



Newsletter 07/26

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July Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
July 1 st	Art Class	10am – 5pm
July 2 nd	Art Class	9am-1pm
July 2 nd	Men's League – Witney Mills	Home 6:15pm
July 3 rd	Social evening	From 6:30pm
July 4 th	Horticultural Club Summer Show	9am – 5pm
July 5 th	Allan Tuckwell Memorial Trophy	Home 1:00pm
June 8 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
July 7 th	OMTL v Hanborough	Away 6:30pm
July 8 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
July 9 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
July 9 th	Men's League – West Witney	Home 6:15pm
July 10 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
July 11 th	Percy Cook	Home 1:00pm
July 13 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
July 14 th	Friendly v Wychwood	Away 6:30pm
July 15 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
July 16 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
July 16 th	Men's League – South Oxford	Away 6:15pm
July 17 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
July 19 th	Friendly v Malmesbury	Home 2:30pm
July 20 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
July 22 nd	Art Class	10am – 5pm
July 23 rd	Art Class	9am-1pm
July 23 rd	Men's League – Banbury Borough	Home 6:15pm
July 24 th	Friendly v Charlbury	Away 6:30pm
July 26 th	Friendly v Woodstock	Away 2:30pm
July 27 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
July 28 th	Hosting Men's County game v Wiltshire	2pm start
July 29 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
July 30 th	Art Class	9am-1pm
July 30 th	Men's League – Carterton	Away 6:15pm

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

OBA Men's League.

Halfway through the league we find ourselves reasonably secure in division 2 which was the objective at the start of the season.

League Table - Division 2

Team	played	won	drawn	lost	shots for	shots against	diff.	points
Witney Mills	5	4	0	1	359	286	73	20.5
South Oxford	5	4	0	1	388	306	82	20
Burford	5	4	0	1	348	318	30	19
West Witney	5	2	0	3	324	318	-18	15
Banbury Borough	5	0	0	5	288	351	-62	8
Carterton B	5	1	0	4	298	404	-105	7.5

Burford v Banbury Borough

At Banbury 4th June 2026

Burford		shots	points	Banbury Borough		shots	points
R1	T. Wilkins	14	0	J. Brooks	15	1	
R2	B. Parker	25	1	M. Morris	6	0	
R3	J. Lafford	17	1	C. Hopkins	12	0	
R4	S. Gould	9	0	T. Cooper	20	1	
	Aggregate		2	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	65	4	TOTAL	53	2	

In Division 2, the local derby between West Witney and Witney Mills resulted in a 79-49 win for the Millers, who gained 5 points for their quest to go back to Div 1. Kevin Siford showed form once again beating Martin Shepherd by 10 shots, matching David Augur's team win also by 10 shots, but the pens go to Les Days supported by his team-mates who won by 14 shots. Only Kev Alder kept the flag flying with a 15-11 win against Chris Weller's team. South Oxford got back to their winning ways by beating Carterton B by 29 shots, the only surprise was that Dave Tidball who hadn't lost a game this season until this night but gave way to D. Pitcher who won 22-14. Finally, Burford travelled to Banbury Borough and were disappointed with their game despite achieving a 4-2 victory against the home side. Bob Parker was the star, with a 25-6 win against Boro stalwart, Mick Morris. Burford moved to third place in the table. -John Hurren-

Burford v Carterton "B"

At Burford 11th June 2026

Burford		shots	points	Carterton "B"		shots	points
R1	T. Stacey	38	1	D. Muir	7	0	
R2	J. Hurren	20	1	D. Wakeman	12	0	
R3	B. Parker	13	0	D. Surman	22	1	
R4	D. Lafford	17	1	C. Stffons	16	0	
	Aggregate		2	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	88	5	TOTAL	57	1	

In Division 2, Burford moved closer to the two leaders, gaining a 5-1 win against the Carterton B team. Jack Lafford was chasing the game from the beginning, but the 5 points gained on the last end, gave them a one shot win by 1 shot to gain the rink point. No such problems, for Jeff Bizzell, Titch, Steve Gould and Tim Stacey, who bullied their opponents winning with 38 points to 9. Witney Mills stayed on top of the league, with a tentative win of 5 shots over opponents Banbury Boro. Kevin Siford continued his good form by beating John Brook's team 25-10. Boro relied on experience and secured two rink wins to reach a 4-2 pts finish, when the mats were put away. South Oxford finished their first half of the season by hosting West Witney and scuppered a return to the top flight for West Witney. Dave Tidball and Richard Green both scored 24 shots to win the ends which contributed to a 74-57 to the Oxford club. -John Hurren-

