

BOWLED OVER



THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2026

HEADLINE NEWS

- We're nearly there...the green opens on Saturday April 11th at 12:00, following the coffee morning at 10:30 with FREE bacon rolls from 11:00!
- Lots of great work done in the clubhouse over the closed season, with many, many thanks to numerous volunteers.
- Nearly 60 of us enjoyed a most colourful pre-season supper on Friday 27th April.
- The first Lottery Draw of the year was made at the supper; and the winners were (drum roll).. Monica Briercliffe-Davies, Angie Hunt, Grace Douglas, Jackie Tuckfield and Rosemary Brown.



WHO'S WHO

Rob Jones
Bar
Chairman

In the May/June of 2020 I joined Henleaze Bowling Club, after a brief spell at BAC Bowling Club. The move was prompted by COVID as BAC didn't reopen due to the staff being furloughed, a move I thanked COVID for. I came over with four other Rolls-Royce lads. Within the first week of joining the club we were asked if any of us would fancy running the bar as the current Bar chairman was due to leave. Paul Harris and I agreed to give it a go and see what we were letting ourselves in for. We are now in our 6th year. Running the bar helped us meet fellow members and get involved with progressing and modernising this great club. I have been involved first hand with the upgrade to the irrigation system, SumUp at the bar, new ramp, TV installation and of course the new club attire to name but a few. Liz also got involved and is the current cleaning lead as well as doing the food for the men's league for the past five years. If you're new to the club and have skills to offer, get involved. We did.

2026 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers continue to rise, up from 120 at the start of last season. A warm welcome to James and Lucy Ford, our new neighbours and social members.

Membership Category	Female	Male	Totals
Full	42	50	92
Restricted	5	4	9
Social	21	12	33
Grand Totals	68	66	134

2026 FIXTURES

The fixtures are now on the club website. Our first four matches are away so plenty of rinks available for practice!

	Home	Away	Totals
Ladies Friendlies	10	10	20
Ladies League	23	23	46
Men's Friendlies	4	5	9
Men's League	18	18	36
Mixed Friendlies	28	19	47
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I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

While getting ready to play, I heard a loud 'thud' behind me. I turned around to witness the cause of the noise as a second bowl hit the grass, having been dropped about four feet by one of the other players. Dropping or throwing bowls on the green is not necessary and can damage the playing surface which, as the greenkeeper will tell you, takes a lot of time, effort and money to prepare for our enjoyment.

YOUR FEEDBACK

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For any club matters, please contact our Members' Representative Sandra Waite, again in person or via email: waitejohn40@gmail.com. And, should you have a formal complaint to register, forms are available from our Safeguarding Officer, Alexia Gardner: mrs gandmry2@talktalk.net.