



Newsletter 06/26

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June Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
June 1 st	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
June 2 nd	Friendly v Faringdon	Away 6:30pm
June 3 rd	Art Class	10am – 5pm
June 4 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
June 4 th	Men's League – Banbury Borough	Away 6:15pm
June 5 th	Friendly v Morton-in-Marsh	Home 6:30pm
June 7 th	Worth Webb	Home 1:00pm
June 8 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
June 9 th	Friendly v Carterton	Home 6:30pm
June 10 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
June 11 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
June 11 th	Men's League – Carterton "B"	Home 6:15pm
June 12 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
June 13 th	Friendly v Hockey Club	Home 2:30pm
June 13 th	Hockey Club Presentation Event	5pm – 7pm
June 14 th	Friendly v Kingston Bagpuize	Home 2:30pm
June 15 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
June 16 th	Friendly v Hanborough	Home 6:30pm
June 17 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
June 18 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
June 18 th	Committee meeting	7:30pm
June 19 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
June 20 th	Friendly v Highworth	Away 2:30pm
June 21 st	OMTL v Bloxham	Home 2:30pm
June 22 nd	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
June 23 rd	Friendly v Chadlington	Away 2:30pm
June 24 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
June 25 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
June 26 th	Friendly v Witney Mills	Home 6:30pm
June 27 th /28 th	Working Weekend	Hours to suit
June 29 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
June 30 th	OMTL v West Witney	Away 6:30pm

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

OBA Men's League.

Tables & results for - Division 2 - 28-May 2026								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
West Witney	3	2	0	1	218	189	29	12
Witney Mills	3	2	0	1	217	179	38	11.5
South Oxford	3	2	0	1	227	191	36	11
Burford	3	2	0	1	195	208	-13	10
Carterton B	3	1	0	2	184	229	-45	5.5
Banbury Borough	3	0	0	3	178	223	-45	4

Burford v Witney Mills

At Witney 14th May 2026

Burford		shots	points	Witney Mills		shots	points
R2	J. Lafford	19	1	A. Wiggins	17	0	
R3	S. Gould	14	0	L. Days	18	1	
R4	B. Parker	6	0	C. Weller	23	1	
R5	J. Hurren	15	0	K. Siford	17	1	
	Aggregate		0	Aggregate		2	
	TOTAL	54	1	TOTAL	75	5	

First game for Burford in the heady heights of division 2 was always going to be a difficult game especially having only just returned from being on tour in Norfolk. That said, two of the losing rinks were only four and two shot respective losses and, whilst the only winning rink was by two shots, Burford were not too far away. Big loss on the remaining rink threw the contest in Witney Mills' favour.

Very difficult to predict how this division will pan out during the summer.

Burford v West Witney

At Witney 21st May 2026

Burford		shots	points	West Witney		shots	points
R1	J. Lafford	22	1	M. Shepard	18	0	
R2	B. Parker	20	1	K. Alder	6	0	
R3	S. Gould	11	0	D. Leighfield	22	1	
R4	J. Hurren	18	1	A. McIntyre	17	0	
	Aggregate		2	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	71	5	TOTAL	63	1	

Division 2 started as predicted, as all teams are capable of beating any of the others and after 2 games, South Oxford are the only team to produce 2 wins at this stage. The South Oxford team narrowly beat Witney Mills by 6 shots to take the 2 points after each team won 2 rinks each. Dave Tidball had the best rink for the Oxford club winning 23-4, whilst Les Days had the highest rink for the Millers by 25-15. The match ended as a 4-2 win for South Oxford. There was another 4-2 win at Banbury Borough for their guests Carterton B, with Darren Wakeman skipping for a 24-7 win over their opponents. The margin was 58-72 in favour of the Carterton team. In the third game of div 2, West Witney hosted a match against Burford, who mastered the green better than their opponents and achieved a 5-1 win. Bob Parker, for the visitor's rink, managed to beat Kevin Alder's rink by 20-6 and both John Hurren and Jack Lafford managed to win close games to secure the points for the third win. The overall score was 71-63 in favour of Burford.

John Hurren.

Burford v South Oxford

At Burford 28th May 2026

Burford		shots	points	South Oxford		shots	points
R1	J. Lafford	15	0	D. Tidbull	26	1	
R2	B. Parker	17	1	K. Mobley	12	0	
R3	J. Hurren	20	1	P. Green	16	0	
R4	S. Gould	18	1	N. Whiting	16	0	
	Aggregate	70	2	Aggregate	70	2	
	TOTAL	70	4	TOTAL	70	2	

Division 2 is starting as predicted, with 4 teams all winning 2 games and losing 1. Until this night, South Oxford were the only unbeaten team, but this all went wrong when they visited Burford. At one stage all four rinks showed leads for the home side and three of these completed their rink wins. However, a late rally from South Oxford collectively won 29 shots over the last four ends. This meant that both sides had 70 shots at the end, with one more point for both sides. A 4-2 win for Burford.