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League				2026	Updated 30/06/26			
Division 1								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	playd	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff	
West Witney	3	3	0	0	225	158	67	29
Banbury Chestnuts	5	2	0	3	298	275	23	28
Chipping Norton	3	3	0	0	215	189	26	26
Burford	3	2	0	1	226	173	53	25
Hanborough	2	1	0	1	116	130	-14	14
Witney Town Panthers	3	1	0	2	182	208	-26	12
Banbury Central	3	0	0	3	171	220	-49	9
Bloxham	2	0	0	2	68	148	-80	1

Burford v BloxhamAt Burford 21st June 2026

Burford		shots	points	Bloxham		shots	points
R1	M. Papamichael	24	2		Andy	11	0
R3	S. Gould	18	2		Brian	8	0
R4	J. Hurren	33	2		Ian	9	0
R5	J. Lafford	17	2		Steve	14	0
	Aggregate		4		Aggregate		0
	TOTAL	92	12		TOTAL	42	0

A very hot afternoon welcomed newly promoted Bloxham to Burford for their first game in Division 1 with the game being brought forward to a 2pm start to avoid the closure of Burford Hill to accommodate the Dragon Parade.

Rink1 was a very even affair and tied at 7-7 at the 7th end and, following even shots, the score stood at 12-10 at the 12th end. Michael Papamichael's triple then allowed their opponents only one shot on the remaining ends whilst collecting twelve shots to finish worthy winners at 24-11. Steve Gould's triple on Rink3 only permitted their opposite triple one shot on the first nine ends at were 12-1 up at this point. After conceding two singles at the tenth and eleventh ends they then took five shots and at the 14th end were in front 17-3. Only scoring one shot against five on the final ends resulted in an 18-8 victory. On Rink4 John Hurren's triple were just in front 4-3 at the 5th end but then took complete control taking 24 shots without reply on the next eight ends to be 28-3 up at the 13th end. The score moved on to 33-4 and, despite dropping a three and a two on the last two ends, it was quite a convincing win of 33-9 and collected the pens. Rink5 saw Jack Lafford's triple held at 6-6 at the 10th end but then took nine shots on the next three ends, dropped four at ends 14 and 15, recovered two shots at the 16th and even dropping four at the last two ends finished winners by 17-14.

Our game against West Witney on 30th June is to be re-arranged.

Burford v Faringdonat Faringdon 2nd June 2026

Burford		shots	Faringdon	shots
R1	Tim Jolley	21	?	12
R2	John Hurren	16	Christine	10
R3	Steve Gould	18	Danny	9
R4	Jack Lafford	30	Colin	9
R5	Bob Parker	31	Darren	10
R6	Tim Stacey	22	Vince	8
Total		138	Total	58

A revived fixture with Faringdon, a team we used to play before the pandemic changed so much.

Tim Jolley's triple on Rink1 kept their opposition well checked and were 8-2 up at the 7th end. This lead was maintained to be 14-7 at the 13th end when a five at the 14th was met with a 4 at the 15th end for the game to finish with a 21-12 victory. Rink2 saw a heavily limping John Hurren keep slightly in front at the early ends and went to the 8th end 7-5 up. The next five ends went to his triple accumulating seven shots without reply with a score of 14-5 at the 12th end. Five shots to two on the remaining ends did not make too much of a dent in the score which finished at 16-10. Steve Gould on Rink3 were equal at 1-1 on the second end but then gradually moved ahead and were 10-4 at the 10th end. Eight shots against five shots on the remaining ends to end with a win of 18-9. On Rink4, Jack Lafford's triple found themselves 5-8 down at the 7th end but then went on an eight ends scoring streak to be 25-8 at the 15th end which was built on with five shots to one on the final three ends and were well deserved victors at 30-9. Having lost the first end on Rink5, Bob Parker did not permit their opposition to score again until the 9th end when a four against put the score at 16-5. A further series of winning ends resulted in a finishing score of 31-10, claiming the pens on count back. Tim Stacey on Rink6 restricted their opponents to two shots on the first seven ends when the scores were 11-2, this trend continued for the next four ends and, with the score at 17-3, they dropped five shots on the next four ends that they regained with five shots on the last two ends finishing 22-8.

The after-game supper was a credit to those involved and for us to be able to field six triples for an away mid-week fixture shows that everyone at Burford is involved at all levels of competition. We look forward to Faringdon's visit to us next year.

