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**Witney Town - more than just a bowls club!
Check out our website**

Membership

With all this year's membership forms now in and counted, it is clear the club continues to grow and prosper; at the end of May we boasted 96 full playing members and 38 social members. The club's popularity reflects the busy and varied programme both on and off the bowling green and mats – not to mention the hard work of the officers and the committee.

The Club Website

We must pay tribute to Mike Jones who acts as webmaster, because keeping the website up to date is a huge and never ending task. Well done indeed. Mike would welcome an understudy to learn the ropes and share the burden a little; **any members interested and with the necessary IT and website skills please contact Mike** - via the website, of course!

Social Events

The regular social programme continues, with several members going home at the end of May with their Bingo winnings. That supper was yet another amazing meal provided by the catering team.

Catering Team

The team does a great job but relies on all of you to play your part by taking a turn to prepare the match teas. So –

If you have not already signed up PLEASE NOW DO SO on the Tea Rota on the main notice board.

Holiday time!

We are more than just bowlers! Future holidays are being planned for you and your friends and relatives. The exciting trip planned for Autumn 2018 is a bowls holiday to the Algarve in Portugal; details are overleaf. Let the organisers know of your interest. Lists are up in the pavilion for this, and for the annual January holiday in Okehampton. Both holidays are great value for money and lots of fun, so get your names down quickly.

Slimming World

The Thursday partnership arrangements have settled down nicely. Throughout both day and evening, access to the changing rooms has not been affected by the Slimming World sessions. There are signs of integration too, with some of our bowlers joining the slimming sessions and 2 of their customers trying out bowls!

League Results

Ladies League

A mid table position after very tight competitive matches.

17 May v West Witney Washed out by rain

24 May v Carterton Win 10 - 0

31 May v Banbury Central Loss 2 - 8

7 June v Woodstock Win 8 - 2

15 June v Hanborough Loss 0 - 10

21 June v West Witney Win 8 - 2

Mens League

A strong start in May but the wheels fell off at Chippy!

11 May v Kidlington Win 5 - 1

25 May v Witney Mills Win 3.5 - 2.5

8 June v Ch Norton Loss 1 - 5

15 June v Adderbury Win 5 - 1

Westox Mixed League

A tight league this year and both teams have suffered defeats.

Aces

Burford Win 12 - 0

Chestnuts 4 - 8

Blues 2 - 10

Middle Barton 0 - 12

Charlbury 8 - 4

Blues

Charlbury 10 - 2

Aces 10 - 2

Bloxham 1 - 11

Ch Norton 4 - 8

Chestnuts 12 - 0

Burford 8 - 4

Beech Hedge

Fred Hickman and his team have removed part of the beech hedge beside the flagpole to improve the view of the green from the veranda. The committee sounded members out about what to do with the cleared area. The consensus was to pave the area to match the rest

of the patio. Fred's team will do this work later in the summer after the tree roots have rotted down.

Portugal Holiday Details

Friends and relatives are very welcome to come with us on our Algarve holiday from 1st October 2018.

The holiday is for 14 nights at the Dom Jose Beach Hotel Quarteira, a fishing village just outside the marina resort of Vilamoura. Included in the holiday price are return flights from Gatwick and 4 bowls matches.

The cost for a sea view twin room is £795pp B & B or £945pp Half Board. Single Supplement is £13 per night. Excellent value - sign up now!

Ladies County Events

Our ladies have done us proud at recent Bowls Oxfordshire Ladies competitions. **The Blay Trophy** took place on our green at the end of May and our players excelled. Irene Whatmore and her partner won the trophy, beating Barbara Singh and her partner in a very close final. The Plate event was won by Shirley Crick and her partner.

Last weekend Sandra Grindrod and Barbara Singh won through to the final of the **Unbadged Pairs** competition, to be played at City & County at the end of July.

Well done indeed to all of you.