



TALK OF THE TOWN

Newsletter February 2025



We're thrilled to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter—a space where we celebrate our bowling club community, highlight recent accomplishments, and share exciting updates on what's to come.

Whether you've been with us for years or just joined, we hope this newsletter keeps you connected, informed, and inspired.

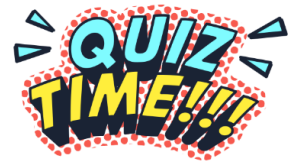
In this issue, we'll cover some of the upcoming events as we prepare for the 2025 season. There are lots of important dates to note so be sure to add them to your calendar. As always, we value your input! If there's something you'd like to see featured or if you have feedback to share, don't hesitate to reach out.

Matthew Rixson (Newsletter Editor)

EGM 2025

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. If you have any items you wish added to the Agenda please send to secretarybtbc@outlook.com by Tuesday 4th March at the latest.

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 no more than £5-£7. Please do come along and support our EGM and have a bit of fun afterwards. We will need to know numbers for catering and will send out a WhatsApp poll nearer the time.



There are still several vacancies to be filled, in particular the Secretary role which has been slimmed down quite a bit now and is a role required by our Club Constitution. Therefore if you feel you could help meet this obligation 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, which is a mixed league.
- ◆ Manager for a Friday night Men's League.

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.

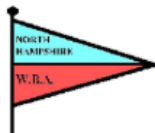
Anita Christian - mrsachristian@live.co.uk **Martin Cullis** - martincullis@icloud.com



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'.

Club Social and Competition Entry Evening



Friday 21st February
from 7.00pm

District Competition Entries will be collected in February. On **Friday 21st February** from 7.00pm come and sign up for your competition entries to the Whitchurch, BDBA and North Hants Ladies competitions. We will combine this with a **fun evening** of chat, drinks, skittles, darts and any other games you fancy playing. If you are unable to attend and want to enter any of the above competitions please contact either a club captain or the relevant district representative (Malcolm Christian - BDBA, Carol Scott - NHWBA, TBA - Whitchurch).

Call out for all **novice bowlers** have you considered entering the novice competition. This is a really good opportunity for newer bowlers and we will support those that apply with coaching and mentoring.



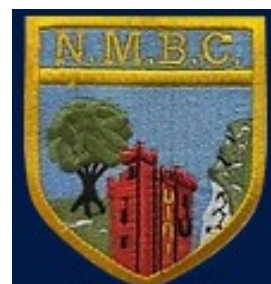
Almoner Update from Paula Haynes

Since I have become the almoner for the club there have been a number of members who have been unwell or had bereavements. I have sent cards and made contact with them. However, sometimes I have not known until they have been ill for a while! If you know someone is ill, has had an operation or any other unfortunate circumstances please let me know so I can respond quickly. I am very willing to phone visit or send a card. I have heard that people appreciate the wishes from us so please just keep me in touch. Many thanks.

MEN'S GAMES

We are already receiving dates for men's matches. Following a successful trip to the South Coast last year, New Milton Men will be visiting The Town for a return match 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. Please let Martin know if you would like to play.

Please email martincullis@icloud.com or message on 07974587312.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.



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. It's a fun, inclusive event that welcomes people of all ages and abilities to try the sport in a friendly, supportive environment. We will need your help so please note the date.

Club Kit—New Additions Coming Soon

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 Rixson if you would like to purchase a club shirt or have questions about the outerwear.



Ambler Fuller Trophy

After three rounds of the Ambler Fuller Trophy two of our teams are in the running to reach the semi-finals. The next set of fixtures take place on 22nd February and with the semi-finals on 15th March at Loddon Vale 6.00pm—your support would be welcomed.

2024 - 2025 Brian Ambler & Frank Fuller Memorial Trophy: Group A

Team	Pl	W	D	L	SD	Pts
Basingstoke Town Spitfires	3	2	0	2	5	6
Aldermaston B	3	2	0	1	-2	6
Oakley	4	2	0	2	-22	6
Howard Park Yellow	3	1	0	2	10	3
Old Basing	3	1	0	2	9	3

2024 - 2025 Brian Ambler & Frank Fuller Memorial Trophy: Group B

Team	Pl	W	D	L	SD	Pts
Aldermaston A	3	3	0	0	11	9
Howard Park Green	3	2	0	1	26	6
Basingstoke Town Hurricanes	3	2	0	1	18	6
Kingsclere	4	1	0	3	9	3
Basingstoke Town B52's	3	0	0	3	-64	0

FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT

In the March Newsletter we would love to celebrate some of our members achievements over the winter in short mat and indoor bows. If you would like something feature please email the details and any photos to mjrixson@gmail.com by Friday 7th March Thank you.