West Witney finished their game only one shot ahead of Carterton B, but overall this was translated as a 5-1 win for the Witney team. Mike Morris' team kept the overall score respectable with a 26-12 win against Andy McIntyre's rink. Elsewhere, Witney Mills proved too strong for Carterton B, winning with a 79-56 score gaining 4.5 points for the league table. Les Days had the biggest win with a seven-shot head on the 15th end and Chris Weller kept his 100% winning run. After a shaky start, CW won the last 8 ends to establish their dominance.

John Hurren

OMT League.

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League 2026					Updated 29/05/26			
Division 1								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Chipping Norton	2	2	0	0	140	120	20	18
Burford	2	1	0	1	134	131	3	13
Witney Town Panthers	2	1	0	1	136	132	4	12
West Witney	1	1	0	0	78	58	20	9
Banbury Chestnuts	2	0	0	2	115	142	-27	5
Banbury Central	1	0	0	1	58	78	-20	3
Bloxham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League 2026					Updated 29/05/26			
Division 2								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Witney Town Tigers	1	1	0	0	100	41	59	10
Charlbury	1	1	0	0	75	51	24	10
Headington	1	1	0	0	70	54	16	10
Witney Town Cougars	2	1	0	1	124	137	-13	10
Woodstock	2	1	0	1	94	144	-50	10
Carterton	2	0	0	2	95	128	-33	6
O U P	1	0	0	1	67	70	-3	4

Burford v Banbury Chestnuts

At Burford 17th May 2026

Burford		shots	points	Banbury Chestnuts		shots	points
R1	Bob Parker	11	0	Brian		13	2
R2	Michael Papamichael	18	2	Linda S		15	0
R3	Jack Lafford	24	2	Alan R		11	0
R4	Steve Gould	21	1	John S		21	1
Aggregate		74	4	Aggregate		60	0
TOTAL		74	9	TOTAL		60	3

Rink1 saw Bob Parker in a very even match when tied at 5-5 at the 8th end, 10-10 at the 16th end but unfortunately dropped three shots at the 17th end which they could only reduce by one shot at the final end, finishing 11-13 down. On Rink2 Michael Papermichael's triple were always in front being 9-4 up at the 8th end but brought back to be equal at 9-9 at the 11th end; then behind for the first time on the 14th end at 11-12. A five at the 13th end and two shots on the final end were only matched by three shots on the 16th and 17th ends which gave a 18-15 victory. Jack Lafford on Rink3, from being 6-1 up at the 6th end found themselves behind 9-10 at the 10th end but then scored 15 shots to only one shot in reply on the final ends, finishing winners by 24-11. On Rink4, Steve Gould was well up 18-5 at the 9th but for some reason then fell away dropping fifteen shots to only a couple of shots and went to the final end 20-21 down. With a single on the last end, they managed to salvage a disappointing draw. An overall 9-3 match score is a good result against an improving Banbury Chestnuts who came up from division two. Always an enjoyable fixture and a request to have a friendly as well as the OMTL fixture was proposed.

Burford v Chipping Norton

At Chipping Norton 24th May 2026

This fixture was cancelled as Chipping Norton were unable to raise a full team and the fixture will be rearranged for a later date.

Friendlies.

Burford v Rodbourne Cheney

at Rodbourne Cheney 3rd May 2026

Burford		shots	Rodbourne Cheney	shots
R1	J. Hurren	22	P. Harper	11
R2	S. Gould	25	B. Mistry	14
R3	J. Bizzell	21	D. Harvey	16
R4	T. Walker	19	R. Northcroft	13
R5	T. Jolley	21	M. Sawyer	12
Total		108	Total	66

On Rink1 John Hurren's triple were 8-0 up before their opponents scored on the fifth end. Seven shots to three shots on the next five ends put the score at 15-4 on the 10th end and this advantage was increased with seven shots to one shot on the next five ends to stand at 22-5 at the 15th end. Six shots without reply for the opposition gave a final score of 22-11. Rink2 saw Steve Gould from 7-2 up at the 6th end to be 7-5 at the 8th end but then eleven shots to zero shots put the score at 18-5 at the 11th end. Equal exchange of shots on the final ends resulted in a 25-14 win for Steve's triple. Steady low scoring ends on Rink3 had Jeff Bizzell's triple slightly behind 5-6 at the 7th end but eight unanswered shots on the next three ends put the score at 13-6 on the 10th end. A four at the 13th end for the opposition was answered with a three at the 14th end which was lost by a three at the 15th end but then a one shot at the next end put the score at 17-16 going to the last two ends. Four shots without reply gave a finishing score of 21-16. Ted Walker's claim to us being short of skips might not have been accepted by his opposition on Rink4 when his triple was 16-2 up at the 10th end. Two shots against was cancelled by two shots at the next end to be 18-4 at the 12th end but then only scored one shot whilst conceding seven shots on the final ends gave a game result of 19-13. Tim Jolley's triple on Rink5 moved in front to be 7-3 up at the 6th end but were pulled back to parity at the 12th end when the score was 9-9. A very strong finish of twelve shots to 3 shots resulted in a 21-12 victory. The pens went to Steve Gould where the highest score was applied when aggregate scores are equal.

