

WITNEY TOWN BOWLS CLUB



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Can there only be less than six weeks until Christmas? Where has the year gone? We look forward to seeing you at the club at our various activities throughout the festive season.

Annual General Meeting

The Witney Town AGM will be held on Sunday 26 November, at 3:00 pm. Papers for the meeting have been distributed to all members by email – please contact Wendy if you haven't received yours. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

Temple Piper Wednesday Triples

We're a third of the way through the season already, and things couldn't be closer at the top of the league! Four teams – Burford, Flying Shuttles, Little Lambs, and Tail Enders – currently share top spot on 10 points.

Afternoon and Evening Leagues

In the West Oxfordshire Evening League – the Rams are currently flying the flag for our club's four teams, lying in third place. The Canaries, the Red Kites and the Woolies have made a slower start this year, but hope to pick up momentum in the coming weeks. In the afternoon league, the WT Vultures are currently sharing the top of the league with Abingdon. Information regarding results for these matches can be found online on the WT website, on the Leagues tab, under External League Links.

Please continue to check the match sheets for the indoor friendly fixtures this winter, and sign up whenever possible. You will see that there are a number of long mat games – if you've never played long mat before, we encourage you to sign up for a long mat friendly to see how this game is played.

National Outdoor Competitions 2024

There is still time for club players to put their names down to enter the 2024 National and Domestic competitions. Entry forms are posted on the boards next to the men's and ladies changing rooms. If you haven't entered before but would like more information, please see Alan Scholan or any of the club's experienced bowlers. The deadline for entries is 30 November.

Clubhouse Cleaner Vacancy

After a number of years of sterling service, Caroline Bloomfield has decided to hang up her marigolds and step down from her role as clubhouse cleaner. It would be ideal if we could fill this position from someone (or several people) who is/are a member of the club; we

would prefer not to have to bring in an outside contractor which would be very expensive and might have security implications. Please contact Caroline to find out more details of what the role entails (01993 778296). You may be interested to know that there is a modest honorarium that comes with this position.

Committee Notices and Reminders

- **PLEASE** check to make sure you are not the last person on site, and if you are, **you must set the alarm when you leave.**
- Reminder – please do not put your bowls on the tables! They can cause severe damage to the floor if they roll off.

Jake Kirkpatrick Tribute Gig

There will be a memorial gig for our late member and friend Jake at the Bullingdon in Oxford on 20 December, to raise funds for Sobell House, where Jake spent his last days. More details can be found on www.wegotickets.com/event/596559

Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar will be on Saturday 18 November from 10:00-13:00. This will be the last year that Susan Close will be organising the bazaar, and hopefully someone will be willing to take on organising this fun project going forward. We will once again be offering craft stalls, games, Guess the Weight of the Cake, bric a brac stall, tombola, cake stall, teas and coffees. We still **urgently** need helpers on the day to run the tombola, cake stall, serve teas and coffees, and generally help out. Please contact Susan to put your name forward. Donations for the tombola, cakes and bakes, and bric-a-brac can be dropped off at the club on Friday evening or bring to the club on the morning of the bazaar.

Spartan Rangers Christmas Jumper Fun Night

This annual event will be held on Friday 15 December (6:00 for 6:30), and is a highlight of our calendar. Members of the Spartan Rangers football club team up to play a fun short mat competition against Witney Town members – and there is a fantastic hot buffet afterwards. There is always a great turnout of Christmas jumpers, although not mandatory! The sign up sheet is posted in the club; the cost is £5.00.

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Prize Draw – the lunch and prize draw will be on Sunday 17 December, at 12:30. The price of £17.50 will include a main course, dessert, and cheese and biscuits. A sign up list for the lunch is now posted in the clubhouse; please indicate your choice of course when signing up. If you can't make it to the club, please contact Wendy on wrhurlp@icloud.com with your name/s and choice/s of food (beef or turkey, Christmas pudding or fruit salad, or vegetarian) and she will sign you up.

The sheet of numbers for the **Christmas Prize Draw** has also been posted on the cupboard door next to the bar. Numbers are £1.00 each. Please don't forget to put your money in the collection bucket!

New Year's Lunch – will be Sunday 7 January. Two courses for £15.00

Quiz Night – the next famous Anstey’s Quiz night, organised by Simon and Christine, will be on Saturday 17 February.

100 Club October Winners

Congratulations to these lucky winners in the October draw –

1 st Prize	£100	Helen Matchett
2 nd Prize	£85	Jean Dolton
3 rd Prize	£70	Allen Powell
4 th Prize	£55	Ian Dick
5 th Prize	£40	Ian Hale

Next draw will be at the rollup session on Friday 1 December - £350 in the prize pot.