



HBC NEWS

*Latest news and updates from
on and off the green*

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Editor foreword

Vicky Hodges

This week's newsletter is a moment to pause and reflect on the people who make our club what it is. While we share the usual updates and notices, we also take time to remember a fellow member and acknowledge the sense of loss felt across our community.

Bowls clubs are about more than the game; they are built on friendship, shared time, and quiet support for one another.

Thank you for continuing to look out for one another and for the kindness that defines our club.



Obituary – Peter Holliday

Dave Clark

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Peter Holliday, who died on Tuesday following a long illness.

Peter joined Hook Bowling Club from Fleet United in February 2025. He played outdoors last summer in our league teams and more recently had been enjoying short mat bowls.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Peter's family and friends at this sad time.

Urgent – Volunteers Needed for Key Rota

Chris Vickers

We **urgently need more volunteers** to help with key holder duties. Despite previous requests, **only three members have come forward**, and this is placing increasing pressure on a very small group.

To remove barriers to volunteering, the rota is being **changed immediately** to offer greater flexibility:

- **Tuesday–Thursday**
- **Friday–Monday**

You do **not** need to be available all week. Midweek-only or weekend-only availability is welcome, and training will be provided.

Without additional volunteers, the burden on current key holders becomes unsustainable and **risks limiting access to the club**.

If you can help, please contact **Chris Vickers** by the end of January at vickerschris@hotmail.com

Please state whether you can cover **all duties, midweek only, or weekends only**.

The key holder role is **essential** to keeping the club open. A small commitment from more members will make a significant difference. The committee extends its sincere thanks to those currently covering these duties - but we now need others to step forward.

Bowls Hampshire- Men's County Competitions 2026 - Entries

Dave Clark

I have received from Bowls Hampshire details for entries to the 2026 Men's Northern Area County Competitions.

If any of our men would like to enter for the Singles / Pairs /Triples or Rinks/Fours Competitions in the summer would you please let me know by email or phone **no later than 10th February 2026**.

This will give me time to collate the men's and ladies entries with Jane Tatnall and make a single submission to Bowls Hampshire via their online portal.

The full list of Men's competitions and entry fees are as follows :

- 4 Woods Singles -£ 6:00 per player
- 2 Woods Singles - £ 6:00 per player
- Pairs - £12:00 per team
- Triples - £18:00 per team
- 2 Woods Triples - £18:00 per team
- Rinks/Fours - £24:00 per team
- Senior Rinks/Fours - £24:00 per team (over 55 on 1st April 2026)

Club Notices

October Bowls Trip – Potters

This is the last call to please let Alan or Linnie know if you would like to join in the fun at Potters for the HBC annual bowls trip. It's taking place from 19th-23rd October.

Newsletter Back Catalogue

Just to let you all know that Steve Potts has done a marvelous job of adding the last few months of newsletters onto our HBC website – if there's anything you've missed, you can view them here [Newsletter | Hook Bowling Club](#)

Bowling Buddies

Just a reminder that not everyone is on Bowling Buddies What's App group. If you have any information or notices to share with all members, please send it to hookbcnewsletter@gmail.com

January Quiz

Don't forget that our next social event is the **New Year Quiz**, on **Friday 30th January 2026 at 7pm - £4 pp**

Scores on the doors....

Dave Clark

Friendly Hook v Normandy (Home) – 10th January 2026

Despite a heavy defeat on Mat 1 excellent results on Mats 2 & 3 gave us a very narrow 1 shot overall win against Normandy last Saturday. Good to see Lindsey Nicholls playing her first ever Short Mat Friendly match

Friendly Pamber Heath v Hook (Away) – 12th January 2026

Despite getting a draw on Mat 1 and a narrow win on Mat 3 we won overall at Pamber Heath on Monday afternoon by 31 shots thanks to an excellent win by 35-7 on Mat 2 by Shelia, Steve & Tony.

Short Mat Rinks/Fours Friendly – Home

Date	10 th January 2026
Home Team	Hook
Away Team	Normandy

	Home Score	Away Score
Mat 1	8	25
Mat 2	18	14
Mat 3	27	13
Overall Score	53	52

Mat 1	Lead	Desiree Gow
	Two	Lindsey Nicholls
	Three	Dave Clark
	Skip	Albert Johnson
Mat 2	Lead	Eileen Johnson
	Two	Dave Wilson
	Three	Malcolm Gow
	Skip	Stan Goddard
Mat 3	Lead	Hannah Goddard
	Two	Tim Deacon
	Three	Liz Wilson
	Skip	Alan Phillips

Short Mat Triples Friendly - Away

Date	12 th January 2026
Home Team	Pamber Heath
Away Team	Hook

	Home Score	Away Score
Mat 1	16	16
Mat 2	7	35
Mat 3	12	15
Overall Score	35	66

Mat 1	Lead	Malcome Gow
	Two	Ken Hawkins
	Skip	Christine Poulter
Mat 2	Lead	Shelia King
	Two	Steve Potts
	Skip	Tony Gepp
Mat 3	Lead	Mick Poulter
	Two	Dave Clark
	Skip	Alan Phillips

Hook Ravens Results

Chris Vickers

You can see the full report of this match and others here

[Match Reports | Hook Bowling Club](#)

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET	DATE: 015/01/26
HOME TEAM	Marnell
AWAY TEAM	Hook Ravens

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	25	4	9	0
RINK TWO	17	4	15	0
TOTAL	42	2	24	0
TOTAL POINTS	10		0	

RINK ONE	SKIP	Stan Goddard
	TWO	Brenda Grout
	LEAD	Ken Hawkins
RINK TWO	SKIP	Albert Johnson
	TWO	Elaine Bennett
	LEAD	Chris Vickers

Hook Hawks Results

Tony Gepp

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET DATE: 15 January 2026

HOME TEAM Hook Hawks

AWAY TEAM Howard Park G

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	21	4	13	0
RINK TWO	19	4	12	0
TOTAL	40	2	25	0
TOTAL POINTS	10		0	

RINK ONE	LEAD	Desiree Gow
	TWO	Mick Poulter
	Skip	Campbell Williams
RINK TWO	LEAD	Malcolm Gow
	TWO	Lyn Voce
	Skip	Alan Phillips

WHERE TO WATCH OR JOIN IN COMPETITIVE BOWLS THIS COMING WEEK

Key Duty

Saturday	17th	Friendly HOME v Farnborough Gate	1400-1700	Eileen/Albert Johnson
Sunday	18th	CLUBHOUSE OPEN ONLY ON REQUEST Internal Competition Booking 1200-1500		
Monday	19th	All Mats Blocked (External Booking) Roll Up	1000-1200 1400-1700	Terry Weston
Tuesday	20th	Roll Up Ladies Tuesday League	1400-1700 1900-2100	
Wednesday	21st	Wednesday Short Mat league	1900-2100	
Thursday	22nd	Hawks HOME v Marnell Ravens AWAY at Odiham Roll Up	1400-1700 1400-1700 1800-2100	
Friday	23rd	Friday Short Mat League	1400-1700	