

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

Associated Member of Bowls England (05026), Affiliated to Bowls Cornwall & the Cornwall County Short Mat Bowls Association.

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11th November 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the Mylor Bridge Bowling Club is planned for Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 7.00pm. in the clubhouse; it is hoped that you can attend.

The Agenda continues to incorporate all the routine sections, some of which will have been circulated ahead of the meeting. If there are members that are not able to attend but have items that they wish to be raised, let me know ahead of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,
David Woodman – Hon. Sec.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome.
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2024 AGM
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's address
6. Treasurer's report & presentation of Audited Accounts & Balance sheet.
7. Club Captain's Report
8. General Proposals
 - i) Repair of Clubhouse Roof (Jeff Askew)
 - ii) Cleaning Rota
 - iii) Catering
 - iv) Friendlies
 - v) Club Jackets
 - vi) Club Tour 2026
9. Life Membership
10. Election of Club Officers
11. Election of non-executive officers
12. Club Charity for 2026/27
13. Items from Bowls Cornwall AGM
14. Close of AGM

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Welcome

The Chairman, Elaine Beckton, welcomed those present to the Club AGM. Members stood in a minute's silence in remembrance of Roger Cox.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from:- Peter Waller, Wendy Fowler, Linda Strelzyn, Margaret Coe, Keith Duff, Janet and David Peacock, Fred and Heather Ward, Sue Walker, Jan Barnard.

42 Full and Life members were in attendance, the register taken at the meeting is appended.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 17th October 2023, including the reports as presented for the 2023 AGM, having previously been circulated to the membership, were accepted as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes

No Matters arising

The Chairman's address

2024 has been quite a year. The Clubs 50th Anniversary... new shirts, commemorative key fobs, matches versus Bowls England and Bowls Cornwall. All meticulously planned by Jeff Askew – our President – Jan Barnard and team. Thank you for making it such an outstanding success.

As the year ends I would like to thank our Captains Norman Sancto and Sue Rath for their efforts throughout. I know how difficult a job it can be.

The summer season went well with accolades for both the men's and ladies sections. Congratulation to Linda Storey and Sue Kelly on winning both the Group 4 and County Golden Years trophies, to Linda Storey, Sue Walker, Elaine Beckton and Sue Rath who won the Group 4 Captains Shield and to David House who won the Group 4 Secretaries competition. Well done also to all who won club trophies and, of course, our thanks to Sue Walker for organising all the competitions so admirably.

No club can function without a good committee. How fortunate we are to have Jeff Askew as President, David Woodman as Secretary and Tony Hill as treasurer, all of whom do sterling jobs. My thanks to them and all our other committee members.

Greenkeeper Jeff Askew and his team must be applauded for their work, not only by keeping the green in peak condition, but also ensuring the upkeep of the clubhouse and its grounds. A reminder here that Tuesday morning is when the work party sets to. Please join them if you are able.

Scarifying of the green went well the day after Captains Day and saw a good dozen turn out to help. How disappointing then, that less than a handful appeared to clear the clubhouse of tables and chairs in readiness for short mat and carpet bowls. We cannot always rely on the “cleaning fairies,” so please do your bit.

My thanks to Linda Storey for stepping in to take on the role of Housekeeper. A very busy season handled well along with her team.

Thanks also to John French for his work on, undoubtedly, one of the best bowling websites around.

Now to the tour... Our visit to the Isle of Wight was a triumph despite a few hiccoughs. We played Plessey Bowling Club, Totland Bay Bowling Club and Camp Hill Bowling Club, winning all but the last, where we lost by just four points. The weather was amazing and the clubs most welcoming. Mornings too were busy with visits to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, The Needles and Osborne House. Roll on next year when we visit Llandrindrod Wells.

Finally my thanks to you all, in particular the committee, for the help and encouragement given to me throughout the year.

