



Newsletter 09/26

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September Diary

	Club Fixtures/Events	
Sept 2 nd	Art Class	9am – 5pm
Sept 3 rd	Art Class	9am – 1pm
Sept 4 th	Men's Singles Final	5:30pm
Sept 4 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 5 th	Club Triples	1pm
Sept 7 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept 9 th	Art Class	9am – 5pm
Sept 10 th	Art Class	9am – 1pm
Sept 11 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 12 th	Finals Day	All Day
Sept 13 th	Friendly v Middle Barton	Away 2:30pm
Sept 14 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept 16 th	Art Class	9am – 5pm
Sept 17 th	Art Class	9am – 1pm
Sept 18 th	Social evening	From 6:30pm
Sept 19 th	Finals Day	All Day
Sept 19 th	Curry Evening	5:30pm – 10pm
Sept 20 th	President/Captain Day	2:30pm
Sept 21 st	Green Closed	
Sept 23 rd	Art Class	9am – 5pm
Sept 24 th	Art Class	9am – 1pm
Sept 24 th	Horticultural Club	2pm – 5pm
Sept 18 th	Social evening – Short mat practice	From 6:30pm
Sept 26 th	Short Mat Practice	10am – 3pm
Sept 26 th	Hockey Club	15:45 – 17:00
Sept 28 th	Short mat roll-up	From 6:30pm
Sept 28 th	Club night – Roll-up	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept 30 th	Art Class	9am – 5pm

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

OBA Men's League.

With several players unavailable we still honoured the League Cup quarter-final against Chipping Norton with the expected result.

OBA Men's League Cup Quarter Final

Burford v Chipping Norton

At Chipping Norton

13th August 2026

Burford		shots	points	Chipping Norton		shots	points
R2	S. Gould	19		A. Fleming	17		
R3	J. Bizzell	14		N. Hancock	22		
R4	T. Wilkins	10		D. Hickman	25		
R5	B. Parker	10		P. Robbins	26		
	Aggregate			Aggregate			
	TOTAL	53		TOTAL	90		

OMT League.

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League 2026					Updated 27/08/26			
Division 1								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diffce	
Chipping Norton	7	6	0	1	532	393	139	62
West Witney	7	6	0	1	529	385	144	61
Burford	7	5	0	2	477	425	52	52
Hanborough	7	3	0	4	444	453	-9	42
Banbury Chestnuts	7	3	0	4	417	389	28	40
Witney Town Panthers	7	3	0	4	415	478	-63	37
Banbury Central	7	2	0	5	419	482	-63	31
Bloxham	7	0	0	7	309	537	-228	11

We finished a very creditable third and the two games that we lost might, given different circumstances, not have been losses. Congratulations to Chipping Norton on winning the league.

Burford v Banbury Central

At Burford 2nd Aug 2026

Burford		shots	points	Banbury Central		shots	points
R1	Jack L	15	0	Kevin J	18	2	
R2	Steve G	10	0	Paul H	15	2	
R3	Bob P	23	2	Pam S	10	0	
R4	Trevor W	18	2	John P	10	0	
	Aggregate		4	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	67	8	TOTAL	53	4	

Burford v Chipping Norton

At Chipping Norton 14th Aug 2026

Burford		shots	points	Chipping Norton		shots	points
R1	S. Gould	20	2	M. Acock	12	0	
R2	T. Wakeman	11	0	T. Wright	18	2	
R3	J. Bizzell	15	0	N. Hancock	19	2	
R4	B. Parker	9	0	T. Smith	22	2	
	Aggregate		0	Aggregate		4	
	TOTAL	55	2	TOTAL	71	10	

Not the place to dwell on this fixture which was re-arranged from 25th May when Chipping Norton were unable to field a team and we accommodated their request for a cancellation. With several Burford players not available for this re-arranged date Chipping Norton were unfortunately not able to meet our request for a cancellation.

Thank you to everyone who played and enabled Burford to fulfil the fixture.