Burford v Morton-in-Marshat Burford 5th June 2026

Burford		shots	Morton-in-Marsh	shots
R2	Trevor Wakeman	15	Kevin	13
R3	Tim Jolley	19	Andy	9
R4	Jeff Bizzell	8	Joe	15
R5	Ted Walker	27	Vernon	12
R6	Tim Wilkins	22	Steve	10
Total		91	Total	59

A very chilly evening, which remained rain free, welcomed Morton-in-Marsh to Burford in a return fixture revived last year.

Trevor Wakeman on Rink2 recovered from being 1-6 down at the 5th end to draw level at 8-8 at the 12th end then move forward to be 15-8 up at the 15th end. Unable to score again they managed to restrict their opponents to five shots on the final three ends finishing up as winners by 15 shots to 13 shots. On Rink3, Tim Jolley's four did not drop a shot until the 5th end when they were 7-2 up, this advantage they maintained throughout the match which ended in a 19-9 victory. A very strong Morton rink on Rink3 kept in front from the beginning and always seemed to find a way to reduce or eliminate any home holding shots but never really going too far in front. From being 5-7 down at the 10th end the home rink could not break through and an 8-15 defeat could have been kinder to Jeff Bizzell's four. Ted Walker's rink on Rink5 were always just

behind and found themselves 5-10 down at the 9th end. This deficit was removed by them gaining a five at the 10th end to tie the score, this motivated a string of winning ends scoring nine unanswered shots to be 19-10 in front at the 15th end. Eight shots scored to one shot conceded on the last ends gave them a resounding 27-12 win and the pens. Rink6 saw Tim Wilkins' rink restrict their opponents to only two shots on the first nine ends and then from 12-2 up they continued the same trend to be 16-4 at the 12th end. Five shots away on the 13th and 14th ends was met by five shots gained on the 15th and 16th ends followed by one shot each on the last two ends resulted in a 22-10 win.

Missing four skips, three playing in a county ko triples and one injured, we did very well to put out five rinks and managed a four-rinks to one-rink win. As with Tetbury, it is hoped that playing Morton-in-Marsh can become a home and away fixture in the same season.

Burford v Carterton

at Burford 9th June 2026

Burford		shots	Carterton	shots
R1	Tim Wilkins	16	Dave P	17
R2	Bob Parker	13	Stuart	19
R3	Steve Gould	24	Wendy	3
R4	Michael Papermichael	14	Diana	15
R5				
Total		67	Total	55

A very chilly, windy evening with rain threatening welcomed our near neighbours from Carterton.

Rink1 was an even-Steven affair with the scores at 6-7 at the 8th end but then some good bowling, especially from the Carterton skip, prevented Tim Wilkins triple from scoring on the next five ends and moved forwards to be 6-15 up. Eight shots to two shots recovered the score to 14-17 going to the last where 2 shots were not quite enough and fell short for a final score of 16-17. Bob Parker on Rink2 kept in touch and were tied 9-9 at the 10th end. Three shots on the 13th end put the score at 12-11 but Bob's triple did not score again until the 17th end when they were 13-15 down and a four against at the final end gave a loss of 13-19. Steve Gould's triple on Rink3 allowed their opposition to score one shot on the 2nd end but that was it until a single at the 14th end when the score was 19-2. Five shots to one on the final ends gave a result of 24-3 and, not surprisingly, the pens. On Rink4 Michael Papermichael traded shots with their opponents and the score was 7-7 at the 11th end from when they moved forward to be 14-10 up at the 16th end. Unfortunately, they conceded a four at the 17th end for the scores to be tied, and then lost one shot and the game at the last end.

An overall shots win was achieved by Steve Gould's triple as that was our only winning rink. That said two of the losing rinks were only by one shot so a draw was probably the result.

Burford v Kingston Bagpuize

at Burford 14th June 2026

Burford		shots	Kingston Bagpuize	shots
R1	Jack Lafford	31	M. Brcois	12
R2	Bob Parker	12	Geoff	22
R3	Tim Wilkins	15	Robert G	12
R4	Ted Waker	14	Peter R	15
R5				
Total		72	Total	61

A new fixture for the club, this against a team who play on an all-weather green.

