



Newsletter 07/25

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July Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
July 2 nd	Art Class	10am - 5pm
July 2 nd	Art Class	9am – 1:30pm
July 3 rd	Men's League - Charlbury	Away 6:15pm
July 4 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
July 5 th	Horticulture Summer Show	10am – 4pm
July 7 th	Club night	From 6:30pm
July 8 th	OMTL - Hanborough	Home 6:30
July 9 th	Art Class	10am - 5pm
July 10 th	Art Class	9am – 1:30pm
July 10 th	Men's League – Thame	Home 6:15pm
July 11 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
July 13 th	Friendly - Shrivenham	Home 2:30pm
July 14 th	Club night	6:30pm – 10pm
July 15 th	Friendly - Wychwood	Home 6:30pm
June 18 th	Art Class	10am - 5pm
June 19 th	Art Class	9am – 1:30pm
July 19 th	Men's League - Bicester	Home 6:15pm
July 18 th	Friendly – Witney Mills	Home 6:30pm
July 20 th	Friendly - Malmesbury	Away 2:30pm
July 20 th	Time Out Social Group	10am – 3pm
July 21 st	Club night	6:30pm – 10pm
July 23 rd	Art Class	10am - 5pm
July 24 th	Art Class	9am – 1:30pm
July 24 th	Men's League - Woodstock	Away 6:15pm
July 25 th	OMTL - Charlbury	Home 6:30
July 27 th	Friendly - Woodstock	Home 2:30
July 28 th	Club night	6:30pm – 10pm
July 29 th	OMTL – West Witney	Away 6:30
July 30 th	Art Class	10am - 5pm
July 31 st	Art Class	9am – 1:30pm
July 31 st	Men's League – Carterton "B"	Home 6:15pm

Men's League Oxfordshire Mixed League Friendlies Internal Club Competition

Men's League.

Tables & results for - Division 3 - 19-Jun 2025								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Carterton B	5	5	0	0	392	269	123	24
Burford	5	3	0	2	353	292	61	18.5
Woodstock	5	2	1	2	303	356	-53	14
Bicester	5	2	0	3	298	326	-28	13.5
Charlbury	5	1	1	3	320	329	-9	13
Thame	5	1	0	4	277	371	-94	7

OBA Men's League

v Woodstock

At Burford 5th June 2025

Burford		shots	points	Woodstock		shots	points
R1	J. Hurren	21	1	T. Stevens	14	0	
R2	S. Gould	25	1	M. Oliver	9	0	
R3	T. Stacey	19	1	S. George	13	0	
R4	J. Lafford	25	1	B. Clark	13	0	
	Aggregate		2	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	90	6	TOTAL	47	0	

In Division 3, the greenkeeper at Bicester cancelled the game with last week's leaders, Carterton B, when he inspected the green and found surface water. The teams have agreed to play on 19 June, when they were due a bye. This allowed Burford Town the opportunity to occupy the top spot again and they did this in style beating Woodstock 6-0 (90-47). Three rinks managed 20 plus scores with Captain Steve Gould taking the pens with a 25-9 victory, which encouraged the other rinks to try harder. (John Hurren)

OBA Men's League

v Carterton B

At Carterton 12th June 2025

Burford		shots	points	Carterton		shots	points
R1	J. Hurren	12	0	J. Warner	15	1	
R2	T. Stacey	12	0	R. Howard	15	1	
R3	J. Lafford	13	0	R. Olivere	22	1	
R4	S. Gould	16	1	D. Surman	13	0	
	Aggregate		0	Aggregate		2	
	TOTAL	53	1	TOTAL	65	5	

In Division 3, the top two teams met at Carterton and in a low scoring game, the home team won 5-1 with Roger Oliver leading the way by beating Jack Lafford's team by 22-13. Burford's only point came from Steve Gould's winning rink 16-13 on a very tricky green. This moves the young Carterton team into the top spot with a game in hand and 4 wins under their belt. (John Hurren)

Oxfordshire Mixed Trip[es League 2025					Updated		02/07/25	
Division 1								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Burford	3	3	0	0	250	130	120	34
Witney Town Panthers	4	3	0	1	285	226	59	33
West Witney	3	3	0	0	232	163	69	30
Banbury Central	3	2	0	1	204	187	17	24
Witney Town Cougars	5	1	0	4	279	375	-96	20
Charbury	4	1	0	3	233	289	-56	12
Hanborough	3	1	0	2	162	217	-55	10
Chipping Norton	3	0	0	3	168	226	-58	5

v Witney Town “Cougars”

At Burford 3rd June 2025

BURFORD		shots	points	WT “COUGARS”		shots	points
R2	Tim Stacey	28	2	Tim		7	0
R3	Bob Parker	22	2	Mavis		9	0
R4	John Hurren	27	2	Howard		12	0
R5	Steve Gould	17	2	Ron		7	0
	Aggregate		4	Aggregate			0
	TOTAL	94	12	TOTAL		37	0

Our very good start to this mixed league continues with this game against Witney Town “Cougars”.

