

	<p><b>RAM</b> The online <b>Newsletter</b> For <b>Witney Town Bowls Club</b>  witneytownbowlsclub.co.uk</p>	<p>September <b>2018</b></p>
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**Events coming up!**

**Race Night - Friday 21st Sept 7pm**  
**Annual presentation lunch - Millets Sat 29th Sept 12:30pm**  
**Algarve Bowls Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Christmas Bazaar - Sat 10th November 10-2pm**  
**AGM – for Witney Town Bowls Club @ 3pm**

After the long hot summer of 2018 it seems autumn is fast approaching, and this means another outdoor bowling season is coming to an end! Time to pack the ‘wets’ away, if indeed you even got them out of storage this year!

We seem to have had more fixtures than ever, indeed our fixture secretary says we have reached, or possibly exceeded saturation point! This means there has been ample opportunity for everyone to play matches, and mostly these have been well supported, so thanks to you all.

The final game of the season will of course be the President versus Captain showdown on Sunday 23rd Sept, after which our green will be ‘put to bed’ for the winter.

The Dan Young Gala and our own Presidents Day both provided plenty of bowling activity, as well as lots of friendly banter on and off the green. President Alan’s charity for this year was Volunteer Link-Up and over £500 was raised, thanks to all for your generosity.

For our men’s league team it has been a hugely successful season, they have gained promotion to the top division for the first time in the club’s history! We offer our congratulations to all those who contributed to this brilliant result. Sadly it wasn’t our year in the League Cup, Hawker Cup or Summertown Trophy, with little progress made in any.

The ladies finished a creditable 3rd in their league, behind Banbury Central and City and County. They also had a brilliant run in the County Top Club competition, reaching the final and only losing by the narrowest of margins to Banbury Central!

In County competitions Brian Bloomfield reached the semi-finals of both the Longford Cup and the Officers Cup. Brian Smith was also in the other semi-final of the Longford Cup and Phil Warner made it to the semi-finals of the Allison Cup, but sadly none of them made it to the finals this year.

Some of our ladies also made good progress in County and National competitions. Caroline, Yvonne, Lyn and Jan got through to the quarter-finals of the County 4's, Caroline and Jan made it to the quarters of the County pairs. This same duo also entered the ladies national senior pairs for the first time this year, and after battling through 4 tough rounds they qualified to play in the National Championships at Leamington in August! On what was an extremely hot Sunday afternoon they knocked out the pair from Derbyshire to progress to the last 16, but unfortunately then came up against last year's winners, who proved just a bit too strong in the end.

Well done to all our bowlers who have played for the County this season, it all helps to fly the flag for Witney Town!

The West Ox league has been won by Bloxham this year, the WT Aces came in second and the WT Blues finished in third place. There are vacancies on this league's committee so if you're interested in getting involved please speak to Alan Scholan or Mel Cameron for more information.

Our full and varied program of winter activities will soon be available, with both short mat and indoor long mat games against other local clubs, both friendlies and competitive matches, there's something for everyone!

We also now have a brand new activity to offer members and friends, New Kurling! Anyone that has been to the Manor Hotel, Okehampton may be familiar with the 'sport'. It's easy to learn, can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities, so come along and give it a try!

Our tour operator Deanna once again organised an excellent summer holiday to Eastbourne! Indeed it proved so popular that we are to return there next summer, so contact Deanna if you'd like to join the party! Anyone wishing to go to Okehampton in January should speak to Alan Scholan asap, he may still be able to book rooms.

Events coming up in the not too distant future include the **Club's Annual Presentation Lunch**. After the excellent feedback from those that attended last year's event at Millets Farm Centre, the committee decided to book up there again. There is still time to add your name to the list in the pavilion or contact Caroline Bloomfield for menu options.

Saturday 10th November is the **Christmas Bazaar**, offers of help with stalls, refreshments, donations will be welcomed by Susan Close or Irene Whatmore. Also if you know of anyone that might like to hire a table-top space to sell their crafts, please let Susan or Irene know.

The **club's AGM** will take place in the pavilion on Sunday 25th November @ 3pm. This is an opportunity for members to raise any questions, put forward useful suggestions and/or stand for election to the club's management committee!

And before you know it Christmas will be here, with all the usual celebrations lined up there's lots for us all to get involved with! So keep an eye on the notice boards for more information!

With the indoor season fast approaching keep an eye on the notice boards for information about short mat and long mat indoor fixtures. Please support as much as you can and help make it a successful and enjoyable winter for everyone! Especially we welcome any that are new to our club's indoor activities, good luck and enjoy it!