Rink1 saw Jack Lafford go into a 7-0 score at the 4th end and after dropping four at the 5th end then took the next five ends by fifteen shots without reply to be 22-4 at the 10th end. Allowing their opponents only 8 shots on the remaining ends, Jack's triple scored 9 shots for the final score to be 31-12. Bob Parker's triple did not make any impression on their opponents but picked up four shots at the 10th end to be close at 6-8. Unfortunately they could only muster six shots on the last 8 ends whilst the opposition scored fourteen making a loss by 12-22. Tim Wilkins on Rink3 traded shots 3-3 at the 5th end, 9-9 at the 11th end but then

decided to put a bit of distance between the teams by scoring six against three to put the final score at 15-12. Rink4 had Ted Walker's triple 7-1 up at the 5th then 10-4 at the 9th only to fall away and be brought back to parity with scores tied at 10-10 at the 13th end. Four shots against two on the next four ends gave them the slight advantage of being 14-12 up going to the last end where they dropped three to lose the game by one shot at 14-15.

So, it was two triples each but our aggregate advantage by eleven shots. If possible, we might fit in a late summer match over at Bagpuize where they have floodlights on their green.

Burford v Hanborough

at Burford 16th June 2026

Burford		shots	Hanborough	shots
R1	Paul G	7	Jackie	27
R2	Steve G	14	Dawn	22
R3	Dougie	12	Allan	15
R4	Bob	20	June	16
R5	Ted	14	Peter	9
Total		67	Total	89

Paul Godfry on Rink1 never got into the game and found themselves 0-8 down before scoring on the 4th end. Things did not improve and only finding five more scoring shots ran out distant losers by 7-27. Rink2 saw Steve Gould's triple ask a lot when they were 3-10 behind at the 6th end and after picking up a single at the 7th end did not score again until the 14th end when the score was 4-20. Ten shots to two on the last five ends brought the final score to 14-22. Dougie Mustoe on Rink3 again did not start well and at 1-5 scored their second shot on the 6th end. Four and two singles put them in front 8-6 at the 10th end, a lead they held up to the 16th end when, at 12-9 they failed to score whilst conceding six shots on the last two ends to lose by 12-15. Not scoring in the first three ends did not deter Bob Parker's triple who then scored twelve shots to two on the next five ends to be 12-5 up at the 8th end, six shots against on the next two ends put the score at 12-11 going to the 13th end. Equal scoring brought the score to be tied at 16 each at the 16th end but Bob's group scored a couple at each of the last two ends and won 20-16. Ted Walker on Rink5 came from 1-3 down at the 4th end to be 8-4 up at the 9th end and then gradually chipped away to be 12-6 at the 14th end. Three shots against on the next three ends were countered by two shots at the last end for a 14-9 winning score and the pens.

Although losing 3 rinks to 2 rinks and by the overall score it was a good opportunity for some different members to play in a friendly.

Burford v Highworth

at Highworth 20th June 2026

Burford		shots	Highworth	shots
R1	Jack Lafford	14	Pauline S	21
R2	Steve Gould	21	Neil	15
R3	Bob Parker	22	Ian	17
R4	Tim Stacey	16	Alan	17
R5	John Hurren	16	John W	11
R6	Ken Gough	24	John T	7
Total		113	Total	88

Very pleasing to be able to fulfil a six triples away fixture at Highworth on a green that bowled very well.

On Rink1 Jack Laford's triple did not start too well and found themselves 1-9 down going into the 6th end where they managed to pick up two shots but then did not score for the next four ends and went to the 11th end 3-16 behind. The next four ends saw them pick up six shots without conceding and five shots gained on the last four ends were met by five shots to the opposition resulting in a 14-21 defeat. Steve Gould on

Rink2 pulled back to 3-4 at the 4th end but then dropped a single at the 5th end and six shots at the 6th end to find themselves 3-11 down. Five shots gained on the next three ends were reduced by three shots against at the 10th end and the 8-14 score was changed over the next four ends when Steve's triple scored ten shots without reply. This advantage was held for the remaining ends with three shots to one shot tally and finishing winners 21-15. Taking the first two ends with seven shots Bob Parker's triple were then pulled back with fifteen shots against and went into the 10th end lagging by 7-15. This was soon rectified and, with only a two-shot difference, (15-17) at the 14th end Bob's triple went on to score seven shots on the final ends for a 22-17 victory. Tim Stacey on Rink4 managed to keep ahead in the first half of his match with the score at 10-7 at the 10th end but gave away nine shots, whilst unable to score, on the next four ends. This was well recovered by taking six shots on the next three ends for the score to be tied at 16 all at the last end where they unfortunately dropped one shot to lose 16-17. On Rink5 John Hurren was well up at 10-5 at the 10th end and six shots each on the remaining ends gave a final score of 16-11. Ken Gough's triple on Rink6 permitted their opponents to score a single on the 3rd and 8th ends when the score was 13-2 which became 17-2 at the 10th end. Three shots against was matched by four shots to be 21-5 at the 15th end and two shots at the 16th and 17th ends was cancelled by three shots at the last end and a final score of 24-7 and the pens.