The Treasurer’s report

The Financial Report and balance sheet, having previously been circulated to the membership were proposed for acceptance by Tony O’Sullivan, seconded by Sue Rath, members voted unanimously for approval of the accounts and thanks given to Tony Hill for his management of the club finances.

Overall the Club had a good year despite the difficult economic situation. There had been some extra expenditure relating to our Anniversary events, but these had been absorbed well. The new card reader had been installed and was working well.

Difficulties with The Bank account and ever increasing charges had led to efforts to change to a different account, but this had proved not to offer any advantages and was abandoned.

A full statement of accounts is included in the attached Treasurer’s Report

Other reports

Copies of all reports circulated to members prior to the meeting will be attached to the minutes and placed on file – Club Captain Report / Fixture Secretaries Report/ Carpet Bowls 2024 Report/ 2024 Web update.

There were no questions raised on any of the reports.

General Proposals.

Proposals being placed before the meeting were:-

The Treasurer noted that the club, like everyone is facing substantial cost increases at present and it is important that we maintain a healthy balance and it is for this reason we are proposing an increase in subscriptions to £115 per annum. Proposed by Mike Diston, seconded by Richard

Griffin and accepted unanimously.

The Treasurer also raised the possibility of changing the way we raise subscriptions and match fees by paying a monthly charge to include everything. Bank charges are levied on most transactions and this could substantially reduce this cost. However, this new approach may not reflect the different amount of games individuals play and devising a reasonably equitable system may prove difficult. After some discussion, it was agreed to set up a sub-committee to look into possible ways forward and report back.

Constitution change

The Secretary explained the background for two proposed amendments.

Does the Catering Co-ordinator need to be a full Executive member or is it sufficient that they operate as a non-Executive Committee Member?

Janet Moule was elected to the Committee in this role in 2023 but left the Club almost immediately afterwards. Since then the post has remained empty, with Linda Storey performing the role with great efficiency as a non-Executive member. It was felt by the Committee that this worked very well and may prove a more attractive option to a number of potential candidates in future.

It is therefore proposed that the role of **Catering Co-ordinator** becomes a non-executive Committee post.

Date of AGM.

The current Constitution states that '*The AGM shall take place each year in the month of October.*' The Treasurer has pointed out that with the end of the financial year occurring at the end of August, it is very difficult to prepare a full financial statement and get it audited in time to circulate it to the Membership ahead of the AGM. Holding the AGM in November would make this task considerably easier.

The Committee agreed that moving the AGM to November in future would not be detrimental to the functioning of the Club and would make the preparation and publication of the audited accounts considerably easier for the Treasurer.

It is therefore proposed that the date of the AGM be changed to read '*The AGM shall take place each year in the month of November.*'

Both were passed unanimously.

Club Charity 2024-2025

Two Charities had been proposed for the coming year.

Carole Woodman had suggested Clean Ocean Sailing and Lyn Jenkin had proposed Cornwall Air Ambulance. The Members present were asked each to cast one vote for their chosen charity but the meeting felt it better to adopt both Charities and share any funds raised equally.

Election of Executive Officers

The following Officers were unanimously elected, unopposed to office having been duly nominated and seconded: -

President

Christine Robinson

Chairman	Elaine Becton
Hon. Secretary	David Woodman
Hon. Ladies Secretary	Carole Woodman
Hon. Treasurer	Tony Hill
Hon. Match Secretary	David House
Men`s Section Captain	Norman Sancto
Ladies Section Captain	Sue Kelly
Greenkeeper	Vacant
Ladies Rep.	Sue Walker
Men`s Rep.	Tony O`Sullivan

The members of the club all wish to express their thanks to all the outgoing members of the Executive committee that have stood down this year.

