

BOWLED OVER



THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – FEB/MAR 2026

HEADLINE NEWS

- A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- We are most grateful to the following members who have recently volunteered their time to support the operation of our club:-
 - Val Ford - Events Coordinator & Kitchen Manager
 - Keith Pike - Coaching Coordinator
 - Sara Dutson - Data Protection Officer
- By now, you should have received your membership renewals form by email; if not there are paper copies in the clubhouse. Any questions please contact Sara Dutson.
- For those attending the Pre Season Supper on Friday 27th March, please send your menu choices to Val Ford.
- There has been a lot of painting and other improvements going on in the clubhouse recently, with thanks to some of our fellow members. There are still jobs to do, so if you have time to help, please contact Ian Anderson.
- Ahead of the new season, please read the club's new Code of Conduct, which is adapted from the associated Gloucestershire Bowling Association document and is mandated for affiliated clubs. This was sent to all members by email and is available via the club website.
- If you wish to purchase a club shirt and weren't able to attend the fitting session, please contact Geoff Halls. Other garments are available from the Zapkam web store at.....
<https://www.zapkam.com/>
- A reminder that Coffee Mornings will be held in April, October and December. The Lottery will be drawn on these occasions and also at the Pre-Season Supper, President's Day and Captains Day.
- If you wish to enter in any County Competitions this year, please advise Margaret Thompson before 10th February, so that we can consolidate the paperwork by the closing dates.
- If you have any items to raise at the 10th February General Committee Meeting, please contact our Members' Representative Sandra Waite – details below.
- We'll be back to monthly newsletters from April, yippee!

WHO'S WHO



**Judith
Claypoole
President**

I left Yorkshire in 1963 and came down here to work, I'm still here and still have the accent!! I play bowls because my husband decided to live at the club(!).

Because I taught PE, being Ladies and Mixed Captains, also on a few selection committees, suited me perfectly. Working hard to produce balanced rinks so that the players could get the maximum enjoyment and success was very rewarding. I also ran the competitions for several years. Since becoming President, I have been so impressed by the amount of work members do, I knew some of it but not all by any means.

My other interests are playing bridge and drama. I have directed many plays for Horfield Theatre Company. The most enjoyable was 'Calendar Girls' superb cast, lots of fun, full houses, we even made and sold a calendar. I love being a member of HBC, such great people. Thank you all.

I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

Playing in a County competition last year I was 'bluntly' reminded that possession of the rink rests with the team whose bowl is being played, from the moment the previous bowl stops until their own bowl comes to rest. I apologised.

When not in possession of the rink, we should stand away from the head or the mat, and refrain from communicating with our teammates at the opposite end of the rink.

YOUR FEEDBACK

Regarding the newsletter, please contact the editor Viv Collins, in person or via email: viv.collinz@gmail.com
For any club matters, please contact our Members' Representative Sandra Waite, again in person or via email: waitejohn40@gmail.com