Tim Stacey on rink2 were 7-1 up by the 5th end, 18-2 at the 12th end and finished 28-7 victors in what was quite a display of dominant bowling by his triple. Bob Parker’s triple on rink3 were tied at 9-9 on the 12th end but then took 13 unanswered shots on the final 5 ends and ran out winners at 22-9. Rink4 saw John Hurren allow the visitors the first shot but then not letting them have another until the 7th end and one at the 8th end when the score was 13-3. The next four ends scored 10-0 and although the Witney triple scored 5 on the ends 13,14 and 15 and then got into double figures with a 4 on the penultimate end a 3 for John on the last end resulted in a 27-12 win. The overall commanding performance by Burford over Witney “Cougars” continued on rink5 where Steve Gould went steadily picking up more single shots than the opposition and were 6-3 at the 9th end. 11 shots to 4 in the remaining 9 ends gave them a win of 17-7.

Quite a performance that puts us securely top of the league but still some interesting fixtures to play.

Burford v Morton-in-Marsh

at Morton-in-Marsh 6th June 2025

Burford		shots	Morton-in-Marsh	shots
R2	Jeff Bizzell	18	Bev	9
R3	John Hurren	13	Steve	17
R4	Trevor Wakeman	14	Vernon	15
R5	Tim Wilkins	16	Roy	14
R6	Jack Lafford	14	Alan	18
Total		75	Total	73

A recent downpour made the evening a little overcast but warm.

Our first visit to Morton-in-Marsh for several years following their visit last year and hopefully a reinstated home or away annual fixture. Jeff Bizzell's triple on rink2 went into a 5-0 lead at the 4th end and managed to pick up 13 shots to 9 shots over the remaining ends to win 18-9. John Hurren on rink3 were tied at 5 each on the 9th end but remained on 5 whilst their opposition went to 14 by the 13th end, despite 8 shots to 3 shots advantage on the last 5 ends they ended 13-17 down. Very tight game on rink 4 where Trevor Wakeman went from 9-5 up at the 9th end to 11-14 by the 15th end and just failed to regain the lead and finished 1 shot down at 14-15. On rink6 Jack Lafford's triple were tied at 3 all at the 4th end but then dropped away to 3-10 by the 7th end, pulled back to 7-10 at the 11th but dropped back again to 9-18 at the penultimate end. A five at the last end brought the final score to 14-18.

An enjoyable evening spent in good company and look forward to next year's fixture.

Burford v Wanborough

at Wanborough 8th June 2025

Burford		shots	Wanborough	shots
R1	Jeff Bizzell	16	Geoff Saunders	9
R2	Roger Hopkins	23	Mike Mesdam	9
R4	John Hurren	22	Linda Beardon	11
R5	Jack Lafford	13	Colin Bignell	16
R6	Dougie Mustoe	17	John Fossett	24
Total		91	Total	69

With the threat of rain it was proposed that we came in if looking likely to get wet, fortunately this did not happen and we enjoyed 18 ends of uninterrupted bowls on a green well maintained by club members.

Rink1 saw Jeff Bizzell skip against Geoff Saunders, both of whom attended the same coaching course two years ago, equal scoring meant it was tied at 9 each at the 13th end but then the visitors took 7 unanswered shots on the remaining 5 ends to win 16-9. A late change to rinks put Roger Hopkins as skip on rink2 and from being 8-9 down at the 12th end then took 15 shots without reply on the final six ends to run out winners 23-9 and collect the pens. John Hurren on rink4 were tied at 9 each at the 10th end but then got hold of the game scoring 13 shots to 2 to be 22-11 victors. Jack Lafford's triple on rink5 were tied at 6 each on the 8th end but a 4 against on both the 10th and 13th ends put their opponents in front with a difference that they were not able to overcome and ended up 13-16 down. Dougie Mustoe were 11-7 up at the 9th but a 4 against on the 10th put the scores equal. 2 shots to Dougie on the 11th end were cancelled by 11 shots over the next 4 ends giving a 13-22 score at the 15th end. This proved to be too much to recover and the game finished 17-24.