Burford v West Witney

At Burford 25th August 2026

Burford		shots	points	West Witney		shots	points
R1	Jack L	12	0	David L	15	2	
R2	Bob P	10	0	Shep	14	2	
R3	Steve G	22	2	Kevin A	14	0	
R4	John H	16	1	Andy	16	1	
	Aggregate		4	Aggregate		0	
	TOTAL	60	7	TOTAL	59	5	

Very good result on this last game in the league. Result could not have been much closer and confirms Chipping Norton as this year's Champions.

Burford v Begbrokeat Burford 1st Aug 2026

Burford		shots	Begbroke	shots
R1	Steve G	33	John D	5
R2	Tim W	12	George	17
R3	Trevor W	11	Annie	13
R4	Roger	20	Ian	16
R5				
	Total	76	Total	51

Burford v Swindon Supermarineat Swindon 8th Aug 2026

Burford		shots	Swindon Supermarine	shots
R1	Tim W	12	Archie	16
R2	Steve G	18	Alan	18
R3	John H	7	Trevor	24
R4	Jeff	18	Mick	17
R5	Jack	12	Tony	18
	Total	67	Total	93

Burford v Amershamat Burford 9th Aug 2026

Burford		shots	Amersham	shots
R1	Roger	12	Fred	13
R2	Jack	13	David	22
R3	Trevor W	20	Dave S	7
R4	Jeff	14	John H	11
R5	Tim W	17	Ross/Paul	13
	Total	76	Total	66

Burford v Witney Townat Burford 11th Aug 2026

Burford		shots	Witney Town	shots
R1	Tim W	25	Lesley	7
R2	Steve G	22	Harold	9
R3	Roger H	15	David	17
R4	Jack L	23	Helen	4
R5	Doreen D	10	Pauline	21
R6	Jeff B	19	Ben	8
	Total	114	Total	66

The friendly against Headington on Saturday 29th August was abandoned after four ends having sheltered from a deluge at two ends and again at four ends. By the time we sat down for the after match chat the green was under water, something not experienced at Headington before. One friendly against Middle Barton left at the end of another very successful season.

Witney Town Monday Triples League.

A hard August in which we had to play twice in one day on 10th August after which we were 3rd in the league on top of a clutch all on 16 points. The tie on the 17th against Oliver's Army was the result of, once again very strong opposition, in which their skip saved a high number of shots. The other results of teams around us did not go in our favour and with one game to play we will be 7th but, given favourable results, we could finish 4th or 5th.

Witney Town Monday Open Triples 2026								
Team	Games				Shots			Total Points
	played	won	drawn	lost	for	against	diff.	
Wickers & Glancers	14	10	1	3	275	186	89	21
Cruisers	14	10	0	4	249	203	46	20
Cee Bees	14	10	0	4	244	202	42	20
Try Again	14	9	1	4	288	183	105	19
Moercats	14	9	1	4	225	210	15	19
Dark side of the Loom	14	9	0	5	250	211	39	18
Burford Lions	14	8	1	5	289	188	101	17
Olivers Army	14	7	1	6	261	196	65	15
Loose ends	14	6	2	6	229	203	26	14
Rebels	14	5	2	7	231	225	6	12
Breakaways	14	6	0	8	225	250	-25	12
Bobbins	14	5	1	8	203	263	-60	11
Jammy Dodgers	14	4	0	10	191	290	-99	8
Tail Enders	14	3	1	10	198	260	-62	7
The Millers	14	3	1	10	184	304	-120	7
Buttercrosses	14	2	0	12	168	336	-168	4

Club Triples.

Please enter your names down to play in the club triples on Saturday 5th September, the sheet is on the notice board or let Jess Bolton know if you are available to play.

President/Captains Day.

Similarly, please enter your names down for the final game of the season on Sunday 20th September, which is also the President's charity day with all monies collected going to The Stroke Association.

Club Competitions and Finals Days.