Election of Non-Executive Committee Officers

Strollers Team Manager.	Mike Coe
Club Almoner	Margaret Green
Bar Manager	Richard Griffin
Competitions Secretary	Sue Walker
Publicity Manager	Elaine Becton
Website Manager (s)	John French (Ian Dodd)
Safeguarding Officer	Sue Kelly
Carpet Bowls Co-ordinator	Sue Kelly
Short Mat Bowls Co-ordinator.	David House
Catering Officer Assistant	Linda Storey

Any other Business

David House reported that the Men`s ‘A’ league had been reduced to 7 teams following the withdrawal of Penryn. This provides very few games across an entire season and he will discuss with the Mining League the possibility of playing more matches with them.

The Chairman handed the Chain of office to the new President to enthusiastic cheers from the Members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10

Chairman

Date.....

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023 – AUGUST 2024

Once again 2023/2024 has been a successful period for the club with income increasing.

INCOME: The three main areas of income for the club are subscriptions, match fees and the bar and all three have shown an increase compared to the previous year, although the subscription increase in part relates to the annual increase in the subscription fee. Membership numbers have remained steady in this period, although it seems likely we will have 4 new members joining in October.

EXPENDITURE: Utilities are slightly less than expected and the amount against refunds of £1620 relates to two members who paid twice for the cost of the 2024 tour and had their money refunded.

Administration Costs – The substantial increase this year compared to last year mainly relates to the cost of a new club shirt for each member provided by the club together with a stock of the new shirts for new members joining.

Additional costs were also incurred for the club's 50th anniversary celebrations including new key fobs and the cost of entertaining for matches against Bowls England and Bowls Cornwall. The club also provided a "members day" in August with free food and Pimms. A new fridge was purchased for the kitchen, together with a microphone system and the purchase of a new carpet bowls carpet.

Bank Charges – The club bank account is being moved to Lloyds in October where currently there are no bank charges. I believe they also have a Business Deposit Account where some of the excess money in our current account can be moved to earn interest.

Card Machine: This facility, along with the installation of the internet is proving quite popular and no doubt will be used more as members become more familiar with this facility. I shall be looking at the possibility of buying a card machine (we currently pay a monthly rental cost) and the current commission charges, with a view to see if these can be reduced.

For the future it is likely there will be some expenditure required to extend the current visitors changing room to include additional storage space, together with the normal ongoing maintenance costs of the club. There is also the possible need to replace the fridge in the bar.

As most of you are aware the club handles a lot of cash during the year, between £4k and £5k, which has to be banked. This also can attract additional bank charges and I will be looking at possible options, some of which may be controversial, as to how this figure can be reduced. Further details/proposals will be circulated in the near future.

Tony Hill - Treasurer

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1st SEPTEMBER 2023 to 31st AUGUST 2024

INCOME

2022/2023		2023/2024
6456.00	Subscriptions	6775.00
3918.00	Green Fees	4022.00
1190.70	Refreshments	2644.80
-	Shirts	1025.00
738.00	Club Competitions	584.00
415.00	Grants	-
437.25	Raffle	613.40
-	Donations	-
114.70	Miscellaneous	42.50
554.98	Charity Bottle/Day	1263.00
1297.00	Social	520.00
3429.94	Bar	4168.02
271.46	Interest	507.60
-	Refunds	21.89
533.81	Tour Account	1253.81
19356.84	Total Income	23441.02

EXPENDITURE

2404.32	Utilities/Ins/Bar Lic.	2815.29
618.97	Kitchen – Food	1579.19
443.44	Club House Supplies	460.51
1980.03	Administration	6706.07
1416.30	Affiliation Fees	1562.30
-	Refunds	1620.00
14.75	Raffle Prizes	-
694.60	Donation to Charity	850.00
2746.45	Green Costs	2802.92
1866.85	Building Supplies/Machinery	2653.59
636.94	Waste Management	671.31
1514.69	Bar	1936.73
14337.34	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23657.91
5019.50	Net Profit Accumulated Fund	(216.89)

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB – BALANCE SHEET
1st SEPTEMBER 2023 - 31st AUGUST 2024