Winning on four rinks made for a very successful afternoon and we look forward to Highworth visiting us next year.

Burford v Witney Mills

at Burford 26th July 2026

Burford		shots	Witney Mills	shots
R1	Jack	11	Andy	15
R2	Ken	14	Dan	18
R3	Tim W	21	Pete	6
R4	Jeff	9	Kevin	29
R5	Trevor W	10	Chris	20
	Total	65	Total	88

Write-ups for friendlies take quite a time to compile and I will just reproduce the results in future.

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

The games that were scheduled to be played in the morning session on 8th June were, due to excessive overnight rain, postponed and will be played on 10th August.

Very close losses on our last two games has pushed us down the league a bit unfortunately.

Witney Town Monday Open Triples 2026

Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Cruisers	7	6	0	1	137	92	45	12
Meercats	6	6	0	0	108	82	26	12
Wickers & Glancers	6	5	0	1	113	71	42	10
Olivers Army	6	4	0	2	132	65	67	8
Dark side of the Loom	6	4	0	2	104	86	18	8
Cee Bees	7	4	0	3	111	111	0	8
Bobbins	7	3	1	3	97	127	-30	7
Burford Lions	5	3	0	2	120	60	60	6
Rebels	6	3	0	3	104	88	16	6
Loose ends	7	2	1	4	106	112	-6	5
Try Again	6	2	0	4	96	94	2	4
Breakaways	7	2	0	5	89	141	-52	4
Buttercrosses	7	2	0	5	90	150	-60	4
Tail Enders	6	1	0	5	77	109	-32	2
Jammy Dodgers	6	1	0	5	74	120	-46	2
The Millers	5	1	0	4	56	106	-50	2

Worth Webb.

Congratulations to Darren Wakeman and Tim Wilkins on winning this years' Worth Webb Trophy.



Burford Town Council Award.



Unfortunately I have not received the photos from the Mayor's Reception Evening but hope to include them in next month's newsletter. The award is in the trophy cabinet.

Hosting county matches.

We are hosting the Men's County game against Wiltshire on Tuesday 28th July and we would greatly appreciate any help either in setting up before the game, helping during the afternoon or clearing away after the event.

The ladies friendly that we were due to host on Thursday 30th July has been cancelled by the opposition.

County knock-out competitions.

Allison Cup

Congratulations to Steve Gould who has got through to the semi-final.

Triples

Congratulations to Jack Lafford's team (Jack Lafford, Bob Parker, Steve Gould and Tim Stacey) who have reached the semi-final.

2026-2027 OSMBA Short Mat.

There will be an availability form put up on the internal notice board for members to express and interest in playing in next winter's OSMBA West Oxon League. The registration form has to be returned to OSMBA secretary by 1st August 2026 so please enter your name ASAP.

Thames Water.

Probably a newsletter in its own right!!!

The following will hopefully explain what we have had to contend with over the past couple of weeks.

This was a letter sent to the residents of the houses across from the car park (I have removed the club letterhead).

The recent closure of Tanners Lane for Thames Water to connect the new water main to the bowls club will unfortunately have to be repeated when a new application for the road closure is made.

Despite representatives of the bowls club contacting Thames Water several times to notify them that the water main tapping they did on Wednesday 24th June was incorrect, they carried on with making good their work and reinstated the road on Saturday 27th June. On Monday 29th June, following further conversations, Thames Water accepted that the bowls club was not connected to the correct water main and are now providing the club with water from a pump running from a petrol generator. This generator will be replaced by an electrical generator in the next few days once temporary cabling has been connected to the scout hut electrical supply.

Thames Water have now applied for the road closure that will enable them to connect the bowls club main to the correct water main.

Essentially Thames Water connected the bowls club to the four-inch gravity fed main. This is fed from the reservoir across from the car park and, as it is on the same plane, gravity cannot provide any pressure and it also transpires the contractor noted, when making the tapping, that the pressure was less than one bar but never questioned the low pressure.

The club have received an apology from Thames Water and we wish to extend this apology to yourselves by attaching the email from Thames Water. We will keep you informed about the next road closure as soon as we have any information, the previous application took fifteen weeks from start to finish! It does mean that the temporary pumped supply will remain in place until we are connected correctly.