Men's Singles	Steve Gould	V	Bob Parker
Ladies Singles	Sally Colter	V	Tracey Godfrey
4 Wood Open Singles	Tim Wilkins or Ken Gough	V	Trevor Wakeman or Steve Gould
Handicap Singles	John Hurren or Tim Wilkins	V	Steve Gould or Darren Wakeman
3 Wood Singles	Steve Gould	V	Ken Gough
2 Wood Singles	Steve Gould	V	John Hurren
Never Won Singles	Richard Parker or Adam Carter	V	Ken Gough
4 Wood Open Pairs	Sally Colter/Jeff Bizzell	V	Trevor W/Brian Richens or Tim S/Dave Lewis
3 Wood Open Pairs	Brenda/John H or James M/Ian G	V	Trevor W/Bob Parker or Tim S/Doreen D
4 Wood Mixed Pairs	Jack Lafford/Tracey Godfrey	V	Sally Colter/Tim S or Sarah Randall/Adam C

Some semi-finals are still to be played before the Finals Day(s) which are set for 12th and 19th September.

In order to meet the 12th September date for the OBA Champion of Champions, our Men's Single Final will be played at 5:30pm on Friday 4th September.

Gala.

Once again we were able to attract eighteen teams to enter our annual Gala. The winners from each of three leagues and the highest losing second place team met in the semi-finals. The weather fortunately stayed dry throughout the day and the three league winners were Banbury Central, Fairford and Carterton Ladies with Burford A joining them in the semi-finals. Banbury Central overcame Carterton Ladies in their semi as Burford defeated Fairford in their semi. The final was a very tight game, going to the last end at four shots each and resulted in a two-shot victory to Banbury Central.

The presentation of the trophy was made by our main sponsor Peter Smith whose generous sponsorship is very much appreciated by the club.

We have received many complements from several of the teams who played with the promise to return again next year. To those who helped prior to the weekend and to those who made the day such a success a very big thank you. The catering was again exceptional; the bar was always open; the raffle was very well organised and all of the preparation beforehand made the day so pleasurable to all of our guests.

Congratulations to Jess Bolton for running a very well organised day that went quite smoothly from what I could see.





Finalists Burford A and winners Banbury Central with club captain Steve Gould and sponsor Peter Smith



The trophy was presented by Peter Smith to Martin Hirons, Kelvin Jones and Stuart Boyd

Fund Raising Raffle.

Hopefully you have been actively selling your allocation of tickets? I can only repeat that this, and other methods of fund raising, enable us to keep your membership fees down to one of the lowest in the Bowls Oxfordshire fraternity.

It has taken quite a bit of effort by your committee members to arrange some very good prizes and all that it is entailed in organising this raffle, hopefully we will meet the expenses incurred in buying the equipment.



Burford Town Bowls Club
Raising funds for Maintenance Equipment
Dinner to be made 20th September 2024
At Burford Town Bowls Club

1st Prize £200

Plus other prizes

- **£150.**
- **£100.**
- *Original signed water colour "Peonies, Rose Madder"*
Courtesy Chelover Spokes - Seasons Art Class
- *Blenheim Palace Family Annual Pass Ticket.*
- *Framed pen and ink drawings of Burford signed by local artist Henry Trafford. Courtesy Roger Hopkins*
- *Cotswold Wild Life Park 2xAdult & 2xChild Day Pass Ticket.*
- *Mounted and framed water colour of Burford High Street by Ken Messer. Courtesy Graham Ken Witney Picture Framing*
- *Meal for two at The Three Horseshoes, Asthall.*
- *Clarkson Diddy Squat Hamper.*
- *Bilush Indian Take-away vouchers.*
- *£80 Haffkins Celebration Afternoon Tea gift card.*
- *Hamper and goodies. Courtesy Brenda M-C.*
- *£25 A. K. Timms Voucher.*
- *£20 Burford Garden Company voucher.*
- *Bella Italia Witney meal voucher for two.*
- *£50 voucher for meal at The Lord Kitchener, Curbridge*
- *£50 hamper. Courtesy Spar, Mount Lored*
- *£50 M&S Voucher. Courtesy Peter Smith & Son*
- *£25 Sainsbury's Voucher. Courtesy Peter Smith & Son*
- *Haffkins Hamper*

Aerator Equipment.

