve Gould on rink2 kept level with their opponents to be ahead 12-10 at the 12th end. Five shots dropped on the next three ends put the score at 12-15 but then a recovery over the final three ends gained four shots for a 16-15 victory. Rink3 saw Jeff Bizzell's triple take four shots at the 4th end then five at the 5th end to stand 10-2. Equal scoring brought the score to 12-9 at the 12th end but then thirteen shots to four shots secured at 25-13 victory. Rink4 was overshadowed by a questionable bowling action that certainly had an effect on the game which finished 8-28 and probably best left at that.

The evening turned really cold and Rink3 had just enough light to see the jack on the final end. The general consensus was the green was in the best condition, this early in the year, than it has been for many years and all credit should be given to the Town Council.

Burford v Witney Millsat Witney Mills 25th April 2026

Burford		shots	Witney Mills	shots
R1	John Hurren	21	Kevin	7
R2	Jack Lafford	22	John	6
R3	Steve Gould	20	Richard	11
R4	Tim Wilkins	17	Les	16
R5	Jeff Bizzell	26	Ron	12
Total		106	Total	52

Really warm, for this April, Saturday afternoon at our friends and neighbours Witney Mills where currently their clubhouse is being refurbished.

John Hurren on Rink1 gradually moved ahead to be 8-5 up at the 9th end only to then take 15 shots, without reply, over the next seven ends to be 21-5 in front; two shots against on the last two ends gave a resounding 21-7 win. Rink2 with Jack Lafford saw a similar trend when they were 7-5 up at the 10th end to then take 15 shots to one shot on the remaining ends to finish 22-6 and just claim the pens. Again a similar pattern on Rink3 where Steve Gould was 6-6 at the 10th end but then took 14 shots to 5 shots to end as victors with a 20-11 result. The closest game was on Rink4 where Tim Wilkins shared the points with his opposition during the opening ends finding themselves 10-11 down at the 12th end then 10-13 on the next end. Six shots against three shots put the game tied going to the final end where Tim's triple secured victory by one shot at 17-16. Rink5 saw Jeff Bizzell just in front on the 7th end with a score of 7-5, then 10-9 at the 11th end. Sixteen shots against three on the final seven ends gave his triple a 26-12 win.

The refurbishment of the clubhouse limited the after match get together but hopefully Mills will soon enjoy the benefits from the work and we look forward to visiting them when it is all completed.

Burford v Tetburyat Tetbury 26th April 2026

Burford		shots	Tetbury	shots
R1	J. Bizzell	17	R. Stephens	17
R2	B. Parker	17	A. Glassbrook	12
R3	J. Hurren	20	G. Brown	15
R4	S. Gould	21	B. Westcott	16
R5	T. Jolley	16	R. Oakley	16
Total		91	Total	76

Again a very pleasant warm afternoon at Tetbury whom we met for the first time last year in what is currently an annual home or away fixture.

Rink1 saw Jeff Bizzell's four prevent the opposition from scoring until the 6th end when the score was 8-0. Parity was achieved at the 11th end at 11 each. Steady exchange of shots put the score at 17-14 at the 16th end but then two shots against at the 17th end put the game at 17-16 going to the last end where the home side were holding three shots which was reduced to one and a tie seemed the most appropriate score at 17-17. Bob Parker on Rink2 similarly found themselves 9-9 at the 9th end then 10-10 at the 12th end. Seven shots to two shots on the last ends gave a 17-12 win to Bob's four. John Hurren once again stormed ahead to be 13-1 up at the 8th end but then dropped eleven shots on the next three ends to find themselves pulled back to 13-12 at the 11th end. Seven shots to three shots on the final ends saw John's four safely home with a winning score of 20-15. The captains met on Rink4 and kept pace with each other with a score of 13-12 at the 11th end but Steve Gould's four took eight shots to four shots on the last seven ends and won 21-16. Tim Jolley on Rink5 traded shots with his opposition and the scores were tied at 11-11 at the 12th end. Tim then went and took the next four ends with singles but dropped five shots on the 17th end to go into the final end 15-16 down where they managed to score the shot that tied the match.

Three of the five rinks were won by five shots and it was agreed that the pens would go to the highest scoring rink which was Steve Gould's. A most enjoyable afternoon with new-found friends whom we look forward to meeting again next year where perhaps the fixture could become a home and away in the same year?

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

This will commence on Monday 11th May

Tony Trevelyan.

Congratulations to Steve Gould on winning this year's Tony Trevelyan Memorial Cup. A good turn-out of 22 members enjoyed a dry if a bit chilly afternoon.