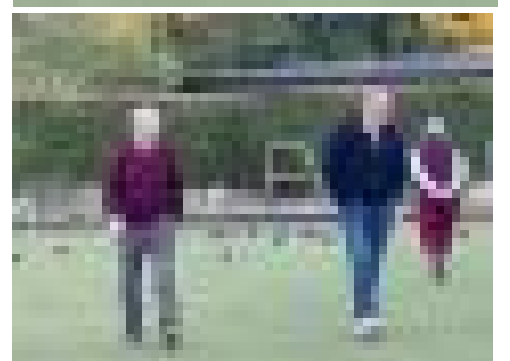
The rain that was forecast stayed away and the after-match food was much appreciated; we look forward to Rodbourne Cheney visiting us next year.

Burford v Gamekeepers

at Burford 15th May 2026

Burford		shots	Gamekeepers	shots
R2	Steve G	30	Eastleach	2
R3	Darren W	16	Tom's rink	11
R4	Bob P	26	Bob's Brothers	7
R5	Ted W	17	Barry	7
R6	Trevor W	20	Brian	15
Total		107	Total	42

The annual fixture against the local gamekeepers took place on a chilly Friday evening and ignoring the score it was a pleasure to see so many out on the green. Christine Agg very kindly once again made the presentation to the winning Gamekeeper's team which this year was Richard's team.



Burford v Filkins

at Burford 19th May 2026

Burford		shots	Filkins	shots
R1				
R2	Steve Gould	20	Robin	3
R3	Ken Gough	13	Andy	11
R4	Tim Jolley	12	Nigel	15
R5				
Total		45	Total	29

Three Triples were played at Burford with a couple of ex-Filkins players, who are now at Burford, playing against them.

Steve Gould on Rink2 did not let their opposition have any input to the game and, from being 4-3 up at the 5th end, then took the remaining ends without conceding a shot; finishing winners by 20-3. Rink3 ended much closer than was expected when Ken Gough's triple found themselves 10-3 up at the 8th end. Four ends scoring 2 shots each for the opposition against Ken scoring just three shots gave him a narrow 13-11 win. Tim Jolley on Rink 4 scored on the first end but did not score again until the 7th end when the score was 2-9. They managed to pull back slightly and went into the last two ends 10-13 down. Cancelling out two shots at the 17th end by two shots at the final end gave a score of 12-15.

Filkins keep managing to put out a team, albeit three triples and we will endeavour to support this fixture.

Burford v Fairford

at Burford 22nd May 2026

Burford		shots	Fairford	shots
R1	Bob Parker	25	Paul	17
R2	Jack Lafford	12	David	21
R3	Steve Gould	18	Alan	15
R4	John Hurren	27	Mike	9
R5	Tim Wilkins	17	Ron	16
Total		99	Total	78

Rink1 saw Bob Parker's triple surge into a 17-1 lead at the 8th end. Four shots dropped at the 9th end was matched by five shots at the next end but then nine shots against, including a six, was not answered until three shots at the 14th end for the scores to be 23-14. Equal scoring over the final ends resulted in a 25-17 victory for Bob. Jack Lafford's triple on Rink2 never got started and found themselves 3-15 down at the 15th end. Picking up nine shots without reply they went to the last end 12-15 behind but all this hard work of getting to within three shots was undone by conceding six shots at the last end and losing by 12-21. As with Rink1, Steve Gould on Rink3 went in front 14-4 at the 10th end but then dropped ten shots, including a five against, over the next four ends to find themselves tied at 14-14. Four shots to one shot on the last four ends steadied the triple to an 18-15 winning score. In what looked likely to be a close game when the scores were 7-8 at the 9th end, John Hurren on Rink4 then allowed their opponents to score just one shot on the remaining nine ends whilst accumulating twenty shots and completed what was a game of two halves with a 27-9 victory. Tim Wilkins on Rink5 never looked in trouble when they were 16-1 up at the 9th end. Sixteen was where their score remained until a single at the last gave them 17-shots. Their opponents meanwhile helped themselves to fifteen shots and narrowly failed to turn round the game with a final score of 17-16.

Burford won on four rinks and lost on one with John Hurren's triple taking the pens. I'm sure Fairford will be seeking to overturn the result at next year's fixture.

Burford v Swindon North End

at Burford 30th May 2026

Burford		shots	Swindon North End	shots
R1	Ken Gough	26	Gary	9
R2	Steve Gould	18	Bob	15
R3	Paul Randall	15	Rich	17
R4	Michael Papamichael	10	Ken	19
R5				
Total		69	Total	60

On a very hot afternoon we entertained Swindon North End to four triples and it was agreed to stop for ten minutes at the half-way stage for a drink break.

