

# WITNEY TOWN BOWLS CLUB

## News Bulletin 70 July 2024



### Tony Allcock Trophy

Congratulations and commiserations to the Witney Town team who represented our club so well in the Tony Allcock Trophy competition. This is the first time we have ever progressed beyond the county stage, and despite losing to Thatcham in the regional final, this is a superb achievement of which we are justifiably proud. Well done to all who have taken part throughout the competition:

Jean Smith	John Milsom
Pauline Conrad Banks	Mavis Hale
Roy Radband	Lesley Milsom
Tim Ludlow	Brian Bloomfield
Caroline Bloomfield	

### Men's County Senior 4s

Special mention to Brian Bloomfield, Roy Radband, Tim Ludlow and Paul Demczyk who gave Headington a real run for their money in the semi finals, losing by only a few shots.

### Willett Plate

An unexpectedly sunny Sunday afternoon saw the bowlers in the annual Willett Plate competition enjoy a very closely fought competition, with the final being contested by the teams of George Greenall, Mike Willemite and Joan Aldridge, versus Pat Smith, Clive Aldridge and Margaret Davidson. George, Mike and Joan just shaded the final. Congratulations to all, and big thanks to John Milsom for organising, and Lorna Deadman and Sue Close for doing the tea.



### Temple Piper Monday Triples

We are half way through the Monday triples competition, and one team continues to lead the way – Oliver's Army. Following closely behind are Wickers and Glancers, followed by Burford Lions and Tail Enders.

### Men's and Ladies League

For the men, in Division 2, Witney Town A lie in 5<sup>th</sup> place; in Division 4, Witney Town B are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Detailed results for the Men's League can be found online on <https://bowlsoxfordshire.co.uk/index.php/oxfordshire-bowls-league> .

Witney Town Ladies finished a very creditable third in their league (out of ten teams), behind Banbury Central and West Witney. They had their first match in the league cup competition on Wednesday, with an excellent win at West Witney. Ladies results can be found here: <https://bowlsoxfordshire.co.uk/index.php/west-ox-ladies-league>

### Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League

In Division One, WT Panthers are currently in third place, with WT Cougars in 8<sup>th</sup>. In Division 2, our WT Tigers are tied for first place. Detailed results for this league can be found online on <https://bowlsoxfordshire.co.uk/index.php/oxfordshire-mixed-leagues>

### Summer Club KO Competitions

These competitions are now well underway and there have already been some closely contested matches. Please continue to play these matches in a timely manner, within the set deadlines, and remember to leave the completed scorecards in the box, and inform John Milsom of the results.

### Upcoming Club Competitions

Please make a note in your diaries for the following club events, more details to be coming soon:

Sunday 4 August – Yardstick Competition

Monday 26 August – Derek Adams Trophy – sign up sheet posted in clubhouse

Sunday 8 September – President's Day

### Friendly Matches

We have a very busy period coming up with many friendlies; this can often be a challenging time for the Captain to make up teams as so many are on holiday over the summer. Please be reminded that to be eligible to enter club competitions next year (excluding the men's and ladies 4 wood singles) **members must normally have made themselves available to play in 3 home and 3 away matches throughout the previous outdoor season (not including Witney Mills or West Witney).**

### Slimming World Set Up and Take Down

We still need people to volunteer to set up tables and screens prior to Slimming World's Thursday sessions, and take everything down afterwards. We could still use some help for

set ups on the following dates, at around 4:00-5:00 pm – if there are four people, it shouldn't take more than 20 minutes:

Wednesday 31 July

Wednesday 14 August

Wednesday 21 August

Wednesday 4 September

Wednesday 18 September

A sign up sheet is posted in the clubhouse – please make every effort to help with at least one set up session. Thank you!

### **Tea Rota**

There are still plenty of openings for tea preparation for league matches and friendlies the rest of July, August and into September. Thank you to all who have already volunteered, and a reminder to those who haven't yet signed up that it is a requirement for active members (especially those who have been bowling outdoors over the summer) to do at least one tea. Please sign up before we come looking for you!

### **Chris Jones Sponsored Walk**

Our Club Captain Chris successfully completed his very damp marathon distance walk 26 miles in the Cotswolds on 6 July in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Thanks to all who pledged a contribution – he raised an outstanding £1250!



### **Committee Notices**

- At our recent Bingo Evening, there were a significant number of no-shows and very late sign ups which caused difficulties with food quantities in the kitchen. Going forward for future catered events, cancellations or no-shows less than 24 hours before the event (unless for medical reasons) will be charged the full price of the meal. The sign up sheet will be taken down 24 hours before the event.
- Please do not park at Ambic across the road, they have complained that bowlers are parking there and climbing over the hedges especially on Monday afternoons. We have a special arrangement with them for parking only for county matches, please do not jeopardize this.

- We have a shortage of people who can help out behind the bar at league matches and friendlies. If you are interested in being trained to work behind the bar, please contact Brian Bloomfield and he will be happy to show you the ropes.

### **100 Club June Winners**

Congratulations to these lucky winners in the June draw –

1st Prize	£100	Ian Scholan
2nd Prize	£80	Mike Jones
3rd Prize	£65	Brian Scholes
4th Prize	£50	Penny Powell
5th Prizes	£35	John King

The next draw will be at the Tuesday TAP league on 30 July - prize fund of £330 this month.

### **Jam Jar Appeal**

Brian's production line is hampered by a shortage of jam jars – please bring in your empty and clean jars (no chutney jars please) and leave them on the bar.

### **Their Last End**

**Fred Dawson** – With great regret we have received news of the death of Fred Dawson on 4th July after a long struggle against illness.

Fred joined Witney Town in the mid 1980s and played for the next 30 years. He became central to the competitive side of the club, winning most of the club competitions; the first one in 1987, the last one in 2012. He was Club Captain on 3 occasions during his career.

At county level he played successfully in open events in several venues, and county records show that he represented Oxfordshire a total of 39 times. In summary, Fred had an amazingly fulfilling and lengthy career that will have touched so many in our bowling community down the years; he will be sorely missed.

Fred's funeral will be held at the North Oxford Crematorium at Tackley on Thursday 18th July at 1pm. It will be followed by a wake at the George and Dragon in Hanborough. All are welcome there, to remember Fred.

All our thoughts are with Val and the family

**Alan Rowe** – a former Witney Town bowler, more recently playing at Kidlington.