



Members Monthly News Sheet – May 2026

Events/Key Dates May 2026

Saturday May 9 th	Club Open Day (Volunteers still required)
Monday May 11 th	Beginners Coaching Starts
Monday May 11 th	S&D Mixed T&B Leagues Start
Tuesday May 12 th	Ladies S&D Evening Rinks Start
Wednesday May 13 th	Hosting S&D Ladies Gala Day
Thursday May 14 th	S&D Ladies Afternoon Triples Start
Sunday May 17 th	Hosting the Eddie Wells 2025 Final

Exciting News

Over the winter the committee has been working hard to secure money for the club to help with vital improvements needed at the Club.

1) £6,114 - We have successfully obtained a 4-year interest free loan from Bowls England, and this will be used to:

- a) Obtain a new dedicated mower for the green. This will allow us to convert the existing mower into a permanent aeration machine, utilising our existing cassettes. This will allow us to improve the green condition over the coming years and reduce costs incurred from Avonmore.
- b) Improve the layout, appearance and safety around the storage sheds, water tank and maintenance areas. The 1st phase of this work starts this month, with phase 2 being completed after the season ends. Once completed this will also create an additional seating area as well as the ability to display paid advertising, bringing in extra revenue to the club. We already have 3 local businesses who have registered an interest in advertising at HWBC.

2) £2,750 - Obtained from the Wiltshire Community Fund to replace the aging sprinkler heads around the green.

3) £1,456 - Following the lease extension with the parish council and the ability to use our clubhouse for non-bowls related community activities, we have secured a long-term hire agreement with The Swindon Chess Club who host their elite matches every Monday at the club.

4) £440 - Obtained from the Haydon Wick Parish Fund to buy handheld equipment to allow the green team to repair minor damage to the green or reseed small areas. Again, this will reduce our dependence on Avonmore to do these repairs and the subsequent costs involved.

Membership Statistics

Details of the reduction in Full members 2026 v's 2025 and the plans we have in place to get back to 100 this year.

Closing numbers at end of March 2025

Full Male	75	Social Male	14
Full Female	25	Social Female	29
Total	100	Total	43

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Following Renewals for 2026

Full Male	59	Social Male	16
Full Female	22	Social Female	27
Total	81	Total	43

Differences year on year:

3 full members transferred out to other clubs (2 male, 1 female)

2 full members transferred in from other clubs (2 male)

1 new social member

1 new full member joined ex last years coaching

7 full members move to social (6 male, 1 female)

8 full members not renewing (7 male, 1 female)

7 social members not renewing (3 male, 4 female)

10 Social members carry out team roles

All full members (except 1 exempt) have jobs.

All teams are experiencing shortages

We are advertising extensively for our Open Day on May 9th to bring in new members and are planning to hold a second Open day later in the

summer to coincide with the Commonwealth Game this year held in Glasgow at which our sport will receive a lot of TV coverage.

Bonus Ball

Some of you may not be aware of a weekly sweep stake we run based on the number of the bonus ball drawn on the Saturday National Lottery draw. The cost is £1 per week, the weekly prize for the winning number is £25. If you would like to be included, choose a number from the free numbers below and contact Sandra Moriarty email - sandramoriarty@btinternet.com

These are the latest free numbers.

1,3,11,26,27,35,36,41,45,49,51,52,53,58

March Winners:

7th Lyn Jones
14th Alyson Fletcher
21st John Edge
28th Colin Jones

April winners:

4th No winner
11th Ann Ogbourne
18th Bob Thorley

Boules Group



Past Times Summer Competition 2017

Boules Update

This year marks the sixteenth year since the opening of the boule's piste, back in 2010, as an added addition to the already established Bowling Club.

Instrumental at that time, in its construction and development, were members Stuart Barker Rod New & Brian Pflieger and was conceived on the basis that it was something that the bowlers could do after they had packed up bowling.

The wood was collected from an old sawmill by Barrie Smith and Stuart, also Stuart applied to a local charity for a grant that was available for local projects around £3000 which covered the remaining materials so there was no cost to the club and the piste was officially opened by Rex Barnet the local Mayor at the time

Subsequently in 2025, due to wear and tear, many improvements were made thanks to Philip Mahoney and Trevor Startup.