Jack Lafford, Trevor Wakeman and Tim Stacey followed up an offer from Swindon Supermarine, who were in the process of replacing their aerator equipment, and had offered their old equipment at a reasonable price. After a demonstration a lower price was agreed and we are now the owners of some very good aerator equipment which would be outside our budget if new, both machines appear to be in very good condition and have been well serviced.



Club Short Mat.

The clubhouse will be open on Saturday 26th September for anyone interested in an introduction to/or a practice in Short Mat bowling. As there is a hockey club booking in the afternoon, I plan to be at the club from about 10am until about 3pm. If you are interested, please let me know what time you will be there.

Availability sheets are on the outside notice board for names to be entered for Monday Short Mat Pairs or Friday Short Mat Triples. I will sort these names into teams and hope to start the league/leagues around the middle of October so please enter your names if you are interested in playing in these short mat leagues.

Witney Town Wednesday Short Mat League.

We have entered two teams in this winter's Witney Town Short Mat League which is played on Wednesdays at 9:30, 11:30 or 1:30.

Curry Evening.

There will be a curry evening on Saturday 19th September with menus available at the clubhouse. Please place your choices with Steve Gould.

2026-2027 OSMBA Short Mat.

Week 1	Tue, 06 Oct 26	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Charlbury 'Cedars'
Week 2	Wed, 14 Oct 26	Witney Town 'Red Kites'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 3	Tue, 20 Oct 26	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Town 'Rams'
		Witney Mills 'The Weavers'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 4	Tue, 27 Oct 26	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Hanborough 'Heron's'
Week 5	Tue, 03 Nov 26	Free Week		
Week 6	Tue, 17 Nov 26	Charlbury 'Willows'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 7	Tue, 24 Nov 26	Witney Mills 'The Millers'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 8	Tue, 01 Dec 26	Witney Town 'Canaries'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 9	Tue, 08 Dec 26	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Hanborough 'Harriers'
Week 10	Tue, 15 Dec 26	Charlbury 'Oaks'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 11		Xmas		
Week 12		New Year		
Week 13		Free Week		
Week 14	Tue, 12 Jan 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Town 'Woolies'
Week 15	Wed, 20 Jan 27	Charlbury 'Cedars'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 16	Tue, 26 Jan 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Town 'Red Kites'
Week 17	Tue, 02 Feb 27	Witney Town 'Rams'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 18	Tue, 09 Feb 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Mills 'The Weavers'
Week 19		Free Week		
Week 20	Tue, 23 Feb 27	Hanborough 'Heron's'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 21	Tue, 02 Mar 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Charlbury 'Willows'
Week 22	Tue, 09 Mar 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Mills 'The Millers'
Week 23	Tue, 16 Mar 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Witney Town 'Canaries'
Week 24	Tue, 23 Mar 27	Hanborough 'Harriers'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'
Week 25	Tue, 30 Mar 27	Burford 'Lions'	Vs	Charlbury 'Oaks'
Week 26		Free Week		
Week 27	Wed, 07 Apr 27	Witney Town 'Woolies'	Vs	Burford 'Lions'

Work around the club and winter plans.

The area around the water pipe upstands has been seeded and is taped off so please avoid walking on this area.

Shortly after the closing of the green on 21st September Trevor and Jack will be doing the usual end of season maintenance of scarifying and aerating (this time with our recently acquired equipment) followed by feeding, seeding and applying sand/loam. The spreading of sand/loam will be weather dependant and will require pairs of hands so we will be asking for help to do this work, probably on a Saturday morning late September/ early October. The ditch mats will need to be lifted, cleaned and rolled up for the winter, possibly at the same time as the spreading work if not before.

