

BOWLED OVER



THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

HEADLINE NEWS

- Many congratulations to the ladies on reaching the final of the Ladies Two Rink Interclub Championship, which will be played at Knowle BC on the weekend of 19th/20th September against Olveston & District BC.
- And well done the men for getting to the semi-final of the Clarence Davey competition, beaten by a strong Bristol team but eliminating Willmott Park and Congresbury along the way.
- The sign-up sheet for Captain's Day on Monday 31st August is on the notice board. An afternoon of bowling followed by an evening meal in good company to look forward to.
- We are honoured to be hosting both semi-finals of the Lloyd Trophy on Tuesday August 11th at 6.15pm and also the final on Saturday 29th August at 10.00am. Plenty of help will be needed so please look out for the event sign-up sheets. Well worth watching too.
- With more than 20 new members since the start of the season, we've been working to ensure that all of them have the opportunity to receive bowls coaching. We are therefore most grateful to a number of members who've stepped forward to support our qualified coaches, thank you.
- We're also introducing a buddy system, whereby experienced members are teamed up with new members to share relevant knowledge and information about how the club operates, who does what etc. Where appropriate, the assigned bowls coach will also be their buddy.
- To extend our qualified coaching team, Paul Harris, Phil Bellew and Viv Collins have signed up for the Level 1 coaching course starting in October at the Bristol Indoor Bowling Centre. Derek Rooke is also planning to do the Level 2 course when one becomes available.
- The deadline for the semi-finals of our club competitions is the 30th August; see the competitions notice board and the club website for details.
- With thanks to Dick Forde, another successful Aussie Pairs event was held 25th July, followed by a buffet supper, coordinated and prepared by Anne Halls, Di Wilson, Margaret and Val Ford.
- Two more Friday evenings of social Aussie Pairs bowls are planned for the 7th and 21st August. With just 24 spaces available, sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.
- The next General Committee meeting is on 11th August so please contact Sandra Waite if you have anything to raise.



WHO's WHO

Sandra Waite

Members'
Representative

John and I came to Bristol in January 1968. After a while we joined Henbury Golf Club and had the best part of 50 very happy years as members.

When John retired we decided to take up bowls and, after being interviewed by the committee, we joined Henleaze Bowling Club.

Later we both started playing in the league and eventually became Club and Ladies Captains at the same time—a very busy year.

Grace and I (with help from Judith when needed) ran the bar on men's league night for 4 years (nicknamed Gert and Daisy if you remember them).

I lost John four and a half years ago. My friends at Henleaze helped me through a very difficult time and got me playing bowls again.

I hope to continue as long as I can get a bowl up the green.

I HEARD IT ON THE GREEN

"Hang about, my bowl is still moving!"
As a number 3, having just delivered your last wood of the end, the number of times that other players start marching off down the rink and you're still on the mat trying to see your bowl finish.... well, it's just poor etiquette. It's a matter of courtesy to let a player watch their wood all the way and come to rest, which is when possession of the mat hands over.

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. And, should you have a formal complaint to register, forms are available from our Safeguarding Officer, Alexia Gardner: mrs Gandmry2@talktalk.net.