Ken Gough on Rink1 took five on the 4th end but then dropped three on the next end for the score to be 6-5. The next seven ends saw Ken's triple take fifteen unopposed shots and at the 12th end the score stood at 21-5. Five shots to four shots on the final six ends gave a convincing 26-9 victory. Liz Viviani took part in her first game of bowls as part of Steve Gould's triple on Rink2. Allowing the opposition only three shots, whilst accumulating thirteen on the first nine ends, they then exchanged shots and went to the 17th end 18-10 up. Five shots dropped on the last two ends gave a final score of 18-15. Paul Randall, being introduced to the joys of playing skip on Rink3, did not start too well and gave their opposition five ends before scoring themselves at the 6th end when the score was 2-8. Scoring eight shots without reply on the next four ends put Paul's triple 10-8 up at the 10th end. The next three ends went to the opposition adding five shots to their tally; a three at the 14th was lost to a three at the 15th and the game went to the sixteenth end with the score at 13-16. Two shots gained on the next two ends put the score at 15-16 going to the last end where a single shot against resulted in a loss by 15-17. Michael Papamichael's triple on Rink4 did not score until the 10th end by which time they were 0-12 down and although they did pick up a few shots on the next five ends these shots were cancelled and the game went to the 15th end at 3-18. Enjoying picking up seven shots to one shot on the final ends the game finished 10-19; given the overall match score was only nine shots difference the seven shots gained on the 15th – 17th ends made a difference.

Two triples each made for a very even contest and with a nine-shot difference Burford enjoyed the spoils for the day. Much appreciation was expressed for the way the green played and for the "Burford Tea" once again provided by Brenda and Sue.

Norfolk Tour

7th – 11th May 2026

An extra day was added to this year's tour to allow for the distance to travel across to Norfolk and as such no game was programmed into the travelling day.

2026 Tour - Norfolk

People coming:

		Names		Pref Pos	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	✓
1	Jeff	Bizzell	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
2	Trevor	Clack	Burford		✓		✓		2
3	Doreen	Dowley	Burford			✓		✓	2
4	Denise	Gorman	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
5	Ian	Gorman	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
6	Steve	Gould	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
7	Roger	Hopkins	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
8	John	Hurren	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
9	Tim	Jolley	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
10	Graham	Kew	Burford			✓	✓		2
11	Derek	Lafford	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
12	Dave	Lewis	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
13	Stan	Matthews	Burford			✓		✓	2
14	Brenda	Moody-Chandler	Burford				✓		1
15	Doug	Mustoe	Burford		✓	✓	✓		3
16	Bob	Parker	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
17	Tim	Stacey	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
18	Ed	Tuckey	Burford			✓	✓		2
19	Pauline	Tuckey	Burford			✓	✓		2
20	Trevor	Wakeman	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
21	Lesley	Wakeman	Burford						0
22	Stephen	Webb	Burford		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
23	Clive	Aldridge	Guest		✓	✓		✓	3
24	Joan	Aldridge	Guest		✓	✓		✓	3
25	Jill	Barrow	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
26	Paul	Barrow	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
27	Barbara	Burton	Guest				✓	✓	2
28	Brian	Clarke	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
29	Cilla	Clarke	Guest		✓		✓	✓	3
30	Keith	Comley	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
31	Moir	Forbes	Guest						0
32	Mike	Jones	Guest				✓	✓	2
33	Heather	Lee	Guest			✓			1
34	Martin	Oliver	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
35	Ron	Taylor	Guest		✓	✓	✓	✓	4
					24	28	28	26	

Norwich 8th May.

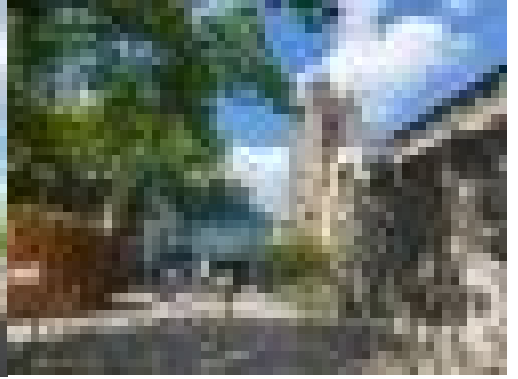
For much of the second millennium, from medieval to just before the industrial times, Norwich was one of the most prosperous and largest towns in England; being second only to London.



St Peter Mancroft Church



The Forum



Norwich Market

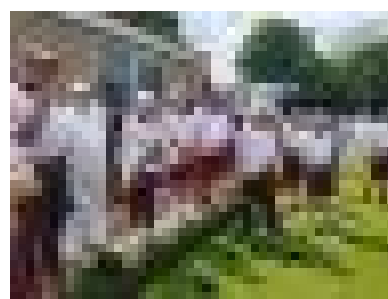


Norwich Cathedral



Duke of Wellington statue

County Arts BC, Norwich 8th May.



Burford		shots	County Arts BC	shots
R1	John Hurren	11	C. Rajeet	16
R2	Martin Oliver	26	R. Larter	9
R3	Steve Gould	22	M. Harvey	10
R4	Paul Barrow	17	A. Gill	11
R5	Tim Stacey	16	L. Dixon	17
R6	Brian Clarke	12	P. Deeley	17
Total		104	Total	80

After a quick dash around Norwich, we made our way to the County Arts Bowling Club which, for a Friday afternoon, was quite a hive of activity with many members present.

