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THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2026

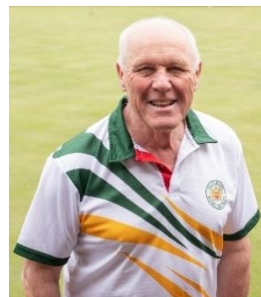
HEADLINE NEWS

- June's public Open Day saw 45 adult visitors, 10 scouts plus their leaders and 3 under 10 years of age.
- Since the start of the season, we have welcomed 19 new full playing members and 3 social members, great news.
- Planning for our 2028 Centenary celebrations is already underway with several members forming a sub-committee. Anyone wishing to join this group should contact our Events Coordinator, Val Ford.
- Congratulations to Val Osmond who was selected for the Bowls England 75th Anniversary Team of 24 players and played at Lydney as they celebrate their 100th year anniversary. Only national and county standard players were allowed to be considered for selection.
- With recent additions, we now have 6 sponsors who have contributed nearly £2000 to the club this year, and there's more in the pipeline.
- Look out for sign-up sheets for the Aussie Pairs events on the 10th & 25th July; your support will be much appreciated.
- Following recent messages from our Club President, we are reminded to conform to our match dress code and to maintain high standards of etiquette. If you're not sure, please ask.
- See the notice board and website for details of rearranged fixtures postponed due to the hot weather.
- Don't forget that the deadline for the next round of our club competitions is the 26th July.
- If you haven't heard, June Rooke received a special gift on her birthday last month when, during the mixed friendly match at Canford against Ardagh, her rink scored a HOT SHOT! Alongside were Chris Dutson, Richard Brown and Geoff Halls.
- Welcome back Tourists 😊

I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

At the other end of the rink they were all looking back at me and pointing to the opposing skip. We soon twigged that I'd played out of turn and a bout of shoulder-shrugging, head-scratching and head-shaking ensued. Luckily a fellow player had a phone handy and quickly looked up the rules.

In short, a bowl in motion can be stopped and returned; if it has stopped and not disturbed the head, the opposition can either play consecutive woods or return the bowl. If the head has been disturbed, the opposing skip can play consecutive woods, or reset the head and return the wood, or declare the end dead. For reference, see the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, specifically 29.1.



WHO's WHO

Dick Forde

Vice-
President

I have spent nearly all my life playing a variety of sports and in the last 3 years I have now added bowls to the list; I won't bore you with the list of sports I have played.

My full-time work career ended when I was 50, having an opportunity for an early retirement package following employment for the Port of Bristol Authority, Bristol and West Building Society, Bank of Ireland and finally Hewlett-Packard. I also had a part-time role at the Bristol University Sports department for 21 years. Having 'retired' I then put my time to use sports coaching at junior schools as well as undertaking some gardening work. I don't find it easy sitting around doing nothing!!

I joined Henleaze Bowls Club primarily to give me access to the facilities for social bowls events and games and bingo evenings. I then thought I'd better start playing bowls; I didn't think I would end up being Vice President, thanks Judith!!

I thoroughly enjoy being part of the club trying to promote the game to a variety of friendship groups. I also find it very satisfying organising the Aussie Pairs events. There are so many aspects of the club that offer loads of opportunities for competitive and social bowls and I am very happy to help maximise those opportunities for both members and non-members.

A big thank you to all of you for continuing to support the club.

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.