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

2022/23		2023/24
12888.96	Hampshire Trust Bank	12901.85
11506.65	Cambridge Counties	12001.36
26716.97	Current Account	25889.72
946.82	Cash in Hand	1049.58
52059.40	TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS C/F	51842.51

BALANCE SHEET

2022/2023		2023/2024
47039.90	Balance of A/C brought forward	52059.40
5019.50	Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure	(216.89)
52059.40		51842.51

I have examined the accounts and they are in accordance with all necessary documents supplied

John Taylor

John Taylor – Hon Examiner

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Men's group 4 league; The A team having fourteen games to play, eventually managed fourth position behind the winner, Chacewater A. Followed by Carnon A. And third Chacewater B. Beating Truro, Redruth, Penryn and lastly Chacewater C. It is not out of reach to better ourselves next season.

The B team having a larger section (Ten clubs) playing twenty games. Well done to Captain Tony for filling a heavy schedule but in all their defiance only managed eighth, beating Redruth and Chacewater D.

Congratulations to David House for winning G4 secretaries, proceeding to the semi-final at Bodmin against Andrew Newman of Trennace Club, who was the eventual winner.

Mining League.

Having finally sorted out the result problems. I confirm our position to be 7th beating Truro B, Comborne B and Holmans A. Our aim for 2025 season should be better as we are capable.

I take this opportunity to thank the players that supported the last minute shortages, hope their twisted arms feel better.

Mylor ladies entered five teams in different leagues, with various results but enjoyed by all that took part. However they have great success in both The Captains Shield and The Golden Years competitions.

Sue Kelly and Linda Storey won the Golden Years group 4 Trophy, then went on to great success winning the final of The Golden Years County Trophy, at Bodmin.

The Captains Shield Team: Linda Storey, Sue Walker, Elaine Beckton and Sue Rath won group 4 Trophy at Carnon Downs. Unfortunately they lost in the County Semi Final to Penlee, who were the eventual winners.

This year has been our 50th Anniversary. Our two main celebration games being Cornwall Bowls and Bowls England, both being very successful. I wish to thank Jeff Askew for his organisation of those games.

Finally a successful tour was arranged by Elaine Beckton and David Jenkin to The Isle of Wight resulting in a 2-1 win. Well done all and thank you to the organisers

Norman Sancto.

Mylor Bridge Bowling Club – website review – AGM 2024

The most important facility to be introduced this year is our high-speed Internet/wifi service. In addition to allowing facilities such as card payment, it also enables members to access email and other services from the clubhouse. In particular, the ability to access club and fixture data whilst at the club, where you are likely to need it most.

During the past year, most of the development on the website has been to enhance the existing facilities, rather than introduce new processes, the aim being to make the site more accessible so it becomes the primary source of information for as many members as possible..

It would appear that we are on the right track, as the level of registration for all fixtures reached 81%, a

5% increase on last year, which had seen the largest growth in usage ever.

One helpful introduction was the ability to cancel an existing match booking, by adding a cancellation

option against each fixture for which you were registered, and which then removed you from the list.

In addition, a system of registering for multiple choices was introduced for the Club Championships,

and this worked well. It is intended that this process will be expanded to include social events and

allow for selection of food choices and group bookings for guests.

More use was made of the green booking system than ever before, in particular for club competitions

and county or national matches involving Mylor players. A cancellation option was also added here,

which automatically put the time slot back into the 'pool'

A 'Stop Press' section has been added to the home page, linking to parts of the site where important or urgent information has been posted.

On the negative side, there is still a sizeable number of members who are not aware of the wealth of

information and facilities offered online, and all available without leaving home! There is too much to

list here. We just urge you to go online and look around; you may be surprised. Also, if you have any

suggestions, put them forward. As long as they can be implemented, they will be considered.

As things stand we have seventy-four active members, of which only three do not have an email address. This means that, by association, all but three members do have such access. This no doubt

is a factor in making the website the first option when it comes to looking for club information.