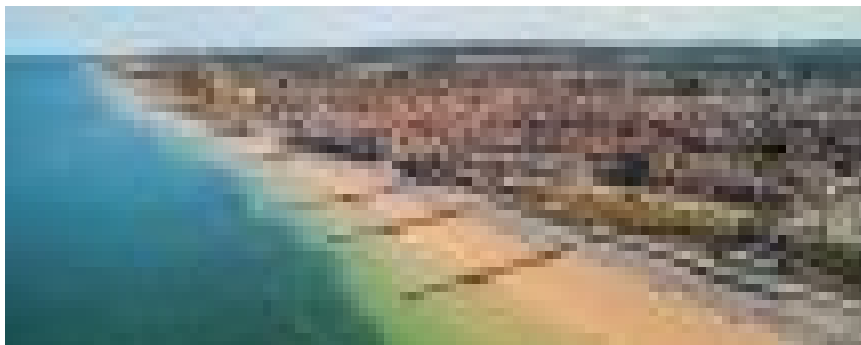
John Hurren on Rink1 was tied 5-5 at the 8th end but their opponents moved ahead to be 7-11 up at the 13th end and although John's four managed to pull back to be 11-12 down a four against at the final end left them losing by 11-16. On Rink2 Martin Oliver lost the first two ends but then never looked back finding themselves 14-6 up at the 9th end, then 21-9 at the 14th end. Winning the last four ends gave them a resounding 26-9 victory. Steve Gould dropped early shots and were 3-6 down at the 6th end but then pulled ahead to be 12-7 up at the 12th end. Three shots against on the next two ends put the scores at 12-10 on the 14th end but fifteen shots without reply on the final four ends resulted in a 22-10 win. Paul Barrow on Rink4 was tied at 2-2 on the fourth end but then picked up regular shots and were 10-6 up at the 12th end but then were pulled back to be one shot down 10-11 at the 15th end. Seven shots on the final three ends gave a final score of 17-11. Rink5 proved to be very close throughout with Tim Stacey exchanging shots with his opponent 8-8 at the 7th end, 13-16 at the 15th, 14-17 going to the last end where they were only able to find two shots and unfortunately lost 16-17. Brian Clarke on Rink6 never really got started and were 3-11 down at the 10th end and pulled back to be 11-13 at the 14th end. Four shots against one on the last four ends gave a 12-17 loss.

Three games each was declared a draw by the County Arts captain which, whilst agreed, it was mentioned that an overall score of 104 shots to 80 shots might be argued to be a visitor's victory.

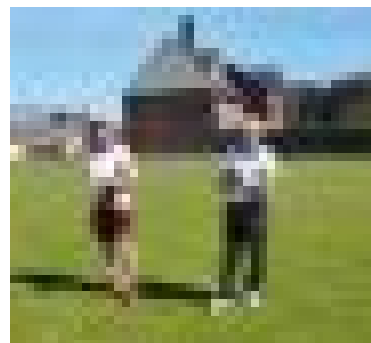
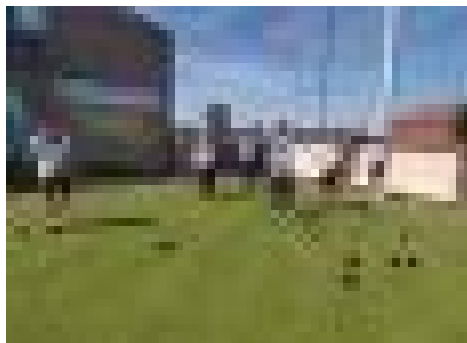
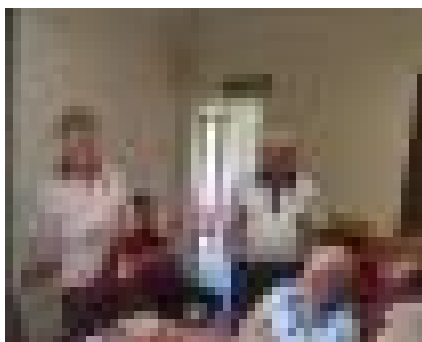
With a membership of 650 it was easy to account for the number of members present however, there is a strong preference to indoor bowls and on occasions there are problems in fulfilling outdoor fixtures. An annual electricity bill of £40k takes a fair chunk of the membership fees which are surprisingly £80 for both indoor and outdoor bowls; plans are in progress to install solar panels to reduce the electricity bill.

Sheringham 9th May.

Sheringham was a railway town developed with the coming of the Midland and Great North Railway in the late 19th century making the transport of fish more efficient. The heritage railway links with the National Railway at Holt.



Morley BC Sheringham 9th May.



Burford		shots	Sheringham Morley		shots
R1	Steve Gould	17	Rob G		19
R2	Jeff Bizzell	18	Barry S		19
R3	Jack Lafford	21	Roger L		10
R4	Tim Stacey	20	Dave K		13
R5	John Hurren	20	Dave W		10
R6	Paul Barrow	17	Jeff J		14
R7	Bob Parker	33	Elvis		4
Total		146	Total		89

After a stroll around a very interesting and busy seaside town we had a short walk to the club from the coach parked in the station car park.