The bowls club appreciate the inconvenience these works have caused you but, as a customer, the bowls club are not at fault; it is totally within the control of Thames Water.

Good afternoon, Jeff,

It was nice to meet you today.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the standard of service you have received from Thames Water.

It was not brought to my attention until Friday that the new connection installed last Wednesday was not achieving the required pressure. This was because it had been connected to the 4-inch gravity-fed main supplied from the opposite reservoir, which provides little to no pressure.

Initially, I incorrectly assumed the low pressure was due to the exceptionally hot weather. However, I still requested that our local Networks team investigate the issue, and this is when we discovered that the connection had been made to the incorrect main.

As soon as this was identified this morning, my priority was to restore a suitable water supply for you. I made arrangements for Arlington to attend, who, as you saw today, were able to provide a temporary solution. I hope you find this satisfactory while we work towards a permanent resolution.

Looking ahead, I will make it my priority to identify a suitable water main that can provide the required flow and pressure. Once this has been confirmed, I will work with Network Plus to arrange the permanent connection.

Please be assured that I will personally monitor this job and do everything I can to ensure you are connected to the correct main as quickly as possible.

As we discussed on site, because a temporary solution is now in place, this cannot be treated as an emergency. The permanent works will therefore need to follow the normal process, including obtaining the necessary road closure. However, I will ensure that everything possible is done to progress this as quickly as we can.

Once again, I sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience and understanding.

This was followed by the following email received on Wednesday

Good afternoon Jeff / Tim,

As discussed, I have some very good news for you.

I am pleased to confirm that I have now received confirmation that your supply will be transferred onto the alternative main this Saturday, giving you the best possible pressure and flow.

I have also been assured that access to and from the bowls club via the A40 will be maintained throughout. I have also notified Arlington of your supply issues and they will check, hopefully it was just coincidence that the water was off whilst transferring the power supply.

Many thanks.

Steve Dakin

Thames Valley Field Team Leader

We fully expect to be connected to the correct water main on Saturday 4th July. This correct supply should give a pressure which will enable the irrigation tractor(s) to be much more efficient in their performance and operate at their designed rate. Previously the water pressure created about a 9-metre spread which should now be somewhere nearer to 15 metres and the coverage of one rink transition over the green will be 8 hours compared to 12 hours.

Thames Water have confirmed that they will cover all costs incurred by these additional changes.

Work around the club.



The entrance to the club has been opened up by removing the conifer stumps, moving the entrance gate and removing the fencing that formed an alley way from the gate. The chain link fencing will be removed and replaced by a wooden close board fencing, part of which will be a lift off panel to allow an access wide enough should we wish to get an equipment onto the green.

The rink markers are being repainted and the car park entrance will be tidied up in conjunction with the water main connection work.

Ann Fleming.

Pat Walker provided this obituary to Oxfordshire Bowls concerning the passing of a very valued ex member of the bowls club.

IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART, I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT ALEX FLEMING'S WIFE, ANN, PASSED AWAY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF FRIDAY 12TH JUNE, AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF BURFORD TOWN BOWLS CLUB FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ORGANISED THIER GALA ON MANY OCCASIONS, WAS SECRETARY AND COMPETITION SECRETARY, AND A VERY GOOD BOWLER. SHE STOPPED BOWLING ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO, BUT BECAME AN ACTIVE SOCIAL MEMBER, ALWAYS HELPING AND SUPPORTING FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, SHE WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND, AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY MANY.

PAT WALKER

BURFORD TOWN BOWLS CLUB

Ann's wake was held at the bowls club on Tuesday 30th June and Alex kindly sent this message to the club via John Hurren.

Hi John,

Can you thank everyone involved with Ann's wake for all their hard work on Tuesday.

I thought it went really well and was the sort of event Ann would have enjoyed.

Having the seating outside worked really well and there was a nice atmosphere.

Brenda was as she always is, brilliant.

I have had a lot of positive comments about how good a venue the club was.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Best wishes,

Alex

And finally.

Pat Walker had a very successful heart valve replacement procedure and now awaits the post operation assessment before her next surgery date is known. We all wish you well Pat and look forward to you bowling again in the not-too-distant future.

Tim Stacey will be going into Great Western Hospital next Friday 10th July for a knee replacement operation which will enforce his absence from the club for a few weeks. Trust all goes well Tim and hope its not too long before you are around the club again.

Jeff Bizzell