TONY TREVELYAN MEMORIAL CUP 2018					
	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3	GAME 4	TOTAL
STEVE G	5	9	10	9	43
THOMAS	5	5	5	10	35
TECHIE	1	10	10	2	33
DAVID L	5	10	5	5	35
DAVID B	1	10	5	5	31
DAVID S	1	10	10	5	36
THE D	1	5	10	5	31
FRANKIE W	1	5	11	10	37
SHAWN	5	5	11	10	41
DAVID A	5	10	5	5	35
DAVID C	5	1	10	5	31
DAVID D	5	10	5	5	35
TREVIS B	1	10	5	5	31
MICHAEL P	5	5	10	5	35
PETER G	5	1	11	5	32
TECH M	5	5	5	5	30
SCOTT	5	5	5	5	30
LESLIE	5	5	5	5	30
DAVID	1	5	5	5	26
JOE	10	5	5	5	35
STEVE L	1	1	5	5	12
DAVID M	1	1	5	5	12



New Water Main.

Thames Water have set a period of 24th-28th June for connecting our new water main to the water supply in Tanners Lane via a meter connection.

The road closure of Tanners Lane has been set out and the signage will be put in place early on the 24th June.

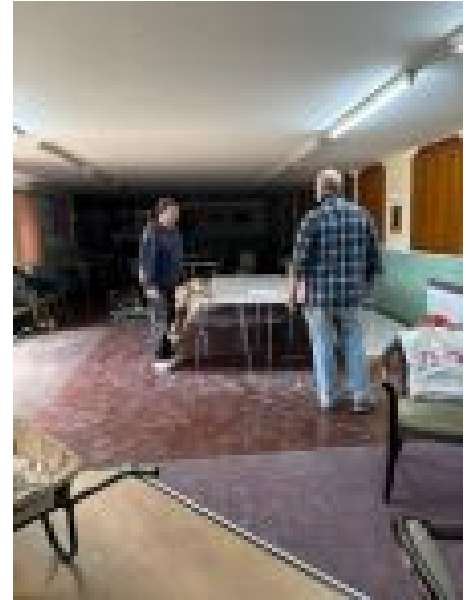


We have applied for parking in Westfield for 8am-5pm on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th and 8am-10pm on Friday 26th. This is to accommodate users of the car park viz. Art Club and Pre-school, it also allows for our home fixture against Witney Mills on Friday 26th. Please note that access to the Westfield is only made from the A40 junction opposite Burford School. In order to fully clarify the actual closure area, we have asked if houses 27-37 Tanners Lane will have full access and a more defined closure has been defined. These houses will have access via Sheep Street and there will be access into the pumping station.

Please do not park in the private road opposite the car park nor on the grass verges along Tanners Lane.

Work around the club.

As predicted last year, the gent's toilet developed a leak and the temporary repair was not expected to last long. It was also in need of modernisation and, given there was a relatively quiet week 20th-24th April, it was decided to use this period to refurbish the toilet by removing the sanitaryware, tiles and plumbing and to then re-line the walls with hygienic grey fleck shower panels. It was also decided to take advantage of this quiet period to redecorate the ladies and gent's changing rooms and the corridor by the kitchen. Two days were lost due to late delivery of the panels but Pete, Tim Stacey and Paul Randall managed to get it to a useable condition before the Cowboys and Indians evening on Saturday.



Many thanks to Brenda, Stan Lawrence, Steve Webb for their time and help decorating. Although not quite finished we will brighten up the area by painting the doors and their frames white. The green paint on the handrails is peeling and Stan Lawrence has kindly taken on this task.

Conifer Stumps.

The stumps, from the conifers that were felled in order to open up the entrance to the club, were taken to below ground level when subjected to a stump grinder.



Before



After



If you need, or know of anyone who needs, stump grinding work to be done then Grindforce at Long Hanborough (07754738422) can be highly recommended.

Removal of the conifers and the temporary security fencing left the panels vulnerable to the weather and last Wednesday's wind brought down the panels whilst the Art Class were inside the clubhouse.



Many thanks to Paul Randall for going over and strapping the fence onto the chain link metal post and make the fence more secure in order to allow the Art Class to be able to get out through the gate. This now brings forward the work planned on moving the gate back in line with the chain link fence and replace the chain link with a vertical boarded wooden fence. We plan to incorporate a double gate in the wooden fence to enable vehicle access into the grounds should we ever wish to use machines on the green.

And finally.



The Cowboys and Indians evening was another success for Brenda et al to whom the club once again appreciate the work that goes into these evenings, many thanks.

We are very pleased to see that our registration of playing club member, for this year, is slightly up on last year's number with 55 registered with some 10 social members. Welcome to all our new members and we hope you enjoy your bowls and social interaction at Burford Town Bowls Club.

Jeff Bizzell