

# BOWLED OVER



## THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2026

### HEADLINE NEWS

- Three significant events during May – President’s Day, Friends & Family Open Day and the Skills Development session - were enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you to all those who helped to prepare and support on the day.
- We need help delivering fliers for Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June. There is a list of roads to be covered underneath the teams notice board. Any other places and roads would be good. See Geoff Halls for fliers.
- Just 7 weeks into the new season and 44 matches have been played already!
- A warm welcome to our recent new members.... Angel Peters, Jan Duncan, David Jones, Paul Dieppe.

### CLUB COMPETITIONS REMINDER

*For those having entered a club competition....*

- *Competition draws are displayed in the cabinet outside the far main door to the Clubhouse and are on the club website - each round has a strict play-by date.*
- *Payment is a £1 per person per competition and should be paid in advance.*
- *The new Club kit is to be worn for all competitions.*
- *A list of Competent Markers is on the Competitions Notice Board, contact details available from the current membership list.*
- *It is essential that finalists are available on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September to enable a spread of games over the two days.*

### I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

“That was annoying. Could you not walk across my line of sight while I’m about to bowl please”. A good point, as it’s considered poor etiquette. It can break concentration, interrupt a pre-shot routine, create tension and is actually contrary to the Laws of the Sport — while not a “law” in itself, it falls under “disturbing or distracting the player delivering the bowl”.

If you need to cross the green, wait until the bowler has delivered, and the bowl is well on its way. Move behind the head, not across the rink, whenever possible. And, if you accidentally step out at the wrong moment, a quick “sorry” goes a long way.



### WHO’s WHO

**Val Ford**  
Events  
Coordinator  
& Kitchen  
Manager

My bowling experience began way back in 1989 when my husband was looking for a hobby away from our Newsagents business. We both attended the coaching course at Arrow BC. I was unable to bowl regularly at that time as I had to 'man the shop' when Clive was bowling on Wednesday afternoons and although the Ladies section of Arrow had started the same year I was busy most afternoons, teaching ballet, tap and modern dance in my own school - Annette Adams School of Dancing. Also during this period, I was the examinations organiser for the Bristol, Bath and Gloucestershire areas of The Royal Academy of Dance.

After retiring from teaching in 2008 I was free to play more bowls, and I really enjoy being on the green. I joined Henleaze in 2021 along with my fellow 'Arrow Ladies' when Arrow became a mixed club - (long story)!

Clive and I also enjoy helping and being involved with the Bristol Blind Bowling Club.

I remain interested in all things Dance, and I enjoy all kinds of word puzzles along with doing jigsaw puzzles on my computer as then I don't have to move them from the table to eat dinner!

### YOUR FEEDBACK

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