



HBC NEWS

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

Saturday 21st
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Editor foreword

Frankie Wood

I hope you enjoy the photographs in this edition. They are from the Hook Short Mat Open competition and were kindly sent in by Tony Gepp.

Many of us will have been watching the Winter Olympics, marveling at the daring of the snowboarders and skeleton racers, the grace of the skaters and the skill of the curlers. Congratulations to all the medal winners and good luck to the men's curling team this evening.



Social event reminders

'Bingo and Play Your Cards Right' with a **Fish and Chip supper**

Friday 27th February 2026 at 6.30pm
£15 per member / £18 per non-member

You can sign up via the poster in the clubhouse or on the website using our Booking System [Hook Bowling Club - Bingo & Play Your Cards Right](#)

Nigel's birthday celebration

Everyone is warmly invited to help Nigel Richardson celebrate his 'big birthday' on **Monday 2nd March** from 6-9 pm in the clubhouse. Nibbles will be provided and the bar will be open.

Hook Short Mat Open Rinks Competition

Dave Clark and Tony Gepp

Last Saturday, 14th February we hosted the annual Hook Open Rinks Competition, for 12 local Short Mat teams.

A big thank you is due to the many people who helped to make the day (8.00 until 18.30) so successful:

Event Organiser and Administrator	Dave C
Umpire & Timekeeper	Stan G
Catering Team (who provided a delicious 2-course lunch plus afternoon tea and cakes)	Elaine B Sheila K Christine P Sandra C
Bar Staff	Malcolm G Jane T Tony G
Raffle	Desiree G
Providing help throughout the day	Ken H

Thank you also to everyone else who contributed to the day in any way (including providing raffle prizes).

This event is a major revenue earner for the club and this year we made a very welcome profit of approximately £750. Dave has received a number of emails from clubs that took part thanking us for our efforts, making some very complimentary comments and asking for a place to be reserved for them in next year's event.

For the record the winners were Alencon X, who beat Alencon 25 in the final.



Keep scrolling down to page 3 for some more photos, which include some familiar faces!

A message to all the Hook Hawks

Tony Gepp

A result of the outcome of Thursday's League games and, in particular, the Hawks excellent win against Cove by 10 points to nil, means that we, the Hawks, will remain in Division 1 for next season 2026/27.

Well done to all the Hawks.

Thank you all for your continuing support during the 2025/26 season.

Tony

Scores on the doors....

Dave Clark

For only the third time in recent history we won a Mat at Fleet United last Sunday. Well done to Mick, Lyn, Alan & Liz for an excellent win by 19 to 13. The only previous times that we have won a Mat at Fleet was in March 2016 & February 2025. Unfortunately a defeat by 21-8 on Mat 1 resulted in an overall loss by 7 shots.

Short Mat Rinks/Fours Friendly – Away

Date	15 th February 2026
Home Team	Fleet United
Away Team	Hook

	Home Score	Away Score
Mat 1	21	8
Mat 2	13	19
Overall Score	34	27

Mat 1	Lead	Dave Wilson
	Two	Jane Tatnall
	Three	Dave Clark
	Skip	Martyn Kee
Mat 2	Lead	Mick Poulter
	Two	Lyn Voce
	Three	Alan Phillips
	Skip	Liz Wilson

Match Results

You can see the full report of the match below and others here [Match Reports | Hook Bowling Club](#)

Hook Ravens Results

Chris Vickers

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET	DATE: 19/02/2026
HOME TEAM	Odiham D
AWAY TEAM	Hook Ravens

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	33	4	5	0
RINK TWO	22	4	17	0
TOTAL	55	2	22	0
TOTAL POINTS	10		0	

RINK ONE	SKIP	Liz Wilson
	TWO	Stan Goddard
	LEAD	Dave Wilson
RINK TWO	SKIP	Albert Johnson
	TWO	Elaine Bennett
	LEAD	Marilyn Murphy

Hook Hawks Results

Tony Gepp

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET	DATE: 19 th February 2026
HOME TEAM	Hook Hawks
AWAY TEAM	Cove

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	23	4	8	0
RINK THREE	27	4	8	0
TOTAL	50	2	16	0
TOTAL POINTS	10		0	

RINK ONE	LEAD	Sheila King
	TWO	Campbell Williams
	SKIP	Tony Gepp
RINK THREE	LEAD	Desiree Gow
	TWO	Dave Clark
	SKIP	Alan Phillips

WHERE TO WATCH OR JOIN IN COMPETITIVE BOWLS THIS COMING WEEK				Key Duty
Saturday	21st	Club Friendly AWAY at Odiham	1430-1730	Chris Vickers
Sunday	22nd	CLUBHOUSE OPEN ONLY ON REQUEST		
Monday	23rd	Roll Up	1400-1700	Steve Potts
Tuesday	24th	Roll Up Ladies Tuesday League	1400-1700 1900-2100	
Wednesday	25th	Wednesday Short Mat league	1900-2100	
Thursday	26th	Hawks HOME v Howard Park Yellows Ravens AWAY at Odiham X Training/Roll Up	1400-1700 1400-1700 1800-2100	
Friday	27th	Friday Short Mat League	1400-1700	



Finally, a tense moment in the Friday afternoon league on 13th February!

