



# TALK OF THE TOWN



## Newsletter March 2025

The countdown to an exciting season had started. The wait is almost over. With April just around the corner and the winter gradually fading we are gearing up for another fantastic season at Basingstoke Town Bowling Club.

Whether you are a returning member or joining us for the first time we cannot wait to welcome you back for a season full of bowling fun and great moments together. This newsletter has lots of updates regarding the start of the season so be sure to note down the key dates and events.

Matthew Rixson (Newsletter Editor)

### 2025 SEASON

The new season starts the weekend of **19th/20th April**. Club preparation and spring cleaning will take place on **Saturday 12th April at 10.00**. Caz promises to have plenty of tea and coffee on the go. **Please come along to help out** as 'many hands makes light work'. Thank you!



The **BTBC EGM** will take place on **Friday 21st March** with a **6.30pm** start. Please make every effort to attend. The club fixture books will be available for collection at this event.

We will combine the EGM with a **Fun Quiz Evening** and a warming supper. Frank will be hosting the quiz. The cost for your quiz entry and food will be £7. It would be good to get as many members involved in the quiz as possible - teams of 4-6 depending on numbers will be sorted on the night. Please do come along and support our EGM and have a bit of fun afterwards. We will need to know numbers for catering so please complete the poll sent out on the WhatsApp group 'ins and outs'. Thank you to those who have already responded.



There are a few vacancies to be filled for the 2025 season. One vital vacancy is the Secretary role. This has been slimmed down considerably. As an essential role required by our Club Constitution we must find someone. Therefore if you feel you could help for the 2025 season please contact a member of the committee for more information.

Other vacancies are:

- ◆ Whitchurch Bowling Association Representative
- ◆ Managers for two teams on Monday nights for the triples league (mixed league).
- ◆ Manager for a Friday night Men's League team.



The leagues are well supported by our members. If you are able to help that would be great, you can contact either Martin or Anita for more information.

**Anita Christian** - mrsachristian@live.co.uk **Martin Cullis** - martincullis@icloud.com



### CLUB KIT UPDATE

We have been working with our kit supplier to add new elements of kit ahead of the 2025 season to complement our existing shirts. Our supplier Karuta are in the process of setting up an online club shop where members can order items directly.

New items available include a waterproof jacket, a gilet and a quarter-zip technical top. All being well we will have an example of the waterproof jacket available at the EGM. The lead time on orders is approximately 4 weeks.



We have plenty of club shirts in stock. Please contact Matthew if you would like to purchase a club shirt or have questions about the outerwear.

**BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND** is taking place on **23rd-26th May 2025**. The club will be taking part by holding an event on **Saturday 26th May 10.00am-4.00pm**.

We will also be holding an **open day** nearer the start of the season (date to be advised) to entice new members to join our wonderful club. Have a think about who you could invite to come along. Bowls' Big Weekend is an annual national event, designed to introduce more people to the sport of bowls, offering free taster sessions, to get more people playing our sport. We will need your help so please note the date.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 12th April at 10.00** - preparation and cleaning for the new season

**Saturday 26th April** - Men's match v New Milton

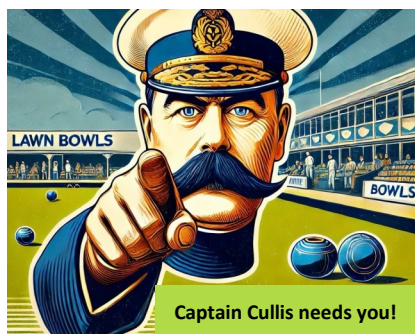
**Tuesday 6th May** - Match v Essex Touring team

**Saturday 26th May 10.00am-4.00pm** —Bowls Big Weekend event at BTBC

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September** – BTBC Competition Finals Weekend

**Saturday 4th October** – Club Presentation Evening and Dinner

**Sunday 30th November at 10.00am** – AGM including coffee and bacon rolls.



### MEN'S GAME

New Milton Men will be visiting The Town on **Saturday 26th April**. This will be a great way to start the season – it will be a fun but competitive game against a strong New Milton Team . We will be looking to field 5 rinks with 20 players. We have only received 18 replies so if you are able to play that's great.

### TOURING TEAM

On Tuesday 6th May theres is a match against an Essex Touring side. Please email: [martincullis@icloud.com](mailto:martincullis@icloud.com) if you can play in either game.

### PLAYERS QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire has been sent out by Martin and Anita. Thanks to those who have completed and returned them already. If yours is still outstanding, please could you either complete and return it electronically, or print it off to bring along to the E.G.M. on 21st March. This will really assist our captains and team managers as we start to put teams together. Many thanks.

## CAPS

The caps have landed in Australia.... Claire will be flying home with them in the middle of March and will bring them along to the EGM to distribute. If you placed an order, please bring your £6 along with you then.

## AMBLER-FULLER TROPHY

Sadly none of our teams qualified for the semi-finals with one team missing out on shot difference. Thank you to all who took part and supported the teams.



## OPEN SINGLES CIRCUIT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Adam White who won the Open Singles Tournament at Palmerston on this month.

Compliments also go to Martin Mason who reached the last eight of the OSC event at Loddon Vale in February.

## INDOOR COUNTY U25 SINGLES

Well done to Zach Miller who has reached the final of the HIBA U25 singles to be played on 22nd March.



## ♥ THANK YOU ♥

I'd like to again say a massive thank you to all of our members for their help in my February running challenge, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. I've been totally overwhelmed by, but am so thankful for your donations. It's a massive reminder of what a special club we have. 28 Days, 42miles, £802....amazing!!

Anita

## THANK YOU FROM 2024 PRESIDENT CAROL SCOTT

Thank You to the club for raising £1293.62 for Papyrus, my President's Charity last season.

Carol



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## FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT

If you would like something feature in our next newsletter please email the details and any photos to [mjrixson@gmail.com](mailto:mjrixson@gmail.com) by Friday 18th April. Thank you.