Thanks must go to Jill Barrow, who regularly tours with us, who lives close to Wanborough and kindly stepped in when we were one short a few days before the match and also to Paul Barrow who kindly gave up an afternoon of television to come and play for Wanborough who found themselves a player short on the day.

Very pleasant afternoon of bowls and look forward to next year's return fixture.

Burford v Carterton

at Carterton 10th June 2025

Burford		shots	Carterton	shots
R1	Jack Lafford	17	Dave P	13
R2	Tim Stacey	10	Duncan	28
R3	Bob Parker	17	Gethin	16
R4	Trevor Wakeman	13	Darren	19
R6	Steve Gould	17	Matt	10
Total		74	Total	86

It was a credit to Burford that Carterton put out such a strong team to play against us!

On rink1 Jack Lafford was 9-2 up at the 9th end then continued to stay ahead but was brought back to 15-13 on the 17th end by dropping a five, two shots on the final end secured a 17-13 win. Tim Stacey on rink2 were drawing 2-2 at the 4th end but a 5 shot then a 3 shot against put the game at 2-11 at the 6th end. A slight recovery on the next two ends to be 7-11 down was not maintained with a six shot against at the 10th put the scores at 7-18 with the game running away to suffer a 10-28 defeat. Rink3 saw quite an even game with Bob Parker's triple just ahead 7-6 at the 9th end, a lead they kept until the 17th end when five shots against put them one shot down, going from 15-11 up to 15-16 down. Two shots on the final end just gave them a 17-16 victory. Trevor Wakeman, playing against his son Darren on rink4 were well up at 7-1 on the 6th end but then dropped 12 shots (4,3,5) on the next three ends to find themselves 7-13 down which was never recovered as the remaining ends were even 6 shots each ending at 13-19. On rink6 Steve Gould were even at 4-4 on the 6th end then managed to forge ahead and were 11-5 up on the 11th end, then 15-7 at the 13th end finally finishing 17-10 winners.

Given that we won three of the five triples we were not disgraced and if things had gone slightly different, on what were very unpredictable rinks, the scores difference would have been much closer.

Burford v Hanborough

at Hanborough 17th June 2025

Burford		shots	Hanborough	shots
R1	Jeff Bizzell	9	Geoff Thompson	16
R2	Steve Gould	16	Graham Haynes	23
R3	Jack Lafford	16	Colin Haley	12
R4	Trevor Wakeman	19	Iain Walker	14
R5				
Total		60	Total	65

On a lovely warm evening we played at Hanborough, meeting their request for 3 triples and 1 rink as they had thirteen players available.

Jeff Bizzell's triple on rink1 were even at 5-5 at the 8th end and 7-8 at the 11th end but then only picked up two shots whilst conceding 8 shots over the final ends to finish up losing 9-16. Steve Gould on rink2 found themselves 2-12 down at the 5th end after 7 shots against at the 5th end. a recovery brought them back to 11-13 at the 12th end but a five against at the 15th end sealed their fate finally losing 16-23. On rink3 Jack Lafford was 10-3 up at the 8th end then 16-9 at the 17th end but three shots on the last end resulted in a 16-12 win. The rink was played on rink4 where Trevor Wakeman was tied at 7 each at the 9th end but then found themselves 8-12 down at the 12th end. 8 unanswered shots on the next three ends put them 16-12 at the 15th end and two shots to the opposition on the 16th and 17th ends was cancelled out by 3shots on the last end with the game ending 19-14.

To lose by such a small margin shows that all visits to the mat count and hopefully some experience has been gained by those who had not played at Hanborough before.

Burford v Highworth

at Burford 21st June 2025

Burford		shots	Highworth	shots
R1	John Hurren	15	Alan	11
R2	Pauline Tuckey	15	Mike	16
R3	Jeff Bizzell	12	Hazel	21
R4	Trevor Wakeman	19	John	9
R5	Ted Walker	16	Ian	13
Total		77	Total	70

Highworth came to visit on a very hot Saturday afternoon and we enjoyed a close match.