The adding of match results to each fixture seems to have dried up. This is the responsibility of the

Match Manager for each match, and takes no time at all to complete. It's always easier to do this

straight after a match, otherwise you simply access the fixture in the 'Past Fixtures' area.

Without blowing our own trumpet, it's probably fair to say that Mylor has the most comprehensive, up-

to-date, intelligent and navigable site of any Bowls club in Cornwall. We frequently receive favourable

comments from other clubs, and even requests for assistance in setting up their own website.

The depth of information, accessibility, real-time updating and varied, interactive facilities does not just happen; the simpler it is at the front end, the more complex it is at the back!

To confirm our beliefs, we recently conducted a basic review of 30 bowls club websites in Cornwall, with an in depth review of the 12 closest to us. Most were out of date and not one had any interactive facilities (like our fixtures, booking, directory, match managers, membership application, etc.). Only one came close in terms of information, navigation, updating and overall appearance (well done Wadebridge).

A website on its own, won't make you a better bowler and won't improve the green. What it will do is attract new people, which will make the club more secure, which means you can carry on playing, and the club can invest in green maintenance, and that will make you a better bowler!

John French. www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk

PROVISIONAL

AGM Carpet Bowls Report 2024

Mylor had another very successful season, we won the league, knockout cup and runners up knockout cup and 3 out of the 5 divisional competitions. We also had very successful club competitions.

Altogether there were 9 teams in the league of which Mylor put in 3 teams. Our C team, captained by Carole Woodman and ably assisted by Jan Peacock had a mix of experience and new comers. They did struggle at times, but were successful in gaining points from other clubs which helped our other 2 teams. They will all have learnt a lot from their first season, playing together as a team.

Our B team captained by Wendy Fowler also did very well, coming a creditable 5th in the league as well as runners up in the Knockout Cup.

The A team captained by Sue Rath won the league shield for the second year running, having only lost one match throughout the season. They also won the Knockout Cup in a very close match against our B team, this was a first for the club having 2 teams in this final.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported the teams through the season.

Particular thanks to Wendy and Carole for captaining the B and C teams, to Jan Barnard who was running our Friday Fun Night Carpet Bowls and to Sue Walker who helped me to organise the 2 drawn pairs competitions.

Unlike most clubs we have a thriving carpet bowls section which I leave in the very capable hands of Sue Kelly who will take over as Carpet Bowls Captain next season, we all wish her every success.

Match Secretary's Report, 2024 AGM

The 2024 outdoor season went relatively smoothly, despite the poor weather on occasions necessitating postponements and rearrangements. The schedule was front loaded by the celebration games against Bowls Cornwall and Bowls England but that apart seemed well balanced.

The indoor season is, at the time of writing, about to get underway with a full diary of carpet bowls and short mat matches planned. There are 5 indoor friendlies also arranged with 1 or 2 more pending confirmation. Details are on the website and all those wishing to play must make their availability known by entering it there.

We also have 3 teams entered in the Falmouth Winter League.

Arrangements are already starting to be made for the 2025 outdoor season with the first game in the diary.

I am also the Results Secretary for the Men's section Group 4 of Bowls Cornwall and responsible for determining the schedule of the league fixtures. These will be prepared just as soon as the composition of the 2025 leagues becomes known. There are no changes that I am currently aware of.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Season has been one of mixed success in all Competitions. Congratulations to our Men's 'A' Team who improved on their League position last year by one place, coming third in the Group 4 County League Division 1 with only Carnon and Chacewater above them. Our Men's B Team began the season with a relatively inexperienced side losing some of last year's team to the A side. However as the season progressed their results improved, which bodes well for next season. Our men also played in the Mining League Division and finished third to Chacewater A and Camborne A.