Boules matches take place, year-round, twice weekly on Tuesday & Saturdays (weather permitting) 10 am start 30 mins per match followed by tea and biscuits and at times a lively debate on whatever seems to be the topic of the day !!! There is of course a small fee, £2.00 per session including tea and biscuits

Teams are picked on a random basis depending on the numbers that attend. We endeavour to uphold the spirit of the game and make it as competitive as possible and strive on an annual basis to hold a more competitive event followed by a French style lunch.

Current number of members that take part on a regular basis hover around the 18 /20 mark so there is always room for a few more as it's rare that there is a full house on every occasion that we play, and it also provides some social contact on a twice weekly basis.

Stan Clark

In the past we have held a competition between the Bowlers and the Boulers on a on a fun basis, this is a chance for bowlers to experience the game of Boule. If you like to try:

We have a day planned on Saturday August 15th to run this again if there is enough interest. Give it some thought and let Neil Fuller know if you are interested.

News from our Green Team

The Green Matters.....

Bob Thorley 17/04/2026

The first edition!

To get started, I will be introducing the Green Team members to you.



Before I do that, my thanks for all the get well soon messages, wishing me a speedy recovery from my recent heart 'reboot'.

This was done on Thursday March 12th followed immediately the next day, *Friday the thirteenth!!!*, when I gained an ICD, (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator). I left GWH late Saturday, just in time to get home and watch the rugby with France narrowly beating England, definitely not good for the heart.....!!!

I am now recovering well and hope to have my first rollup of the season sometime towards the end of May.

Meet your 2026 Green Team:

John Wilde and I are the two team coordinators - we both shy away from being referred as 'greenkeepers', that would be an insult to the profession!

The team's split into 'Mowers' and 'Sweepers'.

Our Mowers are Andy Hunt, Nigel Howard, Tom Szumalas, Keith Dabbs, John Wilde, Richard Fawcett, Tony Picken, Tad Gilewocz, Dave Longhurst, Steve Herridge, Shaun Moffat,

and the Sweepers are, Vic Waites, Colin Jones, Bryan A'Lee, Neil Fuller, John Cordell, Ian Knight, John Patton.

Not forgetting Ian Moran - our resident equipment engineer.

Here's how a typical monthly schedule looks

April 2026 Rota - Mowing & Sweeping						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mowing 30	Sweeping 31	Mowing 01	Sweeping 02	Mowing 03	Sweeping 04	Sweeping 05
Andy H Nigel H	Colin Jones *	John W Tad W	Neil F	Shaun M Steve H *	A.N. Other	John P
Mowing 06	Sweeping 07	Mowing 08	Sweeping 09	Mowing 10	Sweeping 11	Sweeping 12
Tom Sz Keith D	Vic W	John W Richard F	Bryan A'Lee *	Dave L	John C	John P
Mowing 13	Sweeping 14	Mowing 15	Sweeping 16	Mowing 17	Sweeping 18	Sweeping 19
Andy H Nigel H	Colin Jones	Tony P Tad W	Neil F	Shaun M Steve H	A.N. Other	Ian K
Mowing 20	Sweeping 21	Mowing 22	Sweeping 23	Mowing 24	Sweeping 25	Sweeping 26
Tom Sz Keith D	Vic W	John W Richard F	Bryan A'Lee	Dave L	John C	John P
Mowing 27	Sweeping 28	Mowing 29	Sweeping 30	Mowing 01	Sweeping 02	Sweeping 03
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At +5°C or below do not walk on the green. Put out Green Bins If raining no need to brush. * indicates training tbc

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.....and for 12 months of the year that's what we do.

So, that's us, that's a start, introductions done, more to follow next month.

From Your Committee

This is our first attempt at a monthly news sheet that will keep you informed of what's going on around the Club. As time goes on, we will introduce other topics.

This is not 'The Wick', but hopefully a vehicle to get information to you.

The bowling has started, currently the sun is shining, wishing you all an enjoyable season.