Rink1 saw John Hurren remain in front after drawing level at 5-5 on the 8th end and continued to gain shots whilst conceding few. Although the opposition pulled back to 11-9 on the 14th end John's triple finished with a 15-11 win. Pauline Tuckey on Rink2 allowed their opponents to move from 4-5 at the 6th end to 5-14 at the 13th end but then pulled back to 11-16 at the penultimate end. A four on the last end just fell short with a final score of 15-16. On Rink3 Jeff Bizzell failed to get any start and were soon 2-9 down on the 7th end but then recovered to be 8-9 at the 10th end. A five against at the next end and then only scoring 4 shots to 7 in the remaining ends resulted in a 12-21 loss. Trevor Wakeman on rink 4 fared better and was 10-4 up at the 11th end then two shots against was matched by 9 shots in favour on the next four ends. Three single shots to the opposition on the final three ends made little difference to the final 19-9 score and the pens. Ted Walker stood in as skip on rink5 and moved to being 12-5 up on the 12th end, successive wins of 3,2,1 against brought the scores close at 12-11 at the 15th end. Four shots on the next two ends put them out of reach and conceding two shots on the last end meant they ran out 16-13 winners.

Burford v Bloxham

at Bloxham 22nd June 2025

Burford		shots	Bloxham	shots
R1	Bob Parker	24	Jeanne	13
R2	Dougie Mustoe	19	Ian J	18
R3	Steve Gould	23	Paul Shipton	8
R4	Jeff Bizzell	22	Steve P	10
R5				
Total		88	Total	49

One of the best clubs to visit, always a warm welcome, and a decent green for bowls. Think we had a unique family involvement with Paul Randall and his wife Sarah joined by their son Tom, not in the same triple (yet).

From 0-4 at the 4th end on Rink1, Bob Parker stormed on taking 16 unanswered shots over the next seven ends but then gave away 9 shots to be 16-13 at the 14th end. Bob's triple then finished in style by taking 8 shots without reply over the final 4 ends and finished 24-13 victors. Dougie Mustoe had a very tight game on Rink2 although part the way through they were 15-7 up at the 11th end then moved to 18-10 at the 14th end. At 19-12 at the 16th end all looked well but dropping 4 shots then another 2 brought the scores too close at 19-18 at the end. Rink3 saw Steve Gould 9-7 at the 11th end then take 14 shots to zero over the next six ends to be 23-7 up and finally finish 23-8 winners. On Rink4 Jeff Bizzell were up 7-5 at the 9th end they then took 15 shots, including a six at the 12th end, to be 22-5 up at the 16th end. Five shots against on the final two ends got the opposition to double figures.

Burford v Chadlington

at Chadlington 24th June 2025

Burford		shots	Chadlington	shots
R1				
R2	Ted Walker	12	Piers	23
R3	Jeff Bizzell	14	Julian	21
R4	Dougie Mustoe	10	Phil	13
R5	Tim Jolley	38	Carl	4
	Total	74	Total	61

Lovely evening for bowls on what is quintessentially an English bowls green setting.

Ted Walker on Rink2 was unable to repeat his recent success as skip but was well in contention when 8-6 up on the 8th end. Unfortunately they conceded 17 shots whilst only scoring 4 shots in the final ends, finishing 12-23 down. Scoring a five at the 9th end put Jeff Bizzell's triple in a 13-8 lead but could only find one more shot in the remaining nine ends whilst their opponents found thirteen shots to secure a 14-21 win. Dougie Mustoe was 6-6 at the 9th end but then found themselves 7-11 down at the 14th end. Pulling back to 10-11 at the penultimate end then have two shots against on the final end so losing 10-13. Tim Jolley stepped in as skip on Rink5 where they just rolled over their opposition 1-1 at the 2nd end then became 13-1 at the 5th end. They conceded a single at the 6th end but then went marching on to be 34-2 at the 16th end but then dropped two at the 17th which was erased by taking four shots on the final end resulting in a 38-4 victory and not surprisingly the pens.

Final shots scored was 74-61 but one winning rink and three losing rinks can be considered as a draw overall.

Burford v Chippenham Park

at Burford 29th June 2025

Burford		shots	Chippenham Park	shots
R1	John Hurren	8	Martin	17
R2	Steve Gould	16	Dave1 / Dave2	20
R3	Bob Parker	12	Keith/Frank	20
R4	Dougie Mustoe	13	Tino	14
R5	Tim Stacey	10	Alan G/Tony B	17
R6	Trevor Wakeman	10	Stuart	18
	Total	69	Total	101

The request to host a touring side is never easy to decline but leaves the club open to a complete unknown opposition who were able to replace, at mid-point, skips on three rinks. Even with a few members missing we were still able to put out six rinks so many thanks to those who turned out.