The Ladies Rippon A finished in a higher League position than last year coming 6th out of 17 teams and like the Men's A had a more successful second half of the season. The Ladies Rippon B finished just below mid table but unfortunately various circumstances meant that they were unable to field a settled team and the same problems were experienced by the Date team who also finished in the second half of their table. Club members have also been playing in other Leagues – The Group 4 Mini League, The Ladies Evening League and the Strollers where at least 23 members have had the opportunity to play throughout the season.

In the Captains Shield the Men's team were runners up in the Group 4 Final to Carnon and the Ladies were runners up in the Group 4 Semi Final to Chacewater.

Several of our members have been successfully flying the flag for Mylor Bridge in the Group 4 and County Competitions.

Carol Woodman was the Winner of the Group 4 Secretaries Final and David House won the Group 4 Secretaries Cup.

Sue Kelly won the Group 4 Final of the Kernow Cup with Sue Walker as the runner up.

Sue Walker reached the County Final of the Kernow Cup and was a close runner up and she also reached the Semi Final of the County Champions of Champions where she was an even closer runner up.

Sue Walker and Jeff Askew were runners up in the Group 4 Mixed Pairs Final.

Sue Walker and Sue Kelly reached the last 16 of the Bowls England National Foundation Pairs and were part of the Unbadged Group 4 team which won the County Final. They were also part of the Group 4 team who were runners up in the County Knockout Final.

Congratulations to Sue Walker who was selected to play in her first game for Cornwall this season and has therefore been awarded her Colts Badge.

After playing Bowls England last year when we celebrated our 50TH Anniversary we again welcomed Bowls England in May. We just edged a tight game winning by 9 shots overall. Very favourable comments were made about our Club in general and the excellent green reflecting on all those who help to maintain and run the Club as well as those who represent us on the green.

Our Sunday morning Roll Ups organised by our Committee members have been a great success with more new members joining the Club and providing an opportunity for existing club members to come along and play in a sociable and relaxed environment.

Our Charity Day in August was played in glorious weather. A good day was had by all, ably organised by Linda Storey. Forty members played and a good sum was raised for our two charities –Clean Ocean Sailing and Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Our Friendly fixtures both Indoor in the winter and Outdoor in the summer provide all club members with the opportunity to play. Our Indoor games were played in a good spirit but unfortunately the lack of a local indoor rink for practise was reflected in our lack of successful results. However our Outdoor Friendlies resulted in 5 wins and 2 losses.

Captains Day traditionally marks the end of the summer bowls season. Fifty members were in attendance and there was an excellent atmosphere despite the appalling weather. Congratulations should go to those who bravely faced the elements and played a few ends, getting soaked in the process.

Our Annual Club Tour was a tremendous success. Thanks are due to Elaine Beckton and Dave Jenkin who organised everything. A win v Hay On Wye, a draw v Croesyceiliog and a loss to Ross On Wye. Next year we are off to Worcester so come and join us!

As Club Captain I appreciate how important it is that the membership fully engage in the Club and it's activities. Without our Committee Members, Coaches, Website Administrators, Greenkeepers, Gardeners, Working Party, Cleaners and Catering Team we would not be able to play the game we love or be able to provide such excellent facilities for the rest of Cornwall's bowlers to enjoy. (At the time of writing this Report we have two important positions still available – Ladies Rep and Catering Officer.)

Our successes at Group and County level this season means that other clubs in the County are aware that Mylor Bridge is a competitive Club. Let's continue in this vein. We have already had more members entering the National/County Competitions next year than last year so let's keep the successes flowing.

Chairman's Report

2025 has been another busy year and I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their tireless efforts to keep our club running so successfully. Much goes on behind the scenes, on a daily basis, that is often unrecognised.

The upkeep of the green, the clubhouse and its surrounding grounds is undertaken by a handful of men under the guidance of Jeff Askew. Sue Rath, too, spends many hours tending the flower beds. Compliments for all of which, are regularly given by visiting teams. My thanks to each of you for your efforts.