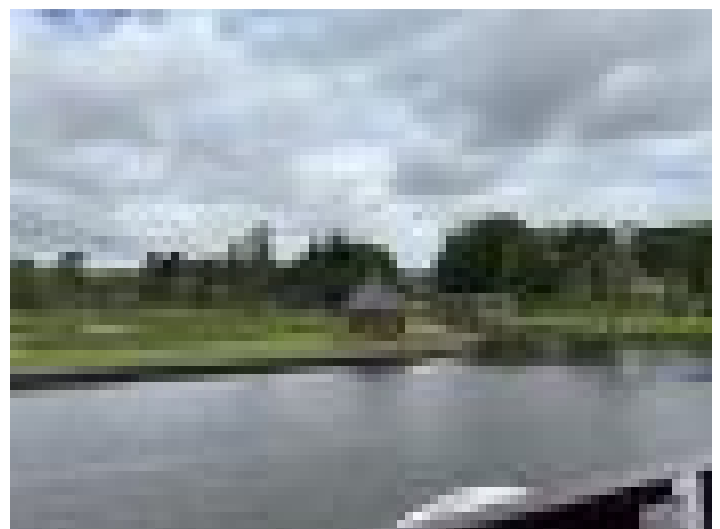
Steve Gould on Rink1 did not score until the 5th end when they were 0-7 down but then scored twelve shots without reply on the next four ends to put themselves 12-7 at the 8th end. They then moved on to being 15-8 up at the 11th end but dropped ten shots on the next three ends to be 15-18 down at the 14th end. two shots at the next two ends were cancelled by two shots at the last two ends to finish 17-19 down. Equal scoring on Rink2 saw Jeff Bizzell's four tied at 8 each at the 9th end, ten shots each on the next eight ends put the scores at 18-18 on the penultimate end. The opponents managed to gain a single with the last bowl when displacing three holding bowls and take the game by one shot. Jack Lafford on Rink3 took the first four ends and were 6-0 up but then dropped six shots to be tied at 6 each on the 7th end. Fifteen shots without conceding on the next eight ends put the score at 21-6 on the 15th end and four against on the remaining ends did not dent the final score of 21-10. On Rink4 Tim Stacey moved to be 8-1 up on the 6th end, then 13-2 on the 8th end but dropped three shots on the 9th end, equal sharing of shots on the final ends resulted in a 20-13 victory. John Hurren on Rink4 started well and were 6-1 in front at the 5th end when their opponents pulled back with the score at 8-6 on the 10th end. Regular scoring of twelve shots to four on the final ends gave them a winning score of 20-10. On Rink6 Paul Barrow matched their opposition with the match tied at 9 shots each at the 12th end. Dropping four on the next end was recovered with a four at the 14th end putting the score at 13 each 14th end; four shots against one shot on the final four ends gave a 17-14 win to Paul's four. Everything on Rink7 looked normal at the 4th end with the scores at 2 each but the Bob Parker's four took twenty-seven shots without dropping any and were 29-2 before their opponents scored singles on the 15th and 16th ends; four shots on the last two ends resulted in a resounding 33-4 winning score.

A most enjoyable afternoon of bowls and once again a very friendly group of players and helpers.

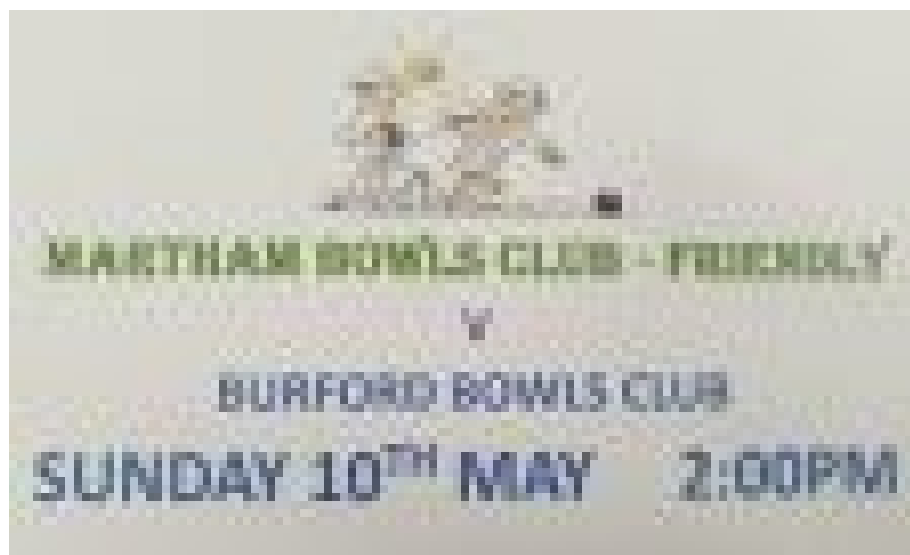
Horning 10th May.

Southern Comfort Mississippi Boat Trip

<https://www.southern-comfort.co.uk/gallery/>



Martham BC 10th May.



Burford v Martham BC

at Martham 10th May 2026

Burford		shots	Martham BC	shots
R1	John Hurren	15	Bob Robson	12
R2	Jack Lafford	14	Terry Granfield	18
R3	Steve Gould	17	Bob	17
R4	Martin Oliver	16	Susan	13
R5	Ron Taylor	22	Stan	10
R6	Tim Stacey	11	Ken	19
R7	Jeff Bizzell	17	Julia	11
Total		112	Total	100

Following a delightful trip around the Norfolk Broads at Horning on the Mississippi River Boat we travelled back towards Great Yarmouth for our game against Martham.

