

BOWLED OVER



THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – MAY 2026

HEADLINE NEWS

- The combined coffee morning and green opening was a great success, enjoyed by more than 50 of us. The bacon rolls no doubt helped too!
- The season is now well underway with eleven matches completed – see the club website for results, scores and links to the league tables.
- Both the men's and ladies practice evenings and the men's versus ladies' match were all very well attended and a useful way to prepare for the new season.
- The club competitions will be drawn in the clubhouse on Sunday 3rd May at 10:30 (attendance not required).
- Monday morning triples gets underway 11th May.
- To support our ongoing recruitment campaign, posters have been printed and are available to take away and advertise in your locality.
- Note that the Club Rules have been updated and posted on the main notice board.
- Sadly, Imperial Bowling Club have withdrawn from the Bristol & District league this year, resulting in two less fixtures for our men's B team.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Look out for sign-up sheets for participating in and helping out with the....

- Family & friends Open Day – Monday 4th May
- Skills Development event – Tuesday 5th May
- President's Day – Monday 25th May

I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

"Is this one of your woods?" I heard the other skip ask.... "I think so", I responded, acknowledging that it was the only one with a different sticker. Having cleared up the confusion, we are reminded that stickers must match within a set and be placed consistently on each bowl. It helps markers, umpires, and opponents identify bowls, particularly during tight heads. If you need club stickers, they are available from either Geoff Halls or from the bar for the princely sum of £1 per set.



WHO'S WHO

Geoff Halls

Captain,
Mixed
Matches

Together with my wife, Anne, I joined Henleaze a few months after we had moved from Hertfordshire to Westbury-on-Trym some four years ago. Neither of us had played bowls before although both my parents had done so.

Although we were quite used to living in different places (having lived for 13 years in Germany and France), becoming members of such a friendly and inclusive club greatly helped us to settle in to our new environment.

For the past 2 or 3 years, I have acted as Assistant Secretary and with some trepidation I took on the role of Mixed Captain for the 2026 season. Let's see how that works out.

Despite still having a lot to learn and with plenty of room for improvement, we both really enjoy bowling. We went on the 2025 club bowls tour and will go again this year.

Otherwise, I am a member of two bridge clubs and play at least twice a week and am a season-ticket holder at Arsenal.

I enjoy cryptic crosswords, sudoku, DIY, gardening and reading and can usually be found in the Post Office Tavern on a Thursday evening.

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.