As the year ends and reins are handed over, I would like to thank our captains Sue Kelly and Norman Sancto for the work they have done throughout. A difficult job at the best of times.

The summer season went well with accolades for both the men and ladies sections. I will leave our club captain to avail you of the details. Naturally I offer my personal congratulations all winners of County, Group and Club competitions. My thanks to Sue Walker for once again organising the club competitions so admirably.

The position of housekeeper is to be vacated by Linda Storey and myself this year and I hope that someone – or a group of people - will step into the breach. The club earns not inconsiderable sums during the season when county and national competitions are hosted. All of which helps to keep our coffers full and the annual subscription down. The task is not too onerous and I am only too happy to offer guidance if required.

Now a word or two about the 2025 club tour to Cwmbran. We arrived at The Parkway Hotel in the pouring rain but were greeted with a very warm welcome, tea and biscuits. A superb hotel whose staff couldn't have been more helpful. We won our first match at Hay on Wye, lost the second at Croesyceiliog and drew at Ross on Wye. The club visits were all most enjoyable and the weather held for all but the last game when we played the last two ends in the rain. Andy Lobb kindly entertained us for two nights, the first a quiz and the second musical bingo. Slightly raucous but, as we were in a side room, no other hotel guests were disturbed! We now look forward to 2026 when we will be visiting Worcester.

Finally, my thanks to you all, in particular the committee, for the help and encouragement given to me throughout the year.

The objective for 2025 was to further increase the take up of online services, and further develop the level of interaction, making this the first point of reference for all members and replacing dependency on noticeboards. We believe this is still the only, fully interactive site in the county, with automated response and request in fixtures, rink booking, joining, user profiles, directory, club locations, and more.

In terms of fixtures, the ability for managers to enter teams, and for players to confirm their availability online, is now viewed as the 'normal' method of managing team selection.

The ability for the fixture system to be used in dual modes, provides a way of registering your interest for 'open' fixtures, such as friendlies. This allows teams to be selected from lists of members who have pre-registered their availability, helping to ensure that everyone gets match opportunities.

A further enhancement to the fixture system, is the ability to include food or other options within the fixture availability process. This has been successfully tried out on a few occasions and will be put into practice more fully next season.

The introduction of booking 'windows' controls the dates within which certain fixtures or events can be reserved, thereby enabling such events to be properly managed.

The rink booking system also operates in dual modes; outside rinks in the Summer, and indoor mats in the Winter. This has proved itself invaluable, particularly for club matches, which have 'play-by' deadlines. The integration between the fixture list and booking system, prevents over-booking of the green or mats when matches are scheduled, by removing those times from the available 'slots'. The structure of booking slots has been changed to create one hour increments, making the system more flexible and maximising available booking times.

Enhancements to the site include the 'Stop Press' headlines; reminders on the home page of events or other notifications requiring member's attention, usually with a link to the page with full details. The home page itself has been made less formal and 'wordy' with photos interspersed in the text, whilst the slide show now includes photos which show more casual play, in order to present a more inclusive and less stereotyped image.

Along with the above, there are a number of actions which members should take, if not already done so, as follows:

Look around the site and familiarise yourself with what's included and where to find it. Many members don't know how to find another member's phone, email or address details. Did you know there are contact details, addresses and maps for every club in Cornwall? Laws and etiquette of the game are included. You can find the cleaning rota and check out the latest news items, as well as much more. Just have a look round.

Very few members contribute news or other items of interest. They will always be considered for inclusion, as will photos for publication in the club's gallery. Just ensure you have the relevant permissions.

Finally, and most importantly, check your 'profile' and correct any errors. The member, not the club, is responsible for the accuracy of personal information (just like any other site you subscribe to). Web admin cannot see your password so, if you don't know it or have lost it, we can reset it to a generic one, which you can then change to your own. Whilst in the profile area, why not add your photo. There are quite a few new(ish) members, and it's useful to put a face to the name.