John Hurren on Rink1 moved comfortably in front to be 12-4 up at the 11th end and 15-7 at the 16th end. Five shots against on the last two ends made the score more presentable at 15-12. Jack Lafford on Rink2 went from 8-3 up on the 6th end to being pulled back to parity at 10 each on the 13th end. Only scoring four shots to eight gave a finishing loss of 14-18. On Rink3 Steve Gould was tied at 9 each at the 10th end but fell away a bit on the next few ends and found themselves 10-16 down at the 14th end where they dropped four shots. Seven shots gained on the next three ends put them one shot up going to the last end where they dropped one shot for the game to finish 17 each. Martin Oliver traded early shots on Rink4 and then went from 4-5 at the 7th end to 12-7 at the 13th end. This was brought back to 13-13 going to the final end where they picked up three shots to win by 16-13. Rink5 saw Ron Taylor come from 3-6 at the 6th end to be tied at 6-6 at the 8th end and then take twelve shots to be 15-6 up at the 12th end. Replying to dropping four shots, on the next two ends, by taking seven on the final four ends gave a result of 22-10. Tim Stacey started well on rink6 to be 6-0 on the 5th end but was pulled back and found themselves tied at 9 all at the 11th end. Failing to score whilst giving away nine shots put the score at 9-17 at the 14th end and two shots each on the final three ends maintained the eight shots difference and ended at 11-19. Jeff Bizzell's four on Rink7 were 5-5 at the 4th end and then took eight shots to three shots and stood at 13-8 at the 13th end. Four shots to three on the last three ends resulted in a 17-11 victory.

Aylesbury Bowling Club 11th May.



Burford v Aylesbury BC

at Aylesbury 11th May 2026

Burford		shots	Aylesbury BC	shots
R1	John Hurren	24	Bob G	4
R2	Bob Parker	15	Jan S	14
R3	Steve Gould	19	Keith M	10
R4	Jack Lafford	15	Alan S	14
R5T	Tim Stacey	19	Steve C	13
R6	Brian Clarke	19	Karen B	14
R7T	Trevor Wakeman	10	Linda H	23
Total		119	Total	92

Leaving Great Yarmouth at 9:30 and, after a stop on the way, we arrived at Aylesbury with the threat of rain in the air.

On Rink1 John Hurren took no prisoners and from being tied at 2-2 on the 4th end then went and scored sixteen unanswered shots on the next eight ends before their opponents next scored on the thirteenth end when the game was 18-3. Six shots to one shot on the remaining ends resulted in a 24-4 victory. Bob Parker's four on Rink2 had a much closer game and exchanged shots throughout the afternoon being 4-4 at the 6th end, 9-9 at the 13th. They then took six shots to five on the final ends, finishing 15-14 winners. On Rink 3 Steve Gould did not concede a shot until the 4th end when the score was 4-1, from which they moved forward and were 12-1 up before their opponents next scored a single on the 8th end. Two shots against at the next end was countered by four shots on the next four ends to be 16-4 up at the 12th end. Three shots to six shots on the last ends gave Steve's four a 19-10 win. Jack Lafford on Rink4 found themselves 1-5 down at the 4th end but pulled back to parity at 5-5 at the 8th end. Seven shots dropped on the next two ends was met by ten shots on the next eight ends for the score to be 15-12 at the 16th end. A single shot at each of the final two ends made a close 15-14 result in Jack's favour. Rink5 saw Tim Stacey, in a triple, tied at 10-10 at the 10th end from which parity was maintained at 12-12 on the 12th end. Conceding just one shot on the remaining ends whilst scoring seven gave a score of 19-13 at the end. Rink6 had Brian Clarke's four just slightly ahead 8-5 at the 9th end but then dropped a five which was recovered with two threes at the 11th and 12th ends. Managing to stay in front for the remaining ends Brian was victorious with the final score of 19-14. Trevor Wakeman's triple on Rink7 found the green difficult to read and were a distant second at the 5th end when the score was 1-10. They managed to pull back to 6-13 at the 9th end but then did not gain any advantage on the remaining ends and finished 10-23 down.

The rain stayed off and after a very pleasant after match meal and chat we made our way back to West Oxfordshire no doubt looking forward to next year's tour.

In Summary.

The tour was well worth the journey across to Norfolk.

On the bowls side this was our 5th outdoor bowls tour and was successful in that we won every match. Having enough bowlers to fulfil seven rinks proved challenging and thank you to those of you who stood in and covered the occasional gaps.

Of the four games played, we won 18 rinks (481 shots) to 8 rinks (361 shots) with one rink tied, once again a very successful bowling achievement.

Many thanks to John Hurren for not only organising the playing side of the tour but also the boat trip on the broads and the Palm Court Hotel in Great Yarmouth provided very good value.

Thanks to Roger Hopkins for taking the photographs, a larger selection is available to view on the Club's Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571774896811> which can also be accessed from the link on the Club's Website front page.