With so many jobs needing to be done over the winter, there will be a programme of work and hopefully we can have support and help with regular weekly working sessions.

Art Class.

We are very pleased that Challoner Spokes, the course tutor for The Seasons Art Class, has booked the clubhouse again for her three 14-week courses in 2027; all day Wednesdays and Thursday mornings for the periods 6th/7th Jan – 7th/8th April; 28th/29th April – 28th/29th July and 1st/2nd Sept – 1st/2nd Dec.

2027 World Bowls Championships.

Tickets are now on sale for next summer's World Bowls Championship which will be run from July 20th to August 1st at Leamington; the link below will take you to the website where all of the information is available to view.



<https://www.bowlsengland.com/world-bowls-championships-2027/>

Bowls Oxfordshire information.

Club secretaries have been asked by the OBA secretary to distribute this message relating to the Celebration Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.

Please find attached the invitation and menu choice form for the Bowls Oxfordshire Presentation dinner to be held at Exeter Hall Kidlington on Saturday October 31st.

Last year was the first time that all sections have come together to present all the Trophies won by finalists this season, at one event, which proved a success.

A great deal of work has gone into arranging this event, in particular by Bowls Oxfordshire Executive members Ron Smith and John Hurren.

As before though we just need ALL Club Secretaries to post the form in a prominent place within their Club, make their members aware of its existence and invite them to attend if they wish, filling in the menu choices on the form.

We would very much hope that as many of the finalists across all sections can attend to receive the trophies they have won.

Maximum attendance has been estimated at 120, and if necessary, trophy winners will take precedence, but we hope as many as possible can attend.

FINALLY, PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MENU CHOICES, AND ALL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE SENT TO JOHN HURREN, DETAILS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with this important event.

Regards

Chris Weller

BOWLS OXFORDSHIRE

2026 ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER & PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Saturday 31st - October 2026 1800 hrs
for 1830hrs at

The Exeter Hall, Oxford Road,
Kidlington, **OX5 1AB**

DRESS: **Smart Casual** (no jeans
please)

**The meal will consist of 3 Courses, and
please choose from the options below:
The cost is £33 per person**

STARTERS

- A** Brussels Pate side salad, & Onion
Chutney (GF)
B Balsamic Onion & Mature Cheese
Quiche, side salad, & Onion Chutney
(GF) (V)
C Prawn Cocktail, Brown Bread (GF)

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MAIN COURSE

- D** Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, &
Gravy (GF)
E Mushroom Bourguignon Pie, New
Potatoes (GF) (V)
F Fish pie, with Leek Sauce, topped
with Mash Potatoes (GF)

*All Mains are Served with
Seasonal Vegetables*

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DESSERTS

- G** Lemon Meringue Pie
H Gateau with/without cream (V)
I Apple pie and Cream (V) (G/F)
J Cheese and Biscuits

Followed by Freshly Brewed Coffee or
Tea, served with Mints

**Raffle prize donations would be
welcome on the evening.**

CLUB: ...

**GLUTEN FREE & Vegetarian OPTIONS ARE SHOWN by GF or V REQUEST BY
PUTTING * NEXT TO YOUR CHOICES BELOW**

PRINT	IN CAPITALS	PRINT	LETTER	CHOICE
FIRST NAME	SURNAME	STARTER	MAIN	DESSERT

Payment by cheque, payable to **Bowls Oxfordshire** or

BACS to: **Bowls Oxfordshire** (Lloyds account),

Sort Code: **30-99-50**, A/c no: **5 1 7 7 8 3 6 3**

Meal choices and payment – By Thursday 1st October please.

Return menu choice by email to johnhurren@btinternet.com

And finally.

Pat Matthews underwent a TAVI procedure earlier in August and was home after a couple of days in hospital. We wish her well in her future treatment.

Pat Walker continues to recover and, although still on painkillers, is much improved with 4 to 7 weeks period to be fully active again.

Jeff Bizzell