

BOWLED OVER



THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – OCT/NOV 2025

HEADLINE NEWS

- Nominations and volunteer sign-up sheets for the AGM are posted on the portable notice board in the clubhouse and there are still a lot of vacancies to be filled. Your club needs you – without our volunteers there is no club.
- After several weather-related delays, the club competition finals were concluded on Tuesday 9th September; results below.
- And the rescheduled Fixed Jack competition was held in lovely weather, with wonderful support and a great atmosphere. The winner, by a good margin, was Phil Bellew. In joint second were Dick Forde and Viv Collins with Val Osmond, Barry Painter and Terri Purkis sharing third place.
- Well done to Val Osmond who won the County Ladies Two-Wood Competition and went on to compete in the National Finals at Leamington.
- Look out for our Autumn activities including Short Mat, Whist Drive, Quizzes, Board Games, Christmas Wreaths/Craft, Knit and Chit-Chat. Prices depend on activity. If anyone is happy to host an activity, please contact Terri Purkis.
- During September we hosted the City & County Ladies Singles Final.
- Don't forget, the End of Season Supper is on Friday 7th November at 19:00 and the Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 16th November at 14:00.

FRIENDLY MATCH RESULTS SO FAR

Format	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Mixed Friendly	38	20	2	16
Ladies Friendly	16	9	1	6
Men's Friendly	6	5	0	1

CLUB COMPETITION FINALS 2025

Competition	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
Ladies Championship	Audrey Mitchell	Jenny Westlake
Men's Championship	Phil Bellew	Dicke Forde
Ladies 2-wood Singles	Val Osmond	Audrey Mitchell
Men's 2-wood Singles	Keith Stokes	Paul Harris
Handicapped Singles	Russ Isaac	Paul Harris
Unwon Singles	Dave Rogerson	Andy Smythe
Novice Singles	Matt Horseman	Mike Gamlin
Championship Pairs	Viv Collins & Barry Painter	Jan Logan & Liz Hankinson
Mixed Pairs	Liz Hankinson & Viv Collins	Sandra Waite & Bob Locke
4-wood Handicapped Pairs	Derek Hayward & Dave Rogerson	Dianne Wilson & Norman West
2-wood Handicapped Pairs	Jeff Weaver & Norman West	Derek Hayward & Mark McRobie

WHO'S WHO



Alexia Gardner
Safeguarding Officer

In 2000 Ted and I came to Henleaze Bowls Club in order to have an activity we could do together. He had taken early retirement and I was still teaching at QEH. At the time the Club had room for 100 men and 50 ladies players. There was a place for Ted but I went on a waiting list as the Ladies section was full. Of course I was able to do a tea duty while waiting! There was a place for me the following year.

During my time at the Club I have taken on various roles including Asst. Secretary, and now safeguarding Officer. After retiring, 2021 was my year as Ladies Captain, it did not start well. My first Ladies match against Greenbank saw us at Greenbank and their ladies at Henleaze! We returned to Henleaze to play but in fact they were in the wrong. Due to the great support from the Ladies, the end of the season as Captain saw us winning two of the league divisions and coming second in a third. Fantastic.

Another playing highlight was being part of the Interclub winning team in 2019.

I am not naturally sporty as I have poor eyesight but bowls has suited me well. The Club has given me many different opportunities and great friends.

I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

The answer to last month's "You're jack-high" question was e) - the only wood that was actually jack-high.

YOUR FEEDBACK

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