Many thanks to Ellisons Coaches and our driver Tim who again provided wonderful service.

Thank you to all our guests who joined us on this tour and we look forward to meeting up again next year which will be a three-night tour based at Eastbourne, travelling down to Langham Hotel on Friday 14th May. Local games on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday then at Reading on the return on Monday 17th May.

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

This commenced on Monday 11th May when we were on tour so, for a while, we will be one game behind.



Rank	Team	W	L	D	Pts
1	Witney Town	10	0	0	20
2	Witney Town	9	1	0	18
3	Witney Town	8	2	0	16
4	Witney Town	7	3	0	14
5	Witney Town	6	4	0	12
6	Witney Town	5	5	0	10
7	Witney Town	4	6	0	8
8	Witney Town	3	7	0	6
9	Witney Town	2	8	0	4
10	Witney Town	1	9	0	2

Working Weekend 27th/28th June.

Thames Water expect to take one day to connect our new water main and meter to their supply in Tanners Lane. Their “re-instatement” team are due to backfill and make good in Tanners Lane on Saturday 27th June and, as there are no fixtures scheduled for that weekend, we plan to take advantage and organise a working weekend. If you are available please feel free to attend as there will be several jobs that we hope to accomplish over that weekend. As well as connecting up to the new water supply and sealing off the old supply the trench will need to be backfilled and the grass area repaired and made good ready for seeding. We also plan to create a new access to the club by moving the personal gate half-way down the clubhouse wall to be in line with the chain link boundary fence. The chain link fence will be replaced with a close boarding fence, initially for security reasons it will be built in front of the chain link fence that will then be removed once the close board is completed. A vehicle access gate will be incorporated in this new fence to enable machinery to get to the green should this be a requirement in the future.

Basic Life Support.

Bowls Oxfordshire have made the following Basic Life Support session available to clubs to register an interest. A recent reply to my enquiry implied that they would be looking to book the Manor Hospital in Oxford which would mean they could handle 15 participants in the conference room. However, if we as a club could have 12-15 members interested then they would run a session at Burford, which would remove the problems of getting into Oxford. On a personal level I am fully aware of the benefits gained from having just a basic knowledge of life support. Please let me know if you are interested and we can then find a common date and time.

FREE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SESSION AT YOUR CLUB

Elaine Clubley and Nikki Axford

All inquiries to nicholaxford@aol.co.uk / Nikki.Axford@nuffieldhealth.com

Resuscitation Training Officers are running a fun and interactive practical session on Basic Life Support. (**This is not a first-aid course**)

Elaine and Nikki provide a hands-on approach to Life support using mannequins and a Defibrillator and actively encourage interaction and participation. We explain the difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest....**there is a difference** 😊

Remember it could be ***you!***

All attendees will receive an attendance certificate.

Maximum attendees 12 places

Burford Town Council Award.

For those who may not have been told, we are honoured to have been selected for this Burford Town Council Award and it is a credit to all members of the Bowls Club. It came as a complete surprise with no prior knowledge. The award ceremony clashes with a Men's League game so we will be asking for some members to represent the club and receive the award on our behalf.



BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

The Honorary Secretary
Mr Jeff Bizzell
Burford Bowls Club
Recreation Ground
Burford
OX18

5th May 2026

Dear Mr Bizzell,

Burford Town Council Reception, Mayor's Award

We are delighted to inform you that Burford Town Council has selected Burford Bowls Club to receive the **Town Council Award for Outstanding Achievement and Community Service** in recognition of the groups dedication to our community.

Burford Bowls Club is being presented with this year's Mayor's Community Group Trophy in recognition of its outstanding commitment to bringing people together and supporting the heart of our town. Far more than a sporting club, it has become a welcoming hub where residents of all ages can connect, learn, and feel part of something meaningful. Through its active involvement in community projects and its willingness to collaborate with local groups, the club has consistently shown a genuine dedication to improving the lives of others. This award celebrates the countless hours of volunteer effort, the spirit of inclusion, and the positive impact the Bowls Club continues to make across our community.

In honour of your outstanding service, the Mayor would be pleased to present you with the award at the **Mayor's Reception**, to be held on Thursday 11th June 2026 at 6.30pm at the Warwick Hall, Burford. We kindly request your attendance so that we may formally acknowledge your achievements and express the town's gratitude.

Please confirm your availability at your earliest convenience.

With warm regards and sincere appreciation,

Jennie

Christina

Jennie Craven
Mayor
Burford Town Council

Christina Edgar Hiatt
Town Clerk
Burford Town Council

And Finally.

Jan Bolton is now home after an extended stay in hospital. We wish her well in her recovery and look forward to seeing her around the bowls club soon.

Derek Kelleher has been missing from around the club lately and has had to withdraw from club competitions. This is the result of him going out for a walk with a neighbour and the neighbour's dog. In Shilton, approaching the ford, Derek caught his foot on a stone and, in trying to stop himself, accelerated his speed making it impossible to stop before crashing into iron railings at the gate. The result of which he cracked ten ribs and, whilst the recovery is very slow, it is also very painful. We wish him well and hope to see him around before the end of the season.

Jeff Bizzell