John Hurren on Rink1 were in contention when 6-8 down at the 10th end but then lost their way to be 6-15 at the 15th end and ran out 8-17 down at the end. Steve Gould gave themselves a lot to do on Rink2 when 2-10 down at the 5th end but then picked up a five on the 9th end for a 9-13 score. Unfortunately this five was cancelled by a five against on the next end and although they got to 13-18 at the 13th end, they could only pick up the odd single and finished 16-20 down. Rink3 saw Bob Parker go from 3-3 at the 6th end to be 9-13 down at the 14th end. A five against at the next end took the score to 13-18 which could not be recovered and they ended 12-20 down. Dougie Mustoe on Rink4 came from 5-10 down at the 11th end to be 13-10 up at the 15th end but were not able to prevent four shots against over the last three ends to finish up 13-14, our closest game. Rink5 saw Tim Stacey lead 9-7 at the 10th end but then only picked up one shot to ten shots thus finishing 10-17 down. Trevor Wakeman on Rink6 dropped nine shots over the 6th, 7th and 8th ends to go from 2-3 to 2-12 down which proved too much to recover. Although collecting eight shots on the remaining ends they did concede six shots over the same period with the game ending at 10-18.

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

We have entered a team in the Witney Town Monday Triples. Whilst results have not gone our way it is always a pleasure to meet up with other bowlers and discuss the bowling green which has some interesting features!! We are still in the black in the shots difference which shows our losses have been very close games.

Witney Town Monday Open Triples 2025								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Wickers & Glancers	7	5	0	2	152	97	55	10
Breakaways	7	5	0	2	128	98	30	10
Dark Side of the Loom	6	4	1	1	118	84	34	9
Misfits	6	4	0	2	117	83	34	8
Cee Bees	6	4	0	2	104	86	18	8
Try Again	7	4	0	3	113	105	8	8
Bobbins	7	3	1	3	108	121	-13	7
Olivers Army	6	3	0	3	99	83	16	6
Tail Enders	7	3	0	4	103	123	-20	6
Jammy Dodgers	7	3	0	4	104	128	-24	6
Burford Lions	6	2	1	3	103	91	12	5
Rebels	6	2	1	3	85	104	-19	5
Wikki Wanderers	7	2	0	5	102	120	-18	4
Meercats	6	1	2	3	79	103	-24	4
New Shoots	7	2	0	5	102	138	-36	4
Late Comers	6	1	2	3	79	132	-53	4

Club Competitions.

Thank you to everyone who has arranged their games in the club competitions and it looks like most are on track. There will be some allowance to the played by date owing to the green being closed on some days. The important competition to keep up to date is the Men's Club Singles as this drifted last year and we were unable to send the eventual winner to the County Champion of Champions which is being held on 13th September this year.

Worth Webb 2025.

Team No	League 1	Game No1	Game No 2	Game No 3	Game No 3	Game No 3	Position
1	Bob Parker Eddy Tuckey	8 8	2 10	7 17	6 23	no 10	2
2	Bert Clough Roger Hopkins	2 2	6 8	3 11	no 11	4 15	3=
3	Stan Matthews Steve Webb	3 3	4 7	no 7	5 12	2 14	5
4	Philip Slaymaker Stan Lawrence	5 5	no 5	3 8	0 8	7 15	3=
5	Trevor Wakeman Darren Wakeman	no 0	12 12	5 17	10 27	5 32	1
Team No	League 2	Game No1	Game No 2	Game No 3	Game No 3	Game No 3	Position
1	John Hurren Jeff Bizzell	7 7	6 13	5 18			2
2	Tim Stacey Jack Lafford	8 8	9 17	6 21			1
3	Steve Gould Doreen Dowley	7 7	4 11	1 12			3
4	Tracey Godfrey Paul Godfrey	3 3	2 5	3 8			4
FINAL	Trevor Wakeman Darren Wakeman	V	Tim Stacey Jack Lafford		WINNERS	Tim Stacey Jack Lafford	



Congratulations to Jack Lafford and Tim Stacey on winning this years' Worth Webb

Art Class.

We are very pleased to announce that Chally has booked the clubhouse for her Art Classes for 2026. These will again be all day Wednesdays and Thursday mornings in three 14-week periods viz. Jan-early April; late April-July; Sept-Dec. She is also running a one-day workshop on 20th August this year. Long may this association continue.