If you have any difficulties with any of the above, get in touch and we'll be happy to help. Similarly, if you're unable to log on to the site, we can help you there too.

John French 07890 277110

Ian Dodd 07721055903

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024 – AUGUST 2025

I am pleased to report that 2024/2025 has again been a successful year for the club with a profit in excess of £2000. This figure would have been higher but we were faced in late summer of major repair works to the automatic watering system, costing just under £2000.

INCOME: Subscriptions, match fees and the bar are traditionally the three main sources of income to the club and all show an increase, especially match fees and the bar, although margins on bar sales are slightly down on last year. In addition to these areas, catering/refreshments is also a major contributor to the club profits and the figure shown in the accounts of £1531 reflects this. We are often congratulated by visitors on the standard of our food offering and I believe this area offers an opportunity to generate further income to the club in the coming years. Membership numbers have remained steady throughout the year.

EXPENDITURE: For the first time it was agreed by the Committee to subcontract part of the green maintenance to an outside contractor from the 1st January 2025, this cost is reflected in the increase in green costs. The increase in building costs mainly covers the extension of the visitors changing rooms to incorporate additional storage space. This work was carried out by the Tuesday working party and would have cost substantially more, if we did not have the commitment of these people, regularly coming on a Tuesday morning, carrying out maintenance work etc, at the club. Included in administration costs are the monthly charges for the internet and card machine costs and commissions.

I mentioned last year that arrangements were in hand to move our bank account to Lloyds, because they did not implement bank charges. However, with the change about to take place Lloyds introduced charges. I decided not to change and we remain with HSBC. A full review of the clubs investment bonds and current account is currently under way to ensure we are getting the maximum returns available.

Looking forward , further work is to be carried out the visitors changing rooms including replacement of the windows and external wall cladding. This is in addition to the usual ongoing maintenance work required of a club of our size.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The committee are recommending that they are not increased for the year commencing April 2026 and to remain at £115.

Tony Hill
Treasurer

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 to 31 August 2025

INCOME

2023/2024		2024/2025
6775.00	Subscriptions	7379.00
4022.00	Match Fees	5185.50
2644.80	Refreshments	1531.04
1025.00	Shirts	263.00
584.00	Club Competitions	610.00
613.40	Raffle	564.30
42.50	Miscellaneous	135.00
1263.00	Charity bottle/Day	717.96
520.00	Social	877.55
4168.02	Bar	5344.61
507.60	Interest	548.97
21.89	Refunds	-
1253.81	Tour Account	-
23441.02	TOTAL INCOME	23156.93

EXPENDITURE

2815.29	Utilities/Ins/Bar Lic	2165.75
1579.19	Kitchen - Food	1152.13
460.51	Club House Supplies	967.19
6706.07	Administration	3036.95
1562.30	Affiliation Fees	1747.20
1620.00	Refunds	-
-	Tour A/C	689.40
850.00	Donation to Charity	973.00
2802.92	Green Costs	3317.82
2653.59	Building Supplies/Machinery Petrol	3488.76
671.31	Waste Management	519.74
1936.73	Bar	2990.19
23657.91	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	21048.13
(216.89)	Net Profit to Accumulated Fund	2108.80

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB – BALANCE SHEET
1st SEPTEMBER 2024 – 31st AUGUST 2025

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

2023/2024		2024/2025
12901.85	Hampshire Trust Bank	12914.75
12001.36	Cambridge Counties	12537.43
25889.72	Current Account	27319.47
1049.58	Cash in hand	1179.66
51842.51		53951.31

BALANCE SHEET

2023/2024		2024/2025
52059.40	Balance of A/C brought forward	51842.51
(216.89)	Surplus/(Deficit)	2108.80
51842.51		53951.31

I have examined the accounts and they are in accordance with all necessary documents supplied.

John Taylor – Hon Examiner