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THE HENLEAZE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – OCT/NOV 2026

HEADLINE NEWS

- Well done Ladies! Winners of the City & County of Bristol Ladies Two Rink Interclub Competition, defeating Olveston in the final on Saturday 19th September at Knowle BC.



Back row (left to right): Liz Hankinson, Jan Logan, Angie Hunt, Val Ford
Front row: Val Osmond, Sylvia Stevens, Di McCullough, Jane Geater

- Bacon rolls, the lottery draw, a quiz and more at the Coffee Morning in the clubhouse on Saturday October 3rd from 09:45. All welcome.
- A Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held at 11:45, following the Coffee Morning on the 3rd. "Should team Selection Committees be elected or not"? Be there and have your say.
- If you have anything to raise at the next General Committee meeting on October 13th, please contact our Members' Representative, Sandra Waite.
- Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Sunday November 15th at 14:00 in the clubhouse. Don't worry, the heating will be on.
- Ahead of the AGM, sign-up sheets for the many volunteer roles will be posted in the clubhouse shortly after the SGM. As always, many hands make light work so please help if you can. If you need further details about any of the roles, contact any Committee Member; or your buddy if you're new to the club.
- Another very important date is the End of Season Supper, which includes the presentation of the Club Competition trophies. Friday November 6th is the date, 18:30 for 19:00 - further details given in the recent email. Payment and menu choices no later than 12 noon on Friday 30th October please.
- On the subject of Club Competitions, a great big thank you to Liz Hankinson for all her hard work in making this year another successful one.
- And finally, you may have noticed that this edition of the Newsletter covers both October and November, as every other month seems to cover what we need in the closed season.



WHO's WHO

Dianne Wilson

Ladies
Captain

I was born in Bristol, qualified as a nurse and midwife. Retired as an IT Manager in a GP surgery. My husband had a brain stem haemorrhage back in 2013 and spent 7 years in hospital and rehab before passing away with Covid in 2020.

I've been involved with bowls since the 1990's with three generations - father, husband, son and brother playing for Ardagh. After my husband passed away, Ardagh friends and family encouraged me to play and it didn't take long for me to get the bug and understand the attraction.

I moved to Henleaze and then transferred to our bowling club. We soon set up the whist drive, short mat bowls and helped at social events for fund-raising, providing bacon rolls, hot dogs and everyone's firm favourite, ice creams(!).

I had a bad start to my year as Lady Captain when I fractured a T1 vertebra and was hospitalised and in a brace for 3 months. Besides playing less than I was hoping, it has been a good year; the league teams finished mid table and we won all but three friendlies. Best of all we won the Bristol Two Rink Interclub competition against Olveston.

I SAW IT ON THE INTERNET

According to AI, some of the most common breaches of etiquette are.... *Moving or talking while a player is on the mat; Standing in the wrong place or casting shadows over the head; Walking across active rinks; Dropping bowls or wearing incorrect footwear; Touching bowls before shots are agreed; Arriving late or slowing play; Forgetting basic sportsmanship — greetings, thanks, and acknowledging good shots.* Obviously these apply to other teams, not us!

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: mrsqandmry